

## AACC GENERAL SCRIPT

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**Welcome to the Australian Agricultural College Corporation**

Bill Callaghan (Dalby Campus Manager)

*"It's not simulated, it's not small gear."*

Tia Henderson (Dalby Student)

*"It's a great place to start."*

Malcolm McKay (AACC Director)

*"Agriculture is no longer just hard yakka in the field as some people think about, it's about the use of technology, high technology activities, big machines, computer controls."*

*"Ok guys, what sort of things incur GST on the land?"*

**The State's number one training institute for careers in Agriculture, Horticulture, and Conservation and Land management.**

David Gherashe (Dalby Production Manager ) (*pron: Jer-ass-ee*)

*"This is as close to real life as you can get."*

Malcolm McKay (AACC Director)

*"National Farmers Federation estimates around fifty thousand jobs available so it's a great time to move into agriculture."*

**With five campuses throughout the State, almost 60,000 hectares devoted to industry scale training**

Peter Scott (Longreach Campus Manager)

*"Industry scale training means that we do it exactly the same as they do it in industry."*

Peter Scott (Longreach Campus Manager)

*"...so we talk about not how many metres of fencing we've done we talk about how many kilometres we're doing, how many hundreds of sheep the shore for the day, how many hundreds of calves they mark that sort of thing."*

**Each year more than four and a half thousand students choose our courses.**

Malcolm McKay (AACC Director)

*"We consistently get 95 percent employment rates for our students, and that's across all our campuses."*

John Arnold (Longreach Senior Horse Instructor)

*"For the practical horsemanship I believe that we are the best college in Australia."*

*"Ok rope about there, coil there... you are going to send the horse anti-clock wise if you are a left hander."*

**Part of our secret – passionate instructors who know their trade.**

**With commercial horse studs on most campuses.**

*"So did you realise that's what we were doing, turning those heels in."*

Kevin Flute (Burdekin Beef Instructor)

*"We finish when the job is finished not before, you know we don't knock off at five o'clock because it's five o'clock..."*

### **Beef Cattle is another area of specialty**

*"59, 59 and a half, we need sixty."*

### **Students produce stock for the markets**

Rachel Hoolihan (Longreach Livestock Instructor)

*"All the processes of the cattle industry they get a taste of."*

*" You come this way a little bit Bec, Dan you come this way a little bit, spread out a little bit."*

Jim Sands (Emerald Campus Manager)

*"We have two cattle properties between the 2 of them we run 3000 head which provides good real experience for the students running a cattle property."*

Andrew Currie (Emerald Property Manager Berrigurra Station)

*"We're looking at the students doing all the branding, the marking, castrating, vaccinating, earmarking, anything that needs to be done with those cattle."*

### **The entire process from the paddock to the plate**

Greg Grayson (Dalby Instructor)

*"They learn how to break up a carcass of beef, bone it, identify all the cuts."*

*"Now you can see where I'm lighting it up, you can see why, it'll start burning back."*

### **And for cropping, all the major industries are addressed.**

*"Ok right shoulder, grab the bottom of the stem... when it comes down, put your arm around here..."*

Cecil Dotti (Mareeba Instructor)

*"We get a lot of students that know nothing about bananas."*

Greg Mickelborough (Dalby Crop Instructor) & (Dalby Student)

*"Judging from where the head is in the stem, it should emerge from the flag leaf in seven to 10 days time."*

*" And you feel it is not leaking anywhere around the outside?"*

### **Our conservation and land management studies, for careers in National Parks or Forest industries.**

Dr Robyn Wilson (Mareeba CALM Instructor)

*"So you only find them here, in a very small area."*

### **And practical rural skills to produce Job Ready students.**

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*"Well I had never really worked on an engine before."*

"I came here really looking forward to breaking in horses, but the social life at college is also great."

*"footy "go go go"*

Jenna Uhlenhut (Burdekin Student)

*"Yeah it's pretty good, us students have a lot of fun, it's like one big family really so get a long with everyone pretty good."*

*"Oh close – I get two shots"*

*" I have actually got a girlfriend from out of here so I am glad about that..."*

Kevin Flute (Burdekin Beef Instructor)

*"I just wish that when I was younger that these sorts of establishments were around then in those days."*

**The Australian Agricultural College Corporation**

**Your first choice for rural training.**

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