

# Westech Field Days 08

## Update Newsletter 3

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## Westech 08 Progress Report

Westech 08 is well on the way to being the biggest & best Westech ever. We have over 250 exhibitors booked in already, with more inquiries every day. We have nearly filled the indoor sites, with only approx 10 indoor sites left available. Outdoor sites are also filling quickly, with powered sites being the most popular, thus we are running short of there being any powered outdoor sites still available.

Work on the Westech site map is well under way, this map is re-built every Westech to allow for changes/improvements that may have taken place at the Barcaldine Showgrounds. We will be sending out information with your site numbers & maps, commencing the first week in August.

Kayla the Westech Trainee has been busy sending out reminders to exhibitors to supply the Westech office with a copy of their public liability cover (including policy number & expiry date). Westech's insurance state's that we must have current copies of all exhibitors public liability insurance cover.

A **Public Holiday** has been gazetted for Wednesday 10th September 08 in Barcaldine, this allows for the locals to come and see Westech, but also means that most local businesses will not be open, eg banks, supermarkets etc.

The Queensland Country Life will be producing the **Official WESTECH Field Day Handbook**, which will be distributed throughout Central and Western Queensland in their weekly published paper and will also be available at the gate. If you are interested in advertising in this handbook, please contact Qld Country Life direct on the contacts listed on the flyer within this newsletter.

Exhibitors wishing to hire hay bales for their site are asked to fill out the **Hay 4 Hire** form included. Jim Hair from Outback Stockfeeds has kindly offered to run this service for exhibitors wanting hay. Please send forms back to the Westech office.

The Westech Committee have arranged for the Barcaldine Police to do foot patrol within the grounds on Monday night from 7pm-6am & Tuesday night from 7pm-6am.

Insert -  
Queensland  
Country Life  
Handbook  
advertising flyer

Insert -  
Hay for Hire  
booking form



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## *Some Reminders*

These reminders have been put into place to make Westech 08 worthwhile for the organisers, exhibitors & visitors. Please keep in mind that the Westech committee & their helpers are volunteers, so if you feel the need to yell at someone, please come to the Westech office and yell at the Secretary. This is the only paid position within the organisation, so I presume I should be the one to be yelled at.

Yourselves as exhibitors, have also put effort into coming to Westech to make it a successful event, so please be considerate of your fellow exhibitors.

The visitors are what make Westech the success that it is, some visitors have travelled long distances, & need the entire 2 days to see what is on offer, so please don't pack up early.

### **\* Display Times -**

All displays **MUST** be fully assembled and operational before 6pm on Monday 8th September and they must remain so until 5.30pm on the final day, Wednesday 10th September.

Unfortunately, there will always be some Exhibitors who will become disgruntled about the way things turn out for them. We try to minimise the occurrence of this at WESTECH by only accepting displays which we feel are relevant to our target audience. Our audience, however, will be the final judges of what is relevant and what is not. So please, if you feel disappointed with the interest being shown in your display, don't spoil things for others by "**spitting the dummy**" and packing up early.

### **\* Underground Pipes/Cables & Trees -**

Exhibitors will be notified of any water mains, electrical or telephone cables located beneath their Site (approximate location will be marked on sites with a yellow coloured line). Any Exhibitor whose Site is above any of these services **must contact the Secretary's Office before driving any pegs or drilling any holes whatsoever.**

Failure to do so will result in the cost of repairs being borne by the Exhibitor.

The Barcaldine Regional Council has specifically requested that **NO tent pegs are to be driven into the bitumen.** I trust that ALL exhibitors will adhere to this request.

Please note that the trees located in the exhibitor site areas have been trimmed specifically for WESTECH 2008. Under **no** circumstances are any of the trees to be tampered with.

### **\* Camping at Westech 08 -**

Many Exhibitors will be camping on the Grounds with their displays. There are several shower/toilet blocks located on the grounds, however, because of the number of people wanting to use these facilities; there will still be a line up at peak periods. So if you are a camper please put a "**smile on your dial**" and be prepared to be patient and wait your turn.

### **\* Vehicles -**

Vehicles **will not be permitted** anywhere on the grounds between the hours of 8 am and 5.30 pm of each day (Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>). The only exceptions will be where such vehicles are an **integral part** of an Exhibitor's display. (Field Day officials will be the final judge if there is any uncertainty).

THIS CONDITION OF DISPLAY WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

The only vehicles permitted to be operational between the above hours are WESTECH approved vehicles & operators.

### **\* Parcel Pick-up Service -**

The parcel pick-up service is free to all visitors attending Westech.

The ticket system has been overhauled and is now more user friendly for exhibitors to fill out. The parcel pick-up tickets are now in triplicate docket book form. You will also be supplied with clear sticky envelopes for attaching docket to items purchased. The first two copies go to the customer (white & yellow), the customer will place the yellow copy in the parcel pick up collection boxes placed around the grounds, and keep the white copy as their proof of purchase when collecting items from the goods shed. The green copy is to be put in the clear sticky envelope and attached to the item of purchase.

There will be a limit on size & weight on this service. Larger items that need a forklift will have to be picked up after 5.30pm by the customer. **No vehicles except those approved by the committee are to be moving around the grounds within opening hours.**

Please let all your staff know how this system works. Instructions for use will be attached to all parcel pick-up docket books.

### **\* Exhibitor gate passes -**

All exhibitors, and their staff, are required to have gate passes to enter the Grounds over the duration of the Field Days (6am to 5.30pm). Failure to do so will result in you having to pay admission at the front gate. **A Westech committee member will deliver your welcome pack + exhibitor passes to your site on Monday 8th September, if you have any problems with your passes please come to the Secretary's office by 6pm Monday afternoon, & we will do our best to sort the problem.**

### **\* Exhibitor requirements -**

**Exhibitors are responsible for providing ALL of the materials needed for their display.** This includes tents / marquees, tables, chairs, extension leads, power boards, hoses, as well as feed, water troughs and yards to contain and handle livestock where applicable.

### **\* Food Outlets -**

Monday night will be the **WELCOME TO WESTECH** hot pot dinner which will be served from the BBQ area adjacent to the main grandstand. This dinner is **FREE** to all Sponsors/exhibitors ( you will need to produce your sponsor/exhibitor pass ) . On Tuesday & Wednesday nights a BBQ dinner will also be able to be purchased from the same location.

Breakfast will be available for purchase at the barbecue area adjacent to the main grandstand on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

### **\* Mobile Phone Service & Faxes -**

Barcaldine has NEXT G mobile phone service only ( your digital mobile phones will not work ). A facsimile machine will be available at the Secretary's office - Cost will be \$1 per page sent or received. Westech office fax number is 07 46512099.

### **\* Boyd's Earthmoving & Outback Qld Internet Best Display Trophies -**

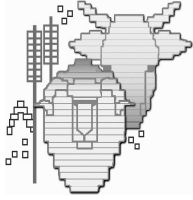
In an attempt to reward you for the time and effort put into your display, as well as to encourage excellence in presentation, trophies will be awarded to the Exhibitor who is judged to have the "Best Display".

There will be 2 sections judged - rural industry & rural lifestyles. Although the content of the display will be important, we will be looking more at the way in which it is presented to the public. The winner will be announced on the afternoon of the second day (Wednesday).

I look forward to meeting you all at Westech 08.

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