

High flying dreams landed vet in Roma



Getting to know the people and animals of the south west has kept Biosecurity Queensland veterinarian Dr Louise Mullemeister busy in her first few months on the job.

With a born and bred affinity for the bush, Biosecurity Queensland's newest regional veterinarian is enjoying getting to know the people and animals of the south west.

From her base in Roma, Dr Louise Mullemeister now travels the region, offering knowledge on biosecurity and disease prevention in livestock, as well as undertaking vital disease surveillance.

Dr Mullemeister said spending much of her childhood on a large cattle station near St George, along with some unusual television viewing, created a desire to work with livestock animals.

"As a child, I used to watch a TV series about a flying veterinarian in the Northern Territory," Dr Mullemeister said.

"It seemed like a great adventure to work in that field, so after high school I completed a Bachelor of Veterinary Science at the University of Queensland."

Dr Mullemeister said the first few months in her new Biosecurity Queensland role had been busy but rewarding.

"Like many of my Biosecurity Queensland colleagues, I was involved in this year's Hendra virus emergency response as a veterinary field officer," she said.

"This included taking samples from animals on properties where Hendra virus had been confirmed and providing advice on biosecurity measures that horse owners can put in place to minimise the risk of the disease in their animals.

Back in Roma, Dr Mullemeister said she was getting to know the locals and undertaking disease and animal welfare investigations.

The Doctors Wife

The film began production in September 2008 when Dr Vincent Cornelisse decided to leave Brisbane and move to country Queensland in order to further his career. However, Vincent wouldn't do this without his partner, Jonathan Duffy. Neither of the two had ever lived in a country town and were excited about the scene change but nervous about how they would be received.

A friend jokingly suggested that Jonathan should film their experience in case they were murdered. Jonathan decided to do this, not because he thought they would be in danger, because he believed that it was going to be a positive and enlightening journey.

The Doctor's Wife explores their journey through Jonathan's eyes. Audiences will get a glimpse into the real life experiences of a rural medical practitioner and his partner. The film is Jonathan's first feature Documentary. He is not only the director, he is also the writer, producer and editor. During post production, Jonathan found it difficult to deal with record labels to negotiate the use of music and was uninspired by the available royalty free music. This led to him scoring much of the soundtrack to the film himself, including the film's opening song, "The Doctor's Wife Overture." Anything But Straight (ABS) is a non-profit community group established to help overcome the social and emotional isolation experienced by LGBTI people living in the Roma community. By facilitating and promoting communication between LGBTI people and their families and friends, the group aims to reduce the sense of isolation most LGBTI people feel when living outside major cities.

Members of the group include local LGBTI friendly counsellors, the local LGBTI Police Liaison Officer and the PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) representative in Roma.

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