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Stevens Egan Johnston Pty Ltd has been favoured with instructions to offer the following farm machinery for private sale on behalf of a retiring South Gippsland farm contractor:

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All items listed are for genuine sale. POA.
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CLEARING SALE

TARWIN VALLEY CAMPDRAFT CLUB

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2014

10.00am at DUMBALK REC GROUNDS

Handi spray unit, Grass mower 6 disc, fadder, 3 cylinder 35 Ferguson Tractor, Connor shea Disc set, Super spreader, old Yamaha motor bike, Hay elevator, 2-4inch roller mills, 1-39ft x8" Grain auger p.t.o driven, Ford 700 Tractor with frontload loader-forks and bucket, Hulis trailing feeder, 10mtr 8 wheel hay rake, New Concept Ferugini GF1-60 (1.6) Rotary Tiller, New JF SB2400 6 disc hay mower, Cat cradle, Spray hose and reel set, 4x 3/4" rural poly pipe rolls, Dairy chemicals, Various filter socks and sleeves, Various flock liners, Various eartrags, Flopaks 4mtr, 1, tail paint, Steel post insulators, Yamaha yfm 450 4x4 Kodiak 2006 model, Yamaha XT 250 1980 trail bike, Yamaha TTR 125 2007 model, Trailer tandem ex fire Brigade 10x5, Ride on Mower John Deer sabre 15hp 38" cut, 4w Yamaha 350 fym motorbike-16500kms, Top Condition- new tyres, mud hooks and brakes, 036 Shihl Chainsaw runs very well, 1046 Zero turn cub cadet ride on lawn mower only 82hrs new belt and blades only 3 years old, 2 Stock saddles mounted, 1 pony 12 hands extremely quiet- great for a beginner, Tin Trunk, chest of draws, cedar 2 draw cabinet, 3 antique frons, Large & small terracotta pots, Box ag pipe fittings, router table, ripping saw 3 phase, 2 Roller tables 2.5mtr long, box of spanners etc., large round bale feeding ring, 6 rolls of barb and plan wire- new, Box of staples and fencing materials, mark 10 vliet petrol engine, Marquee 6.2 x 4.5 Mt Complete- floor, poles and the downs- good condition, Kawasaki Generator, Howard gon rotary hoe 1'9" cut, Deutscher mower 25'cut, 7hp Honda motor, 2 old southern cross air cooled diesel engine 4hp, 2 old Villiers engine, 1 small lap engine (not running), 1 old southern cross pump jack engine-(Parts only), Garden chopper, 3pl 4'slasher, 3pl 7" blade, 12 Foot tiny and trailer with new 15hp mercury motor, Railway iron, 12 x 8' hay trailer, Rabbit hutch, calf feeder and feed troughs, Rudweigh cattle scales, 3'centrual pump, solar swimming pool cover, second-hand fence post, 3 horse electric motor, Chooks/Plymouth Rock, Road Island Red etc., Chickens, goslings, 4x2 Yamaha Gtz 300 motor bike, dual cab Hilux ute tub, 1999 4x4 Toyota Hilux farm ute, 22,500L poly tank-needs repair, motorbike trailer, Electric BBQ, Gas BBQ, 3 way fridge, LPG gas heater, drop saw, 1kva generator, New Holland roller bar hay rake, 3 point linkage p.t.o driven hydraulic winch, galvanised drums, Black wood timber (sawn and slabs), Olympic double horse float, 6x winter horse rugs, 2x Pro-choice saddle cloths, 2x saddle saddles, Cone spreader, Deutz hay rake, tedder, old hay rake, Dahmore 3PL fork/hay roll feeder, Compressor- belt driven, Electric welder, water pumps, calf shed feed system (parts), 4x4 motorbike Tyres, 3x 200lt plastic drums, GMC leaf blower, 200lt tank with 12volt diesel pump, 8'x6' sheep crate, calf trough's, R.D. Hiscock Fender saddle-as new(Marsh Carrey) 2 pet lambs, 1 young pet house cow, 6 saddle back pigs, 9x6ft tandem trailer and stock crate, yard gates, sheep yard post, Portable stock yard panels 40, new 35 second-hand, 684 Inter tractor, Pine post, H/M Super weld balehead, Yard Machine ride on mower, Steel, 9-75x75x4 RHS BLK 8mtrs, 3-50x50x1.6 RHS BLK 8mtrs, Assorted nuts, bolts and screws-NEW, Ferlie saw bench, 6 the down truck straps, Assorted lengths of chain, 6 GU rims and tyres, 100lt spray tank, NEW corrugated colorbond 11 x5.1mtrs, Sure clad colorbond 5 x 4.2Mtrs S/H, Zinc sure clad 7x 1mtrs S/H, corrugated colorbond 5x 3.5mtrs S/H, 25ml gal all thread 100x 300mm long, 20ml assorted all thread 300mm long, 9" concrete cutting disc x20, 9" grinding disc x13, P10 shaft, Pedestal Drill 11hp motor 12 speed-3yr old tagged and tested, 97 Ford Falcon Sedan, 100 Fowlers Jars, and much more!!

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Slippery slopes, creek banks and giant earthworms

THE rolling hills of South and West Gippsland are not alive with the sound of music but rather the sound of gurgles made by giant earthworms going about their business underground.

Most farmers are aware of these creatures as they may have heard them gurgling below the ground while working their farms or have seen the bloody entrails left when worm and excavator sometimes meet.

The worms are a source of pride for most landowners who know they are lucky to have them working away underground to help keep their soils fertile.

Two such landowners are Alan Gregg and Glenn Duncan who have volunteered their properties at Poowong North and Hallora to be demonstration sites for the Building Capacity to Manage Earthworm Habitat on Farms project.

This 18 month long project, supported by the South Gippsland Landcare Network, DEPI, Dairy Australia and Melbourne Water, culminated in a field day on October 20, showcasing two sites that demonstrate how

to sensitively revegetate Giant Gippsland Earthworm (GGE) habitat.

Twenty people attended the field day with speakers including Dr Beverley Van Praagh (GGE expert Inverteco), Nick Dudley (DEPI), Rob Maddell (Grand Ridge Nursery) and Nicole Walsh (SGLN).

Eager participants learnt about the importance of soil moisture for the survival of GGE and how landowners are encouraged to modify their revegetation techniques around GGE colonies to help protect the soil moisture.

The two demonstration sites were chosen to represent the most common types of habitat occupied by these worms: a wet, south facing hill-slope and a creek bank with suitable clay soils.

The south facing demonstration sites are on Glenn Duncan's dairy property at Hallora.

Glenn's family has owned the property since 1939 and the worms had always been talked about, sometimes heard, but rarely seen. That was until 2011, after

Warraqui market

THE dry conditions in other areas of the country have given processors the ability to purchase stocks at easier prices and this has held prices back in the local yards, including Warraqui last week.

The late spring break has also managed to deter restockers from helping lift prices, with little competition in the secondary and store pens.

The fat sale last Wednesday eased 5 cents on the previous sale to average 175.9c/kg.

Smaller numbers of heavy bullocks saw processors reluctant, unsure if there was enough for their requirements.

This eased the average in this category. Extra numbers in the heifer pens resulted in a lift, with several pens of good breeding heifers ready for the paddock.

Steers were also represented and managed to end the day with a better average.

The vealer section eased, with similar numbers to last sale and secondary pens containing a larger percentage of light condition.

Vealers

8 Char C & D Stuckey Flynn
1 Lino G Cummaudo Mirboo Nth
4 Lino J & V Williams Caldecraede
1 Lino N & D Renshaw Lillico

Bullocks

1 Angus U Cumming Warraqui
1 Angus B Brown Darnum
1 Shortorn K.S.J & G Sim Nilma
1 Lino B & H Gardiner Darnum

Heifers

1 Angus G Mason Naracan
8 Angus A Lincham Modella
7 Angus H Middleton Icy Creek
1 Angus B & A Cropely Nilma

Export Cows & Heifers

4 Frie M & N Bethune Bayles
2 Frie J & O Currie Bona Vista
1 Frie M & L Howlett Glengarry
1 S/Horn J & K Fry Bunyip

Friesian

1 Red Angus F & B De Goyer Drouin
1 Angus Latrobe Valley Angus Morwell
1 Angus E Rayner Bona Vista
1 S/Horn J & K Fry Bunyip

Bulls

689 160 1102
636 155 985

tion head.

The 26 bullocks topped at 188.6c/kg, firm, and averaged 165.1, back 12c, while the 89 heifers topped at 197.6c/kg, up 5, and averaged 163.7, up 3c.

The 55 steers topped at 192c/kg, back 16, and averaged 173.7, up 2c, while the 191 veal topped at 228.6c/kg, back 4, and averaged 186.7, back 5c.

The oversupply in other areas has started to impact on the Thursday bull and cow sale, with 30 bulls sold making to 182.2c/kg.

This was back from the 211c reached the previous week. The average for bulls was back 5cents to 161.3.

The cows penned made to 171.2c/kg, firm, but the average eased 12 to 128 for the yarding.

The 29 bullocks sold to better demand and lifted 6c on average to 152.4, with a top of 160c/kg.

The 327 calves penned on Monday saw Friesian heifer calves make to a top of \$1090, beef calves made to \$210, and bull calves made to a top of \$64, whilst Jersey heifers topped at \$60. Below is a list of prices supplied by selling agents.



Dr Beverley Van Praagh points out evidence of worm tunnels from a creek-side embankment at the Poowong North demonstration site.

a record wet period, when the gentle giants of the underworld finally revealed themselves.

"Soon afterwards a large crack appeared overnight," Glenn said.

"I couldn't believe my eyes, it was 100 metres long."

"Within a week a 100 year old Manna Gum had fallen over because all this land had moved like a giant glacier."

The four hectare land-slip also revealed the presence of a worm colony at the base of the slip which spilled onto the nearby Main South Road, blocking it on several occasions.

The presence of the slip made this a very tricky site to manage according to Nicole Walsh from the South Gippsland Landcare Network.

"Thanks to additional assistance from Melbourne Water, Glenn was able to fence off the site and then revegetate it with 8500 plants using funds from the Giant Earthworm project.

"A revegetation plan was developed whereby the areas occupied by the three GGE colonies were left unplanted, while grasses and sedges were planted within

a 30 metre buffer around the colonies, followed by standard planting of trees and shrubs outside the buffer area, to help with slip stabilisation.

"This was a huge job and very challenging considering the steep slope," Nicole said.

The group then headed out to the second demonstration site at Poowong North.

Alan Gregg's family have farmed the district for almost 100 years and were proud to share their farm with GGEs.

"Dad knew about them (GGE) and pointed out a few spots where they were, but we didn't hear anything for a long time," Alan said. "I thought they had gone, then when we were pulling out a fence near the creek I heard one and thought, oh, they are here," he said.

"It's like a sucking, gurgling noise. I heard them in a few spots and was quite excited."

Alan and his wife Bev have protected 1.1 hectares of creek line which now provides an example of how to plant along creek banks that are home to GGEs. The east bank of the creek was found to be a "hot spot"

While no gurgles were heard on the day, plenty of burrows were observed in the grey clay soil along the creek embankment.

Signs have also been placed at each demonstration site location.

While most people may never see a GGE, landowners like the Duncans and Greggs will still be able to hear the echoes underground and know that they have protected a little piece of worm real estate.

Funding for the Giant Earthworm project was provided by the Australian Government Community Landcare Grant and the Victorian Environmental Partnerships Program. More information on the project can be found at www.giantearthworm.org.au.

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5655 1613 0428 740 750
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0408 595 174 Alan Bolding

WARRAGUL

0419 351 523 Les Ingram
5626 8441 0418 595 265 Glenn Barwick

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0419 399 856 Andrew Newton 0402 940 320 Dennis Ginn 0412 317 360
5626 8441 0417 382 979 Dawn Hughes 0417 380 736
Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898 Carly Roughhead 0428 835 244 Marni Lee Redmond 0403 525 413
Peter Dwyer 0428 835 244 Marni Lee Redmond 0403 525 413
Alan Steenhilft 0409 423 822 Heather Atkins 0409 741 607

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0427 633 265 Lynn Pendegast 0458 780 023

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PAKENHAM

0419 528 139 Bruno Persico 0409 429 730
0419 528 139 John Patterson 0413 565 408

WARRAGUL

0419 337 441 George Racz 0419 528 139 Bruno Persico 0409 429 730
0407 347 509 0411 122 979 John Patterson 0413 565 408

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