



The \$100 levelling bar

On farm innovation

This section of Northern Horizons profiles some ingenious innovations that are invented by farmers. This edition we revisit innovations from this year's Far North Coast Wine and Dine dinner.

Each year competition heats up for the far north coast's farm innovation competition at the 'Wine Dine & Unwind' dairy dinner. Farmer's are asked to enter an innovative idea that makes farm life easier, is either a little different or quirky, or is a way of re-using something.

This year's winner was a home made levelling bar by Dennis Rose, Goolmangar NSW.

Made using about \$100 in steel, the bar is towed by a quad to spread and level areas around the dairy where the cows make a mess. Not only does it smooth the ground out, it also spreads the manure out, meaning it's soft when dry. The result? Cleaner cows and less mastitis.

Fleur Tonge was runner-up for her 'Eye Spy' drone used to help check what's happening on the farm – including checking the silage stacks, herd, creek, irrigator, mowing, and mustering the heifers.



Before and after the levelling bar, at the Rose's farm, Goolmangar