

Farm stay going strong

Eathers celebrate 20 yrs in business

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THE Eather family has been busy celebrating two decades of its successful farm stay business.

Myella Farmstay has turned 20 this year, after opening its doors to the world in March 1993.

Lyn Eather even remembers their first guest, who happened to be from France.

"She talked agro-economics with Peter (Eather), slept in our house, got out of bed at 10am then sat around and talked a lot. She told us she could ride a horse, then got on without the reins and nearly fell off a very quiet stock horse. It was an interesting experience for all of us and has continued to be so."

Since then, Myella, near Baralaba, south-west of Rockhampton, has hosted guests from around the world, including Iceland, Poland, Italy, England, South America, China and Japan.

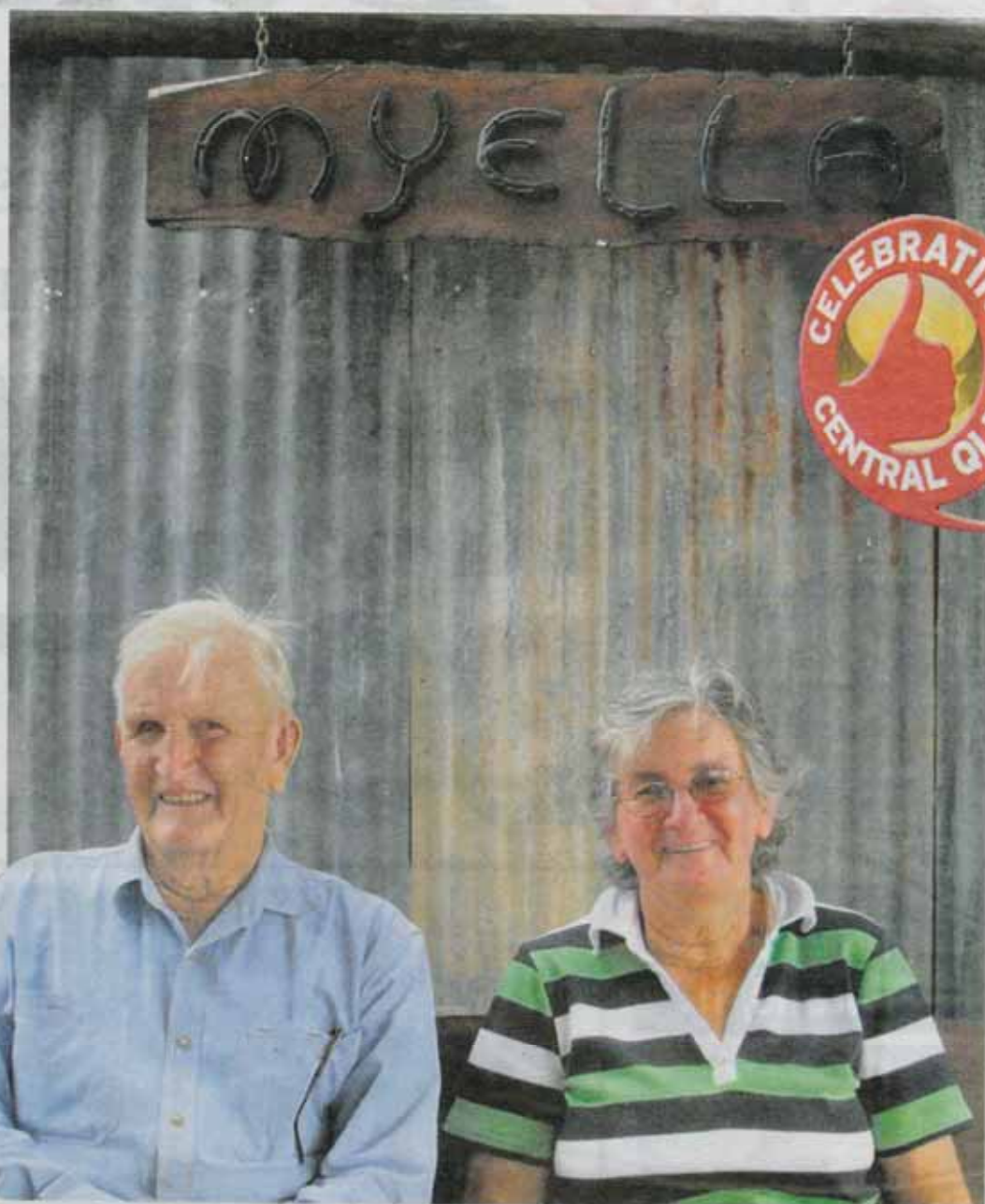
Lyn said their guests become part of the family, and it's great when they return years later.

"They come here young and free travelling around the world and return years later all grown up with their own families."

Shane Clanfield has worked at Myella Farmstay for the past nine years and has enjoyed every minute of it.

"It's good to work with the variety of personalities and learn from their experiences," he said.

The farm stay is run by the



MILESTONE: Peter and Olive Eather reflect on 20 years of hosting visitors at Myella Farmstay, near Baralaba.

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Eather family and employs three staff to help out. The farm stay has grown to 19 rooms and can cater for over 50 people and in recent times they have branched out to corporate accommodation, family functions, corporate team days, school groups and weddings.

Myella even offers activities

like horse riding, motor bikes, whip cracking, lasso, animal feeding and cow milking.

"We pride ourselves on fulfilling our customers' dreams, whether it's to ride a horse or motorbike in the outback, or learn to crack a whip," Lyn said.

Meanwhile, Capricorn Enterprise CEO Mary Carroll has

congratulated the Eathers on their milestone.

"Peter, Olive and Lyn should be very proud of reaching 20 years running Myella Farmstay. Myella is a very important ingredient in our region's tourism industry, providing a true Australian outback experience to international visitors."