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WAGYU are not common through central Queensland, but for the past 24 years the Hornery family has quietly been growing their enterprise.

Located at River Lea, Comet, Bar H Grazing will be showcased during an on-property tour as part of the Wagyu International Conference on May 11.

"As a breed and as a product it has been very sought after, so we put our hand up because they wanted to do some property tours and come from Rockhampton for Beef Week," said manager Que Hornery.

The annual Wagyu conference is being held at the Mercure Capricorn Resort, Yeppoon, between May 8-10, before delegates head west for property tours. Bar H Grazing will be the first stop, and Mr Hornery is expecting three bus-loads with up to 130 people for lunch.

"This day is to really show what the breed has got to offer in climates like

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this, so it will put us on the map but it is also to showcase the breed in this country."

Mr Hornery said many people were unaware of what Wagyu were capable of, but they could handle the rougher country. In preparation for the big day, a team of builders have been cramming



almost two years worth of work into six months to have an integrated one-stop hub completed.

"The days of the dusty yards are over," Mr Hornery explained.

The hub integrates the cattle yards with the office and the surrounding sheds in order to build in greater efficiency.

Cattle can be recorded in the yards, and then a short walk to the office means that information can be collated immediately.

"We'll expand this cattle business once I get all the systems in place."

The Hornerys have been refining their Wagyu genetics since 1991 and in October will be ready for their first on-farm bull sale.

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