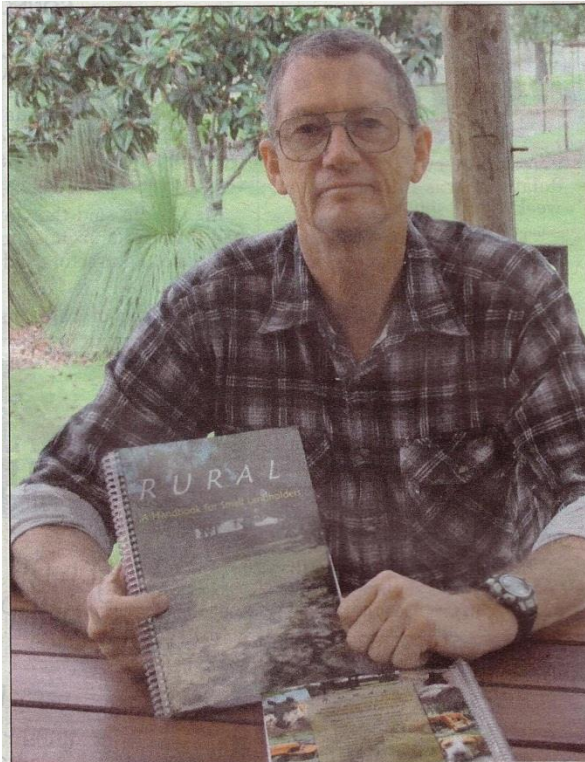


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A Handbook for Small Landholders



Wellard resident Bernie Webb has written a book to help people trying their hand at life on the land for the first time.

Life on the land inspires author

By DEAN STACEY

THE opportunity to provide city dwellers with an insight into country living was the inspiration for a new book by Wellard resident and first-time author Bernie Webb.

RURAL: A Handbook for Small Landholders, is a collection of tips on everything from how to correctly wire an electric gate to information on native wildlife.

A retired customs officer, Mr Webb relocated from Dianella 20 years ago and helped build his Wellard property from the ground up.

It was experience gained in that time which provided the motivation behind the book.

"I think the idea came from people new to the area asking us questions about how we would do this or that," Mr Webb said.

"We started with an empty block and built everything from

scratch, so we had to find out many things the hard way.

"This is the book we should have had 20 years ago.

"So the idea is anyone in a similar position, or even if they're moving to an established place, still needs to know what they're in for."

Mr Webb began writing the book 20 months ago and has independently published more than 1000 copies.

With no prior experience in publishing, he said the challenge had been "thoroughly interesting".

"Writing the book is one ball game, but the bit that amazed me was I actually enjoyed it," he said.

Mr Webb received help in writing the book from Sue Webb, Leonie Owen and Kevin Gason.

The book is available at www.redgumrural.com.au.

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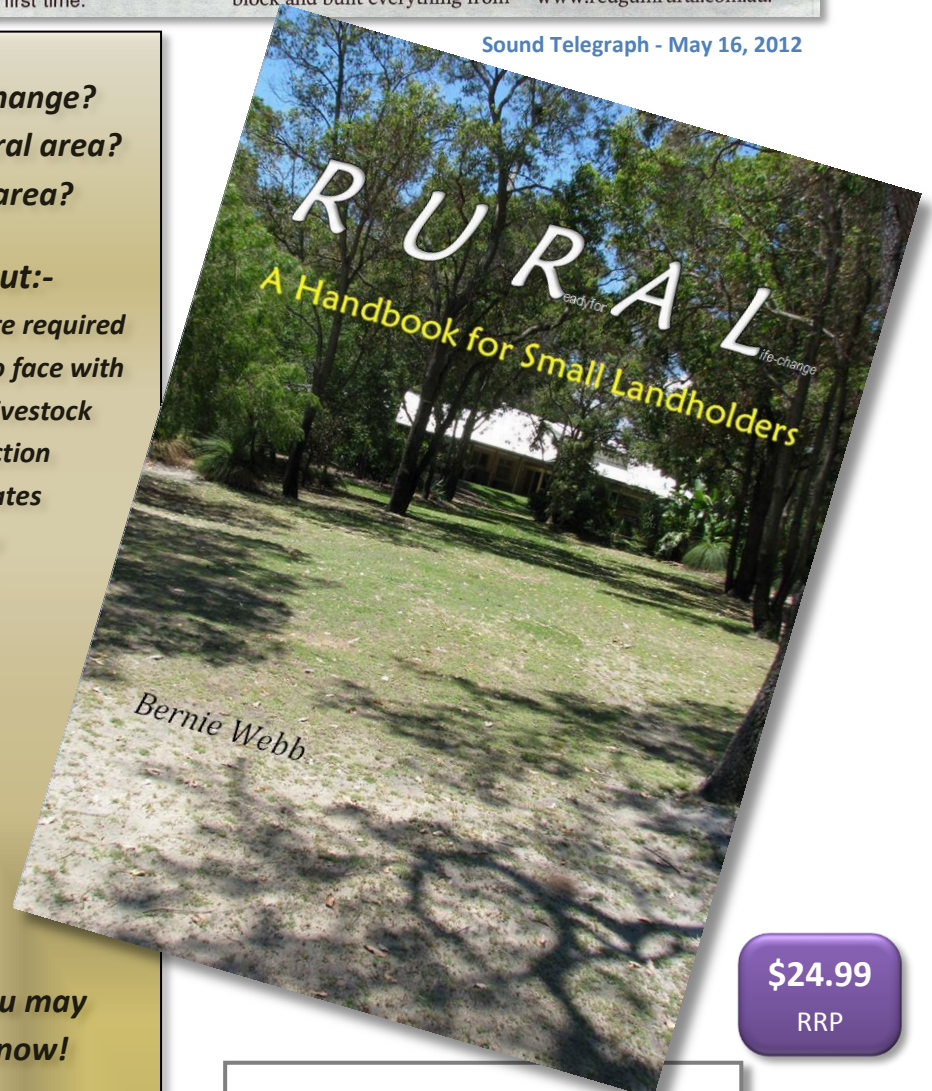
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