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## Win over the border

**Arthur Corrie**  
 THE grass is getting greener on the northern side of the Gympie Regional Council fence, as Fraser Coast Council proves it is possible

## Wordy news

**Border** – a line or boundary that separates one region or area from another.



## Did you know?

ON JULY 1, 2015, the Australian Border Force was established, when the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) and the Australian Customs and Border Protection Service (Customs) merged.



**MAIN:** A fishing vessel intercepted by Australian Border Force  
**INSET:** An Australian Border Force official looks at screens at the system control station while a truck carrying haulage containers parks in a container x-ray in the Australian Border Force facility  
 PHOTOS: AAP



### IN THE NEWS

#### A nose for trouble

YOU may have seen some important members of the Australian Border Force (ABF) at work if you have been at an Australian international airport, seaport, cargo depot or international mail centres.

The ABF has a team of very smart and talented canine officers, detector dogs that sniff out illegal drugs, chemicals, firearms and weapons being smuggled into Australia.

In July this year, the Australian Border Force showcased its world class breeding and training programmes in a two-week training course with counterparts from China Customs.

The ABF have been recognised as a world leader in training detector dogs.

### CHECK IT OUT

#### Raise a pup

TO ENSURE the success of the Detector Dog Program, the ABF requires the support of the community. The Foster Carer Program provides potential detector dogs with the necessary social and environmental conditioning to develop from puppy to working dog. Check out this video. [www.youtube.com/watch?v=qCet\\_EQy\\_YM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qCet_EQy_YM)



# Building a wall

THERE is no physical barrier separating our nation from the rest of the world.

There's no wall as such but it's important to have some control and management over who and what has the right to enter or exit Australia.

To protect our country's border and manage the movement of people and goods across it, we have an agency, the Australian Border Force (ABF) that undertakes numerous tasks.

As part of national security, the ABF works in partnership with a range of other agencies, to provide protection of our community, the enforcement of our laws, resources and environment.

#### What they do

The Australian Border Force plays a vital role patrolling our airports, seaports, remote locations, mail and cargo centres and Australia's extended maritime jurisdiction.

Their role is to protect Australia's border from the entry of illegal and harmful goods and those intending to commit immigration fraud or threaten the national interest.

Some of the duties Border Force Officers undertake are: process the movement of travellers and goods; coordinate responses to border threats; undertake patrols and surveillance; board and search aircraft and vessels; and conduct investigations.

#### Environmental security

Pests and diseases that threaten our nation's environment and economy need to be prevented.

Biosecurity controls at Australia's borders minimise the risk of exotic pests and diseases entering our country.

With more than 60,000 kilometres of coastline offering a variety of pathways for exotic pests and diseases, the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources along with the ABF, screens, inspects and clears the millions of people, mail parcels, baggage, ships, animals, plants and cargo containers entering Australia every year using x-ray machines, surveillance, and detector dogs.

#### WALL OF FACTS

- There are eight international airports and over 60 international seaports around Australia.
- The Border Force Counter Terrorism Unit was established in 2014 as a new capability to deal with national security threats at the border.
- The Australian Border Force manages immigration detention as part of border control to support Australia's migration system.
- Detector dogs are trained to detect narcotics, firearms, explosives, currency and tobacco.

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