



Organiser Ross Stone and volunteer driver Greg Fisher in Cockburn before completing their two-and-half day trip into Broken Hill from Esperance, WA. PICTURE: Myles Burt

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By Myles Burt

More hay has rolled in for graziers after Farmers Across Borders trucked 210 bales into the Far West.

Organiser Ross Stone and volunteer driver Greg Fisher drove into Cockburn yesterday on their 2,283km journey from Esperance, WA.

It was their second-last stop before off-loading drought relief hay into the Broken Hill area.

So far, 60 road trains carrying 84 hay bales each have made the trek into NSW from WA since January to aid graziers.

During a hay run to Cobar earlier this year, Mr Stone said he noticed the Far West was in pretty bad shape.

"We've had some phone calls and we decided we'd have to deliver here as well, so that's why we've delivered," Mr Stone said.

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Pastoralists in the Far West are very happy the hay donations coming through into the region, according to Mr Stone.

Far West Rural Supplies had been helpful, directing Farmers Across Borders the worst drought-affected areas in the Far West.

Stone said the convoys from Esperance were expensive, with fuel being the biggest cost. However, he said they had no plans to stop the road trains from rolling into NSW.

"If it needs it here, we'll keep coming over," Mr Stone said.

"If people just let us know, and we get areas, and there's not other drought relief people looking after that area, we'll definitely do it."

Mr Stone said they'll be baling up more hay in a months' time in Esperance, an area of Australia that is in no short supply of hay and rain.

"We've got a 600ml rainfall," Mr Stone said.

"We got a bit carried away when we were baling and baled a lot of bales; we thought we had way too many but they're all gone."

Mr Stone said those who would like to donate to Farmers Across Borders' drought relief efforts can at <https://bit.ly/2luF8FJ>



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