

Iron man crushes through

SPARKS fly as troubled young men from Armidale's high schools put the finishing touches on a cattle crush for Tilbuster Station.

The station is worked by youths managed by social services organisation Pathfinders. Cattle need to be unloaded soon as the drought bites.

"It's really dry and we're running out of food so we're thinking about selling some cattle and getting some money back into the farm," Tilbuster Station program coordinator Charlie Winter said.

Youths learnt how to weld over the course of three weeks while making the cattle crush.

The project was undertaken by Community Colleges, which in return has given the boys a statement of attainment towards a certificate II in engineering.

Pathfinders may be getting more than just a cattle crush with students working on their side projects too, such as dog kennels and a chin-up bar.

During the program the students also completed exercises to bolster their literacy and numeracy.



MAN OF STEEL: Beau Hargreaves from Armidale High School works on a side project for the cattle crush for Tilbuster Station. Photo, Story LUCAS F