



Aussie 'milkman' heads to Brissie

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AUSSIE Farmers Direct has brought the milkman back to Queensland, after taking on a lease for a cold storage facility at Sumner, in Brisbane's west.

The company, established in Victoria, provides a free home delivery service for Australian made and owned fresh products including milk, bread and eggs.

In the past year it has expanded into New South Wales and has been operating in Queensland since the end of 2007.

Aussie Farmers has sub-leased a 470sq m cold storage facility at 33 Wolston Rd for \$110,000 per year, equating to a rate of \$234/sq m.

John Rose, of Chase Commercial, negotiated the Sumner lease and said the rental rate being paid by the company was a record.

"That's (the leasing rate) higher than what you

would pay for cold storage in the port or anywhere like that," he said.

He said Aussie Farmers, which had been looking for a site for about four months, had decided to lease the Sumner property on the first inspection.

"There is a lack of cold storage areas around the western corridor — there is really none — and that is where they wanted to be located, because it's central," he said.

Piscioneri Transport has the original lease on the Sumner property and occupies a building on the site, in which the cold store is located.

Aussie Farmers Direct marketing manager Shane Hodskiss said the company was looking to begin operating from an additional facility in Brisbane, as well as one on the Sunshine Coast and another on the Gold Coast.



LEASE ... operations manager of Aussie Farmers Direct, Kimberley Scott, with John Rose, of Chase Commercial. Picture: David Kapernick