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# TAREE VETERINARY HOSPITAL

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## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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The last newsletter of the year, written in front of the cricket on TV, at night, with Xmas beetles throwing themselves at the fly screens ! Summer has started .

This newsletter always has me looking back over the year at old newsletters, reminiscing. This year we had some good diseases and investigations in cattle.

Lead poisoning during the drought was a good one, especially for the cooperation with Lyndell Stone who worked it out . There were a number of possibilities such as algae poisoning, botulism and polioencephalomalacia to work through first.

Vibrio was about and can be difficult to put your finger on.

Bluetongue in sheep was diagnosed by us with the help of the client, and in several coastal areas.

Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis is rarely tested for because we are told it is endemic in our area, but due to a client's requirement and consideration for selling semen we tested cows and bulls for it. Technology now means you can test for exposure with antibody testing, and actual virus with PCR testing.

The above diseases highlight the adage that is drummed into us, that more diseases are missed by not looking than not knowing !

Theileria still caused us and producers problems, and we still have no real prevention or cure.

Robert Allan won the mandarin competition to win a pearl perch and a snapper.

All this with the biosecurity plan meetings and implementation taking up a lot of oxygen for several months.

All up an interesting and rewarding year.

Cattle Diseases of the Month  
calvings  
eye cancers  
Theileria  
prolapses  
snake bite  
wire disease

And in the Horses.....

Horse diseases are not often herd problems but mostly individual ailments. We had a pony, the client and horses new to the area, grazed on Setaria and kikuyu, suffer multiple fractures early this year, and the other horses needed dietary supplementation with calcium. This was sadly an individual problem that prevented a herd problem.

We had the usual challenging injuries, with a gory one with a stick in its head, that healed beautifully, somehow.

Surgical highlights this year were a thyroid carcinoma removal, that looked worse than it was, and an abdominal abscess that was worse than it looked !

There have been a couple of abdominal testes that have been harder than expected to find.

The most challenging and pleasing surgery was the successful removal of an ovarian granulosa cell tumour. A good client, planning, teamwork, skill and luck was all on our side. All these surgical cases had input from a number of specialists in Sydney who were all very supportive, at least over the phone. Probably they were shaking their heads on the other end !

Medically we have had great success treating some tumours with chemotherapy mixes injected into the lumps.

The worst things this year have been couriers not delivering semen, horses that want to kick and misbehave, and bad Facebook "research" that drives us mad !

Horse Diseases of the Month  
colics

hernia repair in a yearling

Habronemiasis - a type of fly that lays its eggs in eyes and penile urethral orifices

lamenesses

ruptured peroneus tertius muscle in a campdrafter

Thankyou all for your custom. I hope we have made a good difference to your business and animals this year.

A Merry Christmas and happy new year from Stuart, Don, Rob, Ren, Sarah, Damian, Bree, Linley, Tori, Jenni, Tina, Sal, April, Kirra, Lauren, Letitia, Taren, Sharie, and Toni.

<b>RUN DATES FOR DECEMBER</b>	
LANSDOWNE.....	THURS 7TH
OXLEY/MITCHELL'S IS.....	TUES 12TH
HANNAM VALE.....	THURS 14TH
DYER'S CROSSING.....	TUES 19TH
WINGHAM.....	THURS 21ST
LORNE/COMBOYNE.....	WED 27TH
COOMBA AND THE DEEP SOUTH....	THURS 28TH