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# TAREE VETERINARY HOSPITAL

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## APRIL NEWSLETTER

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We have a new vet, Corinna Fullarton, who is a James Cook graduate and has been working in mixed practice on the south coast.

Since last month we've had good rain across most areas and the coastal strip particularly has had a good start to the season before planting.

The cattle vets conference had interesting presentations across beef and dairy. The dairy speaker was from the UK, and they see diseases that we don't see as much here, due to the differences in the environment, housing and husbandry, such as digital dermatitis. There was a good

lecture on subacute rumen acidosis in dairy cows and how to diagnose it, information on 3 Day sickness diagnosis and on fixed time AI. Sexed semen FTAI doesn't work, even when the timing of the AI was varied - you must AI after detected heat for good results.

The lectures on lameness emphasised body condition score and the influence of weight loss on the fat pad in the heel. The loss of this fat brings the pedal bone closer to an already thin sole, without any cushioning. then you get problems.

In beef cattle there was a good lecture on genomic testing and how to use it. In dairy cattle, where genomic testing has been embraced for years, there are huge numbers tested and only a few things to measure that make money, i.e. milk, fat, protein. Sheep also have the advantage of objective testing of wool, which can be related to genomic testing. In beef cattle it is a belief that structure is very important for profitability, but genomics may challenge this view.

The other thing genomic testing will do is identify genes for abnormalities such as preputial eversion and cork screw penis.

In a fund raising event for Nth Qld flood victims I bought a crush side semen analyser that measures density, motility and abnormalities, and I have been using a demo unit before the bull testing season starts.

Cattle Diseases of the Month  
calvings  
eye cancers  
prolapses

lame cows  
grain poisoning  
kikuyu toxicity - a very strange condition,  
poorly understood causes and  
susceptibilities

Dingo Bend Angus at Bobin have 2 , 2 yo  
and 3, 22mth old Angus bulls for sale.  
Semen tested, grass fed entire lives and  
ready for work.  
More details can be found at  
[www.dingobendangus.com.au](http://www.dingobendangus.com.au) or call Ross  
or Elissa on 65505035

And in the Horses.....

We had a mare abort this month. Mostly  
abortion is a one off, but not always.  
Sepsis, placentitis, viral infections and act  
of God are all possible causes. When a  
mare is aborting other in-foal mares should  
be separated from her. Membranes and  
foetus should be handled with gloves and  
bagged up for disposal or testing. The  
mare should be watched as a normal  
foaling would for signs of retained  
membranes, or the possibility of a twin.

Two horses this month had eye ulcers  
that were treated promptly. Foreign bodies  
are a common cause, and itchy horses get  
more eye problems. Some horses are very  
difficult to medicate with ointment, and in  
these horses we put in a tube that goes  
from the withers where you can medicate  
safely to the lower lid.

Horse diseases of the month  
Cuts and Colics  
lamenesses  
foot abscesses  
Queensland itch  
sarcoids  
huge tumour on a nose  
melanomas  
corneal ulcers

### **RUN DATES FOR APRIL**

<b>LANSDOWNE.....</b>	<b>THURS 4TH</b>
<b>OXLEY/MITCHELL'S IS.....</b>	<b>TUES 9TH</b>
<b>HANNAM VALE.....</b>	<b>THURS 11TH</b>
<b>DYER'S CROSSING.....</b>	<b>TUES 16TH</b>
<b>WINGHAM.....</b>	<b>THURS 18TH</b>
<b>LORNE/COMBOYNE.....</b>	<b>TUES 23RD</b>
<b>COOMBA AND THE DEEP SOUTH....</b>	<b>WED 24TH</b>