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# TAREE VETERINARY HOSPITAL

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## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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Still no rain and persistent nor easters. I write this from Hat Head, where the water is cold and the nor easters have curtailed my fishing plans. But it's cooler than Moto.

Most importantly, we are changing bank accounts. The accounts that were emailed have the new account details, but the paper accounts don't yet. The new account is BSB 082856 Acc 442814968. Sorry there may be some minor inconvenience and we will be keeping the old account active for a time.

We have a new mixed animal vet replacing Bree , Tara Gillis, who has graduated last year from James Cook Uni in Townsville. Hopefully along with her new knowledge, brains and enthusiasm she brings a little of the Townsville rain. Just a little.

Some of you may recognise Liz Neal from Oxley Island in the building. Liz has worked in vet practices in Sydney, Melbourne and Alice Springs both nursing and in reception. She will be with us to fill in while we are short staffed. Her experience will be an asset to us, more so if we can stop her from moving !

Mastitis has been bad lately, especially for those farms that couldn't milk due to power outages after the storms. In summer cows stand together under trees and in and around water, attracting flies etc. Pour Ons or back scratching applicators of fly repellents are the best prevention you can do. This will also reduce the amount of pink eye. Pour Ons can also be used in calves.

This month I have preg tested cows mated Oct/Nov in both beef and dairy cows, with really good results considering. Batch mating dairy cows in late spring and putting bulls with heifers in the summer, thus avoiding mating during the hot summer, has lots of advantages.

### For Sale

12 friesland jersey cross heifers due to calve March 19, in calf to jersey bull. Well grown and in excellent condition.

\$1400 + GST

contact Glenn Hurrell, Comboyne, on 0475365992

Cattle Diseases of the Month

calvings, a couple very rotten owing to the hot weather  
eye cancers  
pink eye  
prolapses, vaginal and uterine. One vaginal prolapse was also a calving !  
lame cows  
calf with infected bones in lower limb after dog bites. Osteomyelitis and a bone sequestrum is the result, and it will probably be euthanased.

Horse diseases of the month

Cuts and Colics  
lamenesses, including a partially dislocated fetlock  
sarcoids on face - being injected with cisplatin  
foot abscesses  
founder !

And in the Horses.....

Unless you have been lucky to be under a storm, the continuing drought means buying more feed in for horses. We've seen a couple of horses on very coarse hay with seeds jammed in their gums, and some weeds from far away arriving in hay bales. Unfortunately we have also seen a welfare case where the horses are starving.

We often see old horses with teeth problems that are just wear and tear, without root disease. This month we saw one with a molar tooth root abscess. These can be very difficult to get to orally if they are a long way back, so you access the root via a hole in the face and punch the tooth out. This has more complications in trying to get the bone flap on the face to heal. Referring these to specialist horse dentists is often the best option.

<b>RUN DATES FOR FEBRUARY</b>	
<b>LANSDOWNE.....</b>	<b>THURS 7TH</b>
<b>OXLEY/MITCHELL'S IS.....</b>	<b>TUES 12TH</b>
<b>HANNAM VALE.....</b>	<b>THURS 14TH</b>
<b>DYER'S CROSSING.....</b>	<b>TUES 19TH</b>
<b>WINGHAM.....</b>	<b>THURS 21ST</b>
<b>LORNE/COMBOYNE.....</b>	<b>TUES 26TH</b>
<b>COOMBA AND THE DEEP SOUTH....</b>	<b>THURS 28TH</b>