

# April 2020 Newsletter



## Welcome from our CEO – Craig Perkins

Dear Members and Customers,

Well we have battled Drought, Bush Fires, Floods, and just when we thought it was time to move forward, COVID-19 has stopped the Nation in its tracks.

Thankfully for our Co-op Members and Customers, we are deemed an essential service and will remain open until advised otherwise by the Federal Government.

Our staff are doing an excellent job and they are totally committed to ensuring we deliver a reliable level of customer service in very challenging times. As we have communicated, the Co-op is following the safety precautions for trading as instructed by the Federal Government.

We have good stock holdings of most lines, so please don't feel like you need to bulk buy unnecessarily. However, we have been advised that the following products are in high demand, which may impact the supply chain:

Fertiliser

Vegetable seedlings

Pullet chickens

Chemicals

Plant seeds

Star Posts and Barb wire

We are in the process of fast tracking the construction of our Bowral Co-op on-line store and, once this is completed, we will start loading our product range in order of priority.

Our Saddleworld on-line store is available for your convenience and we have several April specials, so please visit our site: [saddleworldbowral.com.au](http://saddleworldbowral.com.au)

I am pleased to advise we have just added another truck to our fleet and, as this is a much larger truck, it will enable us to be more efficient with our deliveries of seed and fertilisers.

I wish to remind Members and Customers who are in isolation, or hesitate to leave your homes, that we can arrange delivery to your property, so simply phone through your order for processing on 4861 8400.

Enjoy the newsletter.

Best Regards

Craig Perkins

## AGRONOMY

Autumn so far has been very kind, with great rain, beautiful warm weather and minimal windy days all working together to create good growing conditions. However, where preparation for paddocks in the summer has not been ideal, we are seeing a heavy burden of weeds impacting the growth of desired species.

Weeds of concern include Fireweed, Shepherds Purse, Mallow, Capeweed and Wild Turnip just to name a few. With all these weeds, identifying them as early as possible is crucial for applying minimal but effective herbicide treatments. In many cases waiting to see if a plant is a weed or if the pasture/crop will out compete the weed on your own is a mistake and can lead to a bigger, maybe near impossible problem to fix.

Another thing to consider is rotation of chemical groups to ensure we minimise the risk of herbicide resistance. If you have the same weeds every year in the same paddock, and you treat them with the same product it will inevitably lead to herbicide resistance. This can be tricky in clover/grass pastures as options are limited without causing damage to some portion of species in the mix. New to the market for 2020 is a product called **Thistrol Gold** – a broad spectrum broadleaf weed control option in grass and clover-based pastures.

Thistrol Gold is a new combination of some existing active ingredients that work in a unique way to control many broadleaf weed species while leaving most clovers and grasses untouched. It does have the ability to control larger weeds when used at higher rates but will achieve best results on smaller weeds.

If you think Thistrol Gold could fit into your integrated weed control program give us a call to discuss and perhaps organise a paddock inspection. Due to COVID-19 we are requesting that if clients wish to arrange a visit that they be understanding of us requiring to travel in our own vehicle on the property and preferably inspect paddocks without unnecessary contact.



The graphic features the Nufarm logo in green on the left. To its right is a large, stylized 'V' with a blue left stem and a red right stem. Below the 'V' is the word 'THISTROL' in a dark brown, bold, sans-serif font, followed by 'GOLD' in a large, gold, 3D-effect font. Underneath 'GOLD' is the text 'SELECTIVE HERBICIDE' in a smaller, brown, all-caps font. At the bottom of the graphic, a green text box contains the following text: 'A unique triple active ingredient combination for controlling broadleaf weeds in clover and grass pastures.'

For all Agronomy queries, please contact Alex Good  
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## WATER MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS

Our Water Management Team have been quite busy with the installations of solar bore pumps, servicing of pumps, installation and servicing of irrigation.

**Do you need water but have no power?** We can help you. We can organise for you to get your hole drilled by a local drilling company. Once the hole is drilled and the reports come back, we can then help you work out the type of Solar pump you need for your application, whether it be to top up dams or tanks, which then could be supplied to your gardens, troughs and lawns or much more depending on what you're wanting the water for. Our team can provide you with the installation as above and many more services on field.



Not only does our team specialise in Rural Irrigation, but, if your house pump is not performing as it usually should and you're concerned, we're able to help with providing servicing, supply and install of pumps that are needed for all sorts of application. House, tanks, drainage etc.

It is great that the drought has broken, and we have had follow up rain ensuring our troughs, tanks and dams are topped up. However, since the drought has broken, have you tested your Submersible drainage pump? Has your pit been draining like it should? Does your pump need servicing? If so, we can help!



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New Replacement

Call Chris on 0438 383 001 or email [cheathcote@bowralcoop.com.au](mailto:cheathcote@bowralcoop.com.au)

## PRODUCE SHED

Blackdog have been making delicious and nutritious dog and cat treats in Australia for 19 years. Their products are naturally sourced, have the highest quality ingredients and use minimal processing and additives.

Blackdog "Naturally Good Treats" are lip licking tasty treats for your furry family members and are back in stock in the 1kg bags and 5kg boxes. We have Multi Biscuits, Double Cheese and Bacon and Peanut Butter for sale in the 5kg boxes and we have Cheese and Multi Biscuit in the 1 kg bags.

We also were able to get in some BIGGA biscuits. They are close to the much loved 4x2 biscuits, just a tad bit smaller in size. We have them in 10kg boxes.

We have a wide range of other treats such as 5 and 10 pack of PIGS EARS, Large Beef bones and 1kg packs of beef liver.

### **Prime 100**

Prime 100 rolls are a rich single source of protein which can assist dogs with food sensitivities. We currently stock Prime 100 Chicken and Brown Rice rolls and Kangaroo and Potato Rolls. Having a Single Protein Diet for dogs is the most ideal way to feed your dogs. Mixed proteins can cause allergies such as Dermatitis and food intolerance.

Kangaroo is an Advanced Novel Protein that can assist dogs with low to acute allergies or illnesses such as:

- Food Aversion
- Pancreatitis
- Hyperlipidaemia
- Food intolerance
- IBD
- Diabetes and many other illnesses



### **Sale Items**



Call Jono on 0488 009 150 or email [jfudge@bowralcoop.com.au](mailto:jfudge@bowralcoop.com.au)

## **RETAIL STORE**

While we are all more house bound, now is the best time to try **strip grazing** your pasture to get the most out of this lush grass. For fencing needs: come into the Co-op and ask for Dave or Malcolm, your fencing gurus.



*S200 Portable cattle strip graz 6022 v2\_Orange (Large)*



DAB Pumps for house and irrigation are on promotion in April – **20% off Retail price**

Call Amanda on 0408 114 947 or email [apullinger@bowralcoop.com.au](mailto:apullinger@bowralcoop.com.au)

## **GARDEN NEWS**

Some warm weather is still about, good rainfall has arrived, mornings are getting cooler, there are signs of autumn foliage colouring and **all your favourite spring bulbs have arrived in-store!** Autumn is one of the best seasons to enjoy the garden, so take gloves in hand and get started on your garden chores.

### **Jobs to do**

- Trim rosemary and lavender – but do not cut into old wood.
- Fertilise rose bushes – they need to be well nourished for winter.
- Prune citrus by removing any dead or diseased wood. Keep citrus moist. Irregular watering can result in dry fruit or fruit splitting.
- Mummified stone fruit should be removed from trees to eliminate sources of brown rot fungus. Ensure stone fruit trees are fed well for next years' crop.
- Use the contents of your compost bins to condition garden beds ready for winter plantings of shrubs, vines and bare-rooted trees. The addition of an organic fertiliser will also be a great benefit.
- Tidy up compost bins ready for autumn leaves – remember a sprinkle of lime in layers will help speed up the de-composition.
- Another important task is to stroll thru your garden and take note of any branches or shrubs that may need pruning throughout winter. These could include low hanging branches, shrubs growing across pathways, any damaged limbs – simply tie a piece of ribbon on them now as later when leaf drop occurs the problem may not seem apparent.
- Plan your garden and order roses and trees for planting over the next few months.
- Feeding now will set your garden ready to go into winter dormancy.
- Plant an abundance of healthy fruit trees and vines, available in our garden center.



### **Sowing guide for April**

#### **Bulbs:**

- Anemones, ranunculus, daffodils, jonquils, freesias, bluebells, crocus and hyacinthus can all go in now.
- It is better to leave tulips until later when the soil is cooler.
- Fill pots with bulbs. For visual effect plant in groups of 5 or more so you can move them around or bring them inside when they are at their peak.

#### **Vegetables:**

- Prepare your beds now to plant broccoli, beetroot, cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce, onions, peas, radish, silverbeet, swede, turnip and broad beans.

#### **Herbs:**

- Cress, dill and parsley.

#### **Flowers:**

- Annuals - aquilegia, calendula, candytuft, dianthus, primula, hollyhock, Sweet pea, snapdragon and in a few weeks' pansies and viola.
- Perennials - foxgloves, delphiniums, wallflowers, canterbury bells, stock and bellis daisies

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Are you in self isolation and have run out of things to do? Why not start cleaning your saddles, bridles and tack? We have a great range of cleaning products in store.

### New winter BARE stock has arrived



This gorgeous little number has been designed to match all your favourite BARE Performance Tights! The cut and fit, has been designed with the equestrienne in mind. It is the perfect length and a relaxed fit, ensuring ultimate functionality from the stables to the street!

Product features:

- Plush cotton fleece body with just the right amount of stretch
- Custom logo print, perfect for your matchy matchy look
- Relaxed cut, designed to be like a boyfriend fit
- Available in three gorgeous colours

Match this with all your BARE Performance tights or your favourite jeans! These sweaters are sure to keep you warm on those chilly mornings! *Don't forget our Online store for convenience and specials*

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