



Newsletter February 2019

Welcome from our CEO – Craig Perkins

Well the start to the new year has kicked off quickly with a number of major shows & events already on the calendar. We have just had the Bowral Show and the next major event is the Moss Vale Small Farm Field Day on Feb 2 & 3 at the Moss Vale Showground.

The Co-op will again have a large stand (Stand 28P) with a number of interesting demonstrations on both days covering Fencing, Livestock Health / Animal Husbandry, Water Management Solutions and Agronomy. There will be useful information available from our partner suppliers and plenty of giveaways. We will be running a fundraising raffle for our drought appeal, so we would greatly appreciate your support as we continue to raise funds.

We look forward to seeing our Members & Customers at our stand and if you would like further information, visit our website or pick up a flyer in store.

AGRONOMY

February should be the biggest month when it comes to sowing of crop and pasture. Timing of sowing is critical to ensure solid establishment and that you are generating as much feed as possible before the weather cools off. The later into Autumn you are getting your pasture or crop sown, the slower its growth rate will be. This slow growth rate usually snow-balls into grazing too early prior to proper establishment and damaging the pasture, which can be an expensive exercise especially in the case of new perennial pasture.

Weed management is also critical prior to sowing a new pasture or crop or even just over-sowing original pastures. Making sure your paddock is weed free at sowing can go a long way to reducing weed presence throughout the life of your pasture making selective control of some small weeds later on much easier if there are any at all.

The Co-op is now fully stocked with **Dryland blend** (suitable for Joadja and surrounding areas), **Sheep and Beef Blend** (suitable for Robertson and surrounding areas) and a large range of both PGG Wrightson Seeds and Seedforce products including Forage **Oats, Italian Ryegrass, Annual Ryegrass, Perennial Ryegrass** and anything else you need, all very competitively priced.

If you are unsure about the condition of your paddocks and what would be your best course of action to ensure a good supply of high quality feed for Winter and Spring, please give us a call to arrange an appointment so we can give you the service and advice you need to ensure success.

For any Agronomy queries, please contact **Alex Good**: M: 0434 642 663

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ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

Pink eye in cattle is certainly making its presence felt at the moment. It is a highly contagious and painful disease of the eye, having negative effects on welfare and production.

Pink eye occurs in cattle when the cornea (outer surface of the eye) becomes damaged (e.g. by sunlight, abrasions, trauma, dust or dry conditions) and the bacteria in the Moraxella genus, most commonly Moraxella bovis, is present.

Pink eye most commonly occurs during dry conditions, especially in summer and autumn, when there are high numbers of flies, the biggest spreaders of the bacteria, are present. The disease can then last from year to year when infected cattle become carriers of the bacteria.

Pink eye in sheep is caused by different organisms and does not spread to cattle, nor does pink eye spread from cattle to sheep.

The signs of pink eye include increased blinking, streaming and watery eyes, ulcers on the surface of the eyes, cloudy opaque or white spots in the eye (from accumulation of pus and white blood cells) and sensitivity to direct sunlight.



The number of affected animals can range from single animals up to 80% of a mob in severe outbreaks.

We have a range of products in store now to help treat the symptoms of pink eye including powders, aerosols and patches.



For more advice on how to control and treat pink eye in your livestock, please contact **Peter Robertson**: M: 0400 011 147 or email on E: probertson@bowralco-op.com.au

WATER MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS

ARE YOU READY TO FIGHT A BUSHFIRE ON YOUR PROPERTY?



Contact **Chris Heathcote** on 0438 383 001 to discuss what firefighting equipment including pumps, hoses and tanks would be most effective for protecting your property – it's one of the most important calls you can make in the current heatwave to ensure your home, assets and livestock are safe. Call or email Chris on cheathcote@bowralco-op.com.au

PRODUCE

Attention All Gardeners:

Due to the extreme limited supply of spoilt Lucerne mulch, we have set aside some of our Rhodes Grass stock as a fantastic mulching alternative.
We are selling it at \$10.00/ bale, come get it while stock lasts!!



Black Hawk Range:

With the increased demand for a Grain Free market for your beloved canines, we are now stocking Grain Free Kangaroo in the 7kg and 15kg bags and Grain Free Chicken and Rice in 15 kg bags.

We are also stocking the Grain Free wet lamb 400g cans and the Grain Free wet beef 400g cans, selling individually or by x12 to a tray.



From Black Hawk:

'All our Black Hawk products are about naturally nourishing our cats and dogs from the inside out. Every ingredient that makes it into our recipes has a nutritional purpose, so you'll never find wheat, corn, soy, gluten, artificial preservatives, colours, flavours or any unnecessary fillers in Black Hawk.

We have two main ranges, our Original range and our Grain Free range. Let us know if you'd like to give one of our products a try and we'll send you a free sample *.

* Free samples available to Australian residents only. Terms and Conditions apply

RETAIL

We have a great selection of dog supplies in store now including a Dog Bowl Water System. Simply hook it up to your hose and it will automatically fill the bowl as you dog drinks from it. There are also some new dog washing products to keep your pooch clean and cool.



With many delicious fruits in now in season and relatively cheap to buy, it's time to start preserving. We have an extensive new range of products from Fowlers, the preserving specialists. Come in and get all you need to start stocking your pantry with some homemade goodies!



GARDEN CENTRE

We are having a HUGE pot clearance our plastic and ceramic pots are up to 40% off!! All stock must go to make way for new stock arriving.



If you are able to beat the heat, feed Camellias with a soluble complete plant food. Water thoroughly during dry periods. This heat will be with us for some time yet.

Feed fruit trees with **Troforte Fruit and Citrus fertilizer** this will ensure adequate plant food for bud burst and fruit set for next Spring. Prune roses to encourage an autumn flush by deadheading and removing any dieback. A dressing of **Sudden Impact** will do wonders at this time. Don't forget the lawn. Be watchful for Curl grub. A feed of liquid **Seasol Plus** or **Powerfeed** will boost the lawn no end.

For more gardening advice, come in and see Jenny at our gardening centre, she has lots of tips and tricks to help you get the most out of your garden.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Small Farm Field Day – Moss Vale Showground, Sat Feb 2nd – Sun Feb 3rd.

Bowral Co-op will be at the Field Day over the whole weekend with our experts there to help you with Agronomy advice, Animal Husbandry tips, Water Management Solutions, and presentations from Gallagher Fencing. The team from Farm Club in Werai will be sampling some of their delicious local beef plus there will be a and a host of other activities! Make sure you come by and visit us at Stand 28P located right in the centre of the Showground.

