



Newsletter January 2020

Welcome from our CEO – Craig Perkins

Dear Members and Customers,

The drought continues and now the serious bush fires have impacted so many in the Southern Highlands.

The Co-op is working with several community groups who are providing support for those affected by the recent fires and we have donated numerous products to assist with this very serious situation. We will continue to respond to these requests, and like many in the community, we will work together to support those directly impacted.

Our major Suppliers have simply been unable to keep up delivery of critical fire related stock lines with much of NSW and Victoria under threat of bush fires. I want to assure you all that we have orders in place for these critical items and we are doing our best to get priority delivery from these Suppliers. In addition to this, we are working with other Co-ops across NSW trying to secure these critical stock lines.

As we receive these products in store, we will communicate what is available via our social media.

If you have been into Co-op recently, you would have seen signage communicating that we have been severely understaffed with many of our fulltime staff having to urgently leave the Co-op to protect their own properties and/or relocate their own livestock. At one stage we considered closing the store, however, those staff that remained worked tirelessly to keep the Co-op open and I wish to publicly thank them for their efforts.

Take care, be safe and let's hope we receive much needed rainfall in the very near future.

Enjoy the newsletter

Best Regards

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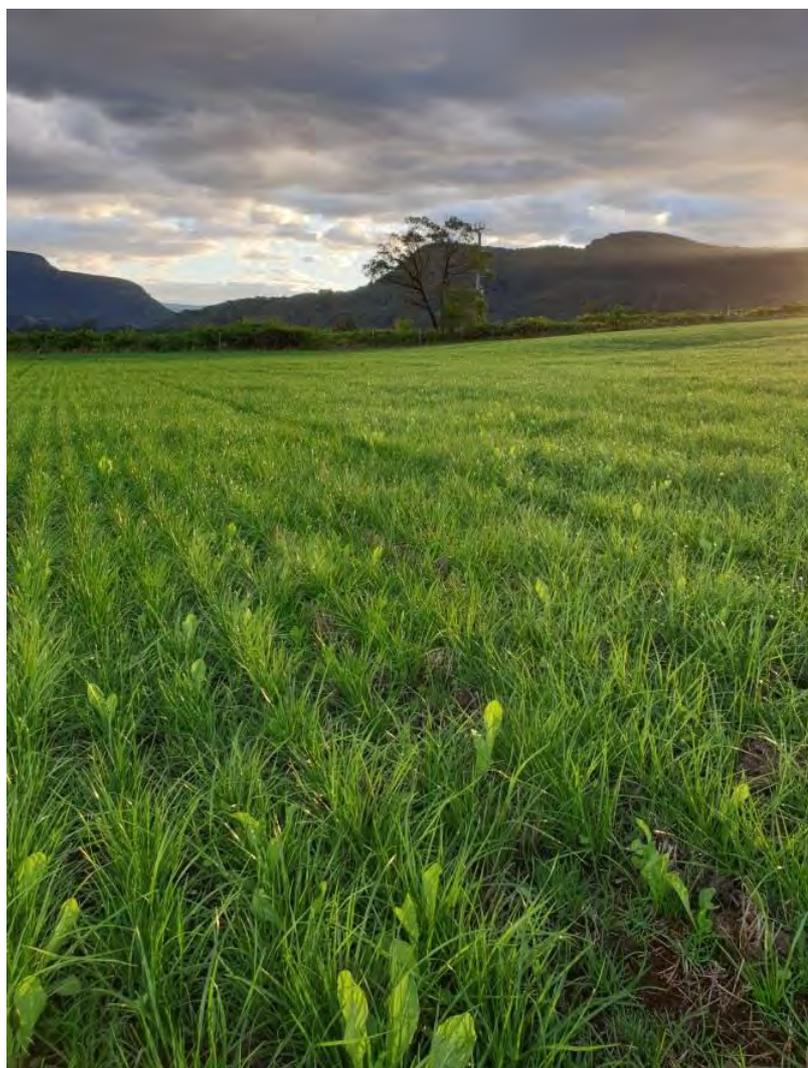
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AGRONOMY

Visiting clients over the past 2-3 months in the lead up to Christmas, it is obvious how tough it has been and how the hard conditions have forced people into less than ideal management practices, for example, over grazing. There is nothing really anyone can do in these situations other than try to limit the amount of area livestock have access to, while being hand fed.

By picking a sacrifice area/paddock early on, you are limiting damage to a small area that can be re-sowed and re-established in the coming Autumn. The best areas to use would be paddocks that are on the verge of requiring renovation anyway, so any pasture loss isn't really costing potential production. These areas should also be relatively flat, if possible. This will reduce nutrient run-off from manure and urine left behind by cattle eating conserved or purchased fodder (which is essentially fertiliser) when it finally does rain.

By picking a small sacrifice area close to water and shade, you will also increase feed use efficiency by limiting wasted energy of the animal walking to find feed and water over large areas. Essentially, if your pasture in the paddock is shorter than 4-7cm tall, there is no available feed and you are causing permanent damage to the pasture at this point, and it's likely that the animal walking around to find feed is costing more energy than they can get from the pasture.



Regarding renovating pastures in 2020, we will be carrying a good supply of Forage Oats, Annual Ryegrass and pasture mixes suitable for the Southern Highlands through Autumn from late January. It's best to get in early and place an order to match a formulated plan to suit your property and livestock. We can also formulate custom pasture mixes that come pre-mixed for easy sowing, but we do require up to 2 weeks lead time on these mixes.

If you feel your pasture has been damaged and you are unsure of what it will do when it finally does rain, get in touch with us at Bowral Co-op to come out and assess the situation and we can work with you to form a plan for Autumn, based on soil testing and your livestock's needs going forward.

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

Are you looking to install a new bore pump by 240v power? Are you worried with the minimal water and the water table diminishing underground that you may burn out your bore pump and will need to replace it all? Why don't you check out our Iprotect Controller? This is compatible with 240v Dab Bore pumps. It has run-dry protection causing the pump to stop if there is no water which stops the pump from running dry. You can also easily wire in an electric float for dam and tank fills. Easily mounted, this can be used as a manual system and automatic.



ICON Series controller BIA-IPROTECT for the protection and control of single phase pumps up to 2.2 KW. Especially suited for borehole pumps, the control is also suitable for drainage, transfer and boosting in single pump applications.

The IPROTECT is suitable for "3 wire" PSC motors where the remote capacitor can be mounted inside the IPROTECT as well as 2 wire PSC motors with internal capacitor commonly found in surface mounted and submersible drainage single-phase pumps.

2 YEAR iCON Series Control Warranty

- IP54 engineered plastic enclosure
- Intelligent dynamic UV resistant LCD displays pump running information
- Intelligent push button pump calibration for protection from dry run and overload
- Function switch for drainage, transfer and boosting
- Auto, manual switching
- Low voltage control
- Inputs can be float switches, pressure switch or probes
- Quick Guides for bore pump protection

Protections

- Dry run protection without need for a float switch or probe (restart attempt every 30 min.)
- Overload protection (restart attempt every 30 min.)
- Pump stalled
- Short circuit
- Under/Over voltage (restart attempt every 5 min.)
- Repeated starts (more than 5 per minute)
- Anti-seize run timer (drainage) 3 secs every 240 hours

Installation

- Working temperature -25 to +55 deg C
- Working humidity 20% to 90% relative humidity non-condensing
- Degree of protection IP54
- Unit dimensions (L x W x H), kg 25.0 x 19.7 x 11.45 cm, 1.6 kg

RS485 technical data

- Physical Interface RS485 Bus Interface: asynchronous semi duplex
- Baud rate 1200,2400,4800,9600 bps (default: 9600bps)
- Protocol type MODBUS protocol (RTU)

Our service team are more than happy to quote on an install, provided that the pump is compatible.

Call Chris on 0438 383 001 or email cheathcote@bowralcoop.com.au

RETAIL STORE

Smart Fence - Quick and easy to put up and take down. Four wires, ten posts and 100m (330ft) length provides an optimal, easy to install instant electric fencing solution. Easy to carry and store away. The Smart Fence combines posts, reels and wire all in one easily transportable package.



Poultry Thundernet EF-PNET

Poultry Electrified Netting

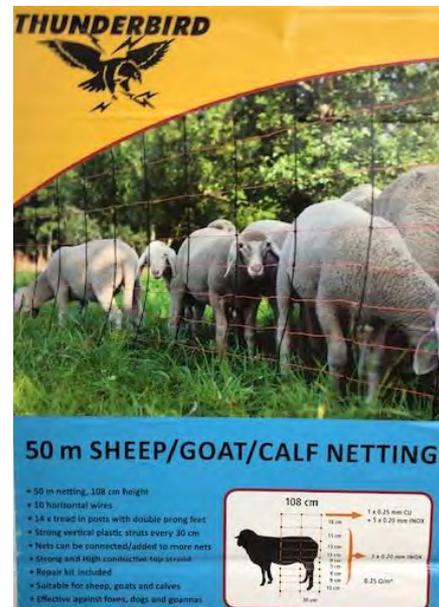
Set up and connect in 10 minutes



Sheep/Goat Thundernet EF-SGCNET

Sheep/Goat/Calf Netting

Set up and connect in 10 minutes



Call Amanda on 0408 114 947 or email
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Drought Proofing Your Garden!

The hot weather persists without any decent rainfall insight. All we can do is ride it out and try to keep the garden alive as best we can, especially considering our water restrictions. This month I want to offer some tips, I think, you could find useful to protect your garden.



1. **Sunburnt foliage:** Whilst not attractive isn't a great deal for concern. Plants are quite clever at repairing themselves. When weather conditions do improve, try to resist cutting the burnt foliage back as this is acting as an umbrella for the lower foliage.
2. **Shelter:** Try and erect simple shade covers over vegetable gardens. Shade cloth, hessian and simple light weight frost fabric can be used in various ways to add degrees of protection for your plants. Sold by the meter, it is very cost effective.
3. **Move pots** into shaded areas and use saucers with light gravel in the base.
4. **Deadhead** spent flowers and removal of any excessive growth will reduce the demand on the plant.
5. **Use of products** like Seasol, Troforte Liquid, Harvest and Go-go juice, are all extremely useful for combating plant stress.
6. **Water!!** Firstly, check your soil to see if it hasn't become Hydrophobic. This means the water just runs off and doesn't sink in. If it does, the best way to rectify this is to use a good squirt of biodegradable washing liquid in a watering can, mix in some water and apply over your garden or use any of the wetter soil liquids or granular Saturaid mix or water crystals. Recycle as much water as you can, again by using a biodegradable liquid in your washing machine you can safely use this grey water in your garden.
7. **Watering!!** With our present water restrictions, **only handheld** hoses can be used. The application of Wetta soil like Saturaid on your garden and lawn prior to watering will not only reduce the water needed, but, hold the moisture in the root zone. By using a long handle water wand, you can direct the water to the roots of your plants where it is most needed.
8. **Lawn Care:** Reduce mowing and raise the cutting level. Spreading Saturaid over your lawn will help hold any moisture. Also, using the Seasol applicator: In the ready to use containers of 'Seasol' or 'Seasol for Lawns' would be within the water restriction usage. Check out our new range of Lawn care product in store.

There are quite a few things to do in the January Garden

- Tip prune spring flowering shrubs.
- Camellias need a complete plant food to ensure plenty of food stocks for bud set.
- Remove diseased and dead wood from roses, dead head and lightly prune healthy wood to outward facing buds. Apply rose fertiliser and water in well for great blooms.
- Perennials can also benefit from a cut back now to encourage a second flowering.
- Fertilize echinacea, dahlias, and windflowers for their Autumn display.
- Net your fruit trees or use some of the other bird scare tools to save some precious fruit.

The Vegetable Patch

- Continue to pick your Summer harvest
- Look out for Caterpillars and Grubs on leafy vegetables. Pick them daily and keep Veggie dust on hand.
- Pinch off any flower heads on herbs such as Basil.
- Regular applications of liquid fertiliser will keep the harvest coming.
- Crops to be sown from now are beetroot, lettuce, silverbeet, carrots and rainbow chard. Cress, dill and parsley can also go in now.



The Flower Garden

- Cut back petunias for a second flowering and continue to dead head other annuals to keep them flowering.
- Perennials that have finished flowering can be cut back and feed with a soluble fertiliser.
- It will soon be time to start thinking about planting out cooler loving plants such as stocks, dianthus, primula, candytuft, cornflower, delphinium.
- As with the vegetable garden, the flower garden will benefit from a boost of fertiliser now.
- Deadhead roses and a good feed of Sudden Impact will hold them for the Autumn flush.

New Products and Garden Specials

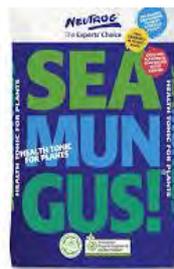
These products are designed to grow a perfect lawn.



Was \$39.95
Now \$36.95



Was \$32.95
Now \$28.95



Was \$30.00
Now \$24.00



New Classic Stoneware Pots and Urns are now in stock!

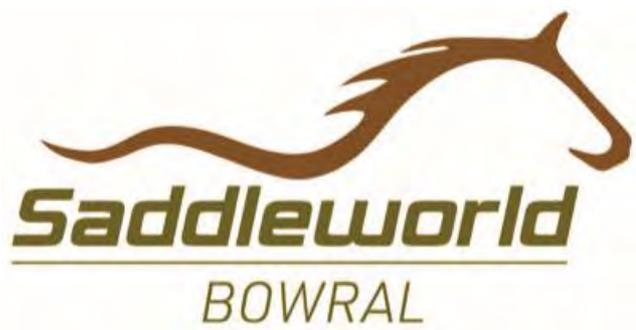


Enjoy January gardening, stay out of the heat if you can and I will see you at the Garden Centre.

Stay safe,

Jenny

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NEW to Saddleworld Bowral

Founded in 1865, Stetson was born from the spirit of the West and grew to become an American icon. John B. Stetson's friendly gesture towards a wayward traveler on the new frontier gave birth to what is now known, the world over, as the "cowboy hat." Ever since, Stetson has been a global leader in headwear, a trusted household name around the world, and has become standard equipment for rugged cowboys and western aficionados everywhere.

Come in store to see our range of Stetson Hats.



Stetson continues to create quality products that are built to last and have deep roots in the American tradition. We have a strong appreciation for objects that are made well and products that get better with age. We still craft our hats using much of the same techniques as old John B. did over 150 years ago – with an eye towards meeting the needs of the future generations of frontiersmen, pioneers, industrialists, and enthusiasts.

We strive to provide an authentic American experience and tip our hats to great legends in the making.

SALE SALE SALE !!!

Our saddle SALE has been extended to the 18th of January 2020! Great savings off a HUGE range of saddles in store, including NEW and ex demos.

Are you on social media? Give us a like on FB and Instagram and stay up to date with our latest news, sales and new stock.

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook and Instagram.



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