

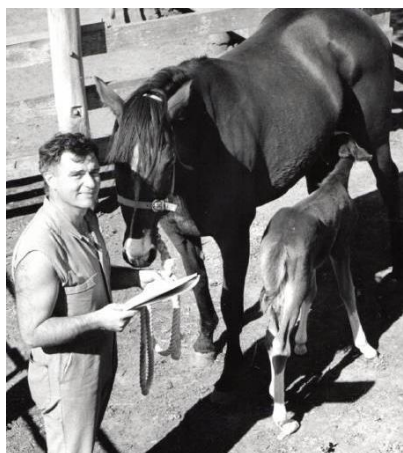
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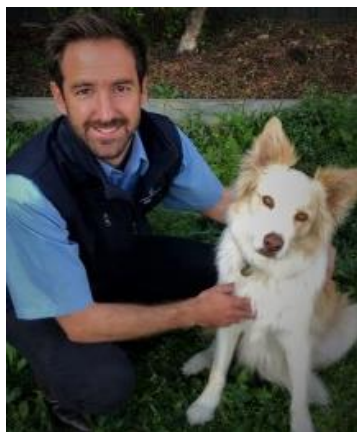
Farewell to Dr. John Dooley



Our wonderful Dr John Dooley retired in June this year, after 47 years of Veterinary Practice. We have been so privileged to have such an incredible Veterinarian and talented teacher as a part of our practice and will very much miss rubbing shoulders with John on a daily basis. John will always be a part of the practice and after some time off for a well-earned rest, will continue to provide mentorship and teaching opportunities to younger

staff in the practice. John has provided incredible service over the years to both the animals of the Manning Valley, as well as the people who love them, and has been integral to making Wingham & Valley Vets the Veterinary Hospital it is today. All the staff see John as a mentor and will continue to follow his wonderful example of dedication, thoroughness and care for his patients and clients.

Introducing our new vets Zac and Claire!



We are very excited to announce that Dr Claire Hueppauff (pronounced "Hip-off", not "Hufflepuff") and Dr. Zac Lynch have joined the Wingham & Valley Vets team, after locuming with us in January this year. We had wonderful feedback from staff and clients after their stint in January and couldn't let the opportunity pass us by to have them on the staff permanently.

Many of you have already

met Zac and Claire, but for those who haven't, you are in for a treat! They are both absolutely lovely to work with and are extraordinarily dedicated to their patients. Claire grew up on a small farm on the Eyre Peninsula in South Australia and has always had a love for animals and the country lifestyle. After graduating from the University



Cases of the Month

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Snail Bait Toxicity
Colic
Fractured Tibia
Lymphoma
Displaced Abomasum
Grass Seed Abscess
Abomasal Ulcer
Tick Paralysis
Coccidiosis

Run Dates

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Krambach: every
Tuesday

Comboyne: second
Thursday of every
month
Thurs 10th September
Thurs 8th October

Oxley Island: fourth
Thursday of every
month
Thurs 24th September
Thurs 22nd October

Coopernook,
Lansdowne & Hannam
Vale: third Wednesday
of every month
Wed 16th September
Wed 21st October

To book a job, please
call by 5pm the day
before a run.

Emergencies will be
accommodated.

Subsidised travel fees.

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In the spotlight:



Exciting New Canine Breeding Services!

We have some exciting news for our breeding clients – we have recently purchased a state-of-the-art endoscope, liquid nitrogen tanks for semen storage and a phase microscope to allow us to perform frozen transcervical insemination and advanced semen assessment. As we already offer ovarian follicle scans, in-house progesterone testing and were performing substantial numbers of regular artificial inseminations, we decided to further expand our services to include TCI, so our breeders can now have frozen inseminations performed locally, rather than needing to travel. If you would like to enquire about our canine reproduction service please give us a call and our vets would be happy to assist you.

of Adelaide in 2017 with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, both Claire and Zac have worked in Mixed Practice in the Hunter Valley and the UK. In their free time, Zac and Claire enjoy spending time outdoors with their Border Collie Jasper, surfing and playing tennis. Zac grew up in Mildura, Victoria and has a particular interest in Ophthalmology. Both Zac and Claire enjoy Soft Tissue Surgery, as well as getting out of the clinic to work with large animals. We are so happy that they are a part of our practice, please say hello and introduce yourself if you see them around the hospital.

Our Baby Boom Babies have all arrived!

You may remember reading in our previous newsletter that we have been experiencing a baby boom at Wingham & Valley Vets! Two of our Nurses, two Receptionists and one Vet were all expecting babies over the Summer. All five babies have arrived safely and both them and their Mums are doing well. Em & Brendan have had a gorgeous baby boy called Finley, Alissa & Michael have a beautiful daughter Caroline, Megs & Dave have a beautiful daughter Ellie, Amber & Daniel have a gorgeous daughter Moana and Nat & Nick have welcomed beautiful baby Grace. We have already welcomed back Em and Alissa from maternity leave and are looking forward to when Amber, Megs and Nat return to us. It has been lovely watching the Wingham & Valley Vets family grow.



COVID Update

We are working hard to constantly update our procedures to keep our staff and clients "Covid-safe". You may have noticed our reception staff and consulting Veterinarians wearing masks in consult and at the front desk. This is based on the health advice of the NSW government to help prevent the spread of the virus. We are also ensuring we sanitise surfaces regularly and are currently only allowing one owner at a time to come into the consult rooms. We would like to assist any clients who are trying to self-isolate or taking extra precautions to eliminate the risk of contracting Covid. Please call us if you would prefer not to come into the clinic and we can bring medications out to you and make arrangements for your pets to be attended to. We are constantly reviewing our policies to ensure they are in line with the current health advice from the government and are determined to play our part in keeping the pandemic under control and our community safe.

Tick Paralysis cases are starting already

Unfortunately, we have already seen several cases of tick paralysis in dogs and cats and it is only August. Many people believe tick paralysis only occurs in the warmer months of the year but in the Manning Valley we can see cases year-round, so please ensure your dog and cat are on an effective tick preventative. Tick preventatives literally save lives because sadly, not all pets who are treated for tick paralysis will survive so prevention truly is better than a cure. If you aren't sure which tick preventative will be most effective for your pet, please give our lovely reception staff a call on 6557 0000 and they will be happy to discuss this with you.

Bushfire Donations

During the December bushfires we received some donations from kind clients and members of the public, to help any animals injured or adversely affected by the fires. As a result of this generosity, we have helped many people who have lost everything in the fires, afford quality veterinary care for their pets. Thank you so much to everyone who so kindly donated, you have really made a difference.

September is Dental Month!

Take advantage of our free dental checks this September.

The majority of pets have some degree of dental disease. The most common signs of dental disease as noticed by owners are bad breath, difficulty or pain when eating, an aversion to hard foods and sometimes, weight loss. These signs usually occur once the dental disease is severe with some teeth requiring extraction, which is why it is important that your pet's teeth are checked by your Veterinarian, as the signs of early and moderate dental disease can be subtle and are often not detected by owners. Once dental disease progresses beyond grade 1, the damage to the tooth structures is permanent. Poor dental health is quite painful and can lead to high levels of bacteria in the blood stream that can damage the heart, liver and kidneys. The dog pictured above with Grade 4 disease would likely have severe difficulty eating and have chronic pain. If you would like reassurance that your pet's teeth are healthy, or if you are concerned they may have dental problems, please give us a call on 65570000 and book your free dental check with us.



Figure 1: Grade 1 Dental Disease - plaque and gingivitis



Figure 2: Grade 2 Dental Disease - calculus, gingivitis and some attachment loss



Figure 3: Grade 3 Dental Disease - severe calculus, gum recession and bone loss

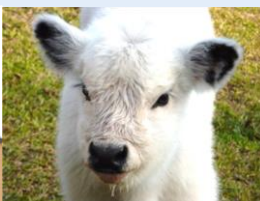


Figure 4: Grade 4 Dental Disease - severe attachment and bone loss, many teeth requiring extraction

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