

Company Information

As at the start of October, Damian Kronk has decided to take a position as the Farrowing and Mating Manager of King's Piggery at Huntly and has resigned from his position in sales with Country Vet. Damian's role at the piggery will include development and trialling of new products for Country Vet. We wish him well in his new position, and you should all be able to catch up with him again at pig industry events. Andrew Macdonald will continue to answer any queries you have on products and can be contacted at the office.

CSL Footy Tipping Awards and Pie Night



On Friday 6th September, some of our many valued clients attended the CSL Footy Tipping Awards and Pie Night at the warehouse in Murphy St. The eager crowd consumed a record 137 pies, 43 sausage rolls and 86 hot jam donuts, along with copious amounts of beverages. Vaccine guns were rigged up as sauce dispensers, and Rotechna Feeders made great serving plates for chips and dips. Many thanks go to CSL Animal Health for supporting the 2002 Footy Tipping competition and the Pie Night. Thanks must also go to Kevin Healey

RetraVision in Bendigo (one of our Pig Points supporters) for the loan of their big screen TV to watch Collingwood defeat Port Adelaide.

Product of the Month

For the month of October, Pharmtech's new product Mycobond will be the product of the month.

Mycobond is a natural mineral compound with a high capacity of binding harmful mycotoxins found in mould contaminated animal feeds and feed ingredients.

Mycobond is a high affinity sorbent that binds mycotoxins found in feeds. In this bound form the harmful toxins pass through the alimentary tract of the animal to be voided in the faeces.

Mycobond thereby helps prevent the absorption of aflatoxins etc. into the body and so protects the animal against their deleterious effects.

Mycobond acts as a fluidiser keeping feeds and feed ingredients free flowing. Mycobond has a high absorptive capacity for water and fats (150%) and so aids binding in high fat pelleted feeds.

Mycobond exerts a gelling effect, which helps dry faeces and slows the passage of food through the gut, allowing greater digestive time, making better use of available nutrients and therefore improving feed efficiency.

(Mycobond information taken from Pharmtech's brochure.)

Staff Profile – Clare Cappy

Clare joined Chris Richards & Associates in February this year as the company accountant, after seven and a half years with



AFS & Associates, a local Bendigo accountancy firm. Clare is a Chartered Accountant and looks after the financial side of both Chris Richards & Associates Country Vet, and Kings Piggery.



Clare was born in Castlemaine and now lives in Bendigo. She loves to travel, and has travelled throughout Europe and the USA.

After many years in public practice, she has found the pig industry to be extremely challenging (especially with a boss like Chris!).

Product News

- Bayer Animal Health has taken over the distribution of RoboCan Automatic Air Care System. The RoboCan range of products are used to eliminate insects and flies, through a battery operated MicroMist Dispenser of a natural pyrethroid.
- RespiSure 100 ml's are now back in stock
- Stop That!! Tail and Ear Bite Prevention Spray is a new product exclusively available for clients of Chris Richards & Associates. It is available in a 500ml spray or 500g ointment, and is applied to the tail of pigs to prevent tail biting.

- Mycobond mycotoxin binding agent is a new product available from Country Vet

Diary Dates

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October 1 – PIC Victorian Golf Day, Bendigo Golf Club

November 14 – Chris Richards & Associates and Country Vet Wholesaling Bendigo Cup Day

December 24 – Chris Richards & Associates and Country Vet Wholesaling close for Christmas at 3:00pm, to reopen on 2nd January

December 31 – Last day to earn Pig Points

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January 2 - Chris Richards & Associates and Country Vet Wholesaling reopen for business

March 15-18 – Pig Points Conference in Queenstown, New Zealand

April 8-9 – Victorian Pig Fair at Bendigo

