



NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations.....

Well done to Chris and Jody on the safe arrival of their second daughter Elise Maggie.



BIOSECURITY

The issue of biosecurity is certainly topical at the moment with the industry on September 16 receiving the decision by the Full Court of the Federal Court allowing the Government's appeal against the ruling of Justice Wilcox which determined that quarantine protocols for imported pigmeat were unlawful. Australia wishes to remain free of diseases such as PWMS and exotic diseases that would certainly have devastating effects on our industry.

Biosecurity encompasses numerous practical measures to limit the spread of infectious diseases on one's farm or between farms. It will now remain as important practice as ever to employ.

Cleaning and disinfecting are essential to any biosecurity program.

The ideal disinfectant should be:

- Active against a wide range of viruses, bacteria and fungi.
- Safe to handle and free of strong odours.
- Active in the presence of dust or organic matter.
- Have a long period of activity.

These six groups of disinfectants have their own special properties.

	Chlorine based	Peroxygen compounds	Phenols unchlorinated	Phenols chlorinated	Iodo-phors	QAC compounds
Can be used in aerosol	A few	Yes	No	A few	Yes	Yes
Corrosive to metal/rubber	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No
Detergent action	No	Yes	No	Some	Yes	Yes
Effectiveness in presence of organic matter	Moderate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Moderate	No
Good action against bacteria	Moderate	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Moderate
Good action against viruses	Yes	Yes	Poor	Poor	Yes	No
Persistent residues	No	No	Yes	No	Poor	Yes
Speed of action	Quick	Quick	Moderate	Moderate	Quick	Moderate
Staining	Some	No	Yes	Yes	Some	No
Toxic or irritant	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Some	No

Extracted from Managing Pig Health and the Treatment of Disease, Muirhead and Alexander 1997.

Examples and classes of disinfectants available;

Virkon S – Peroxygen compounds

Farm Fluid S – Phenol compounds

Terminator – Glutaraldehyde and QAC

Stalosan F – Inorganic compounds

BIOSECURITY CHECKLIST

Use the following checklist to assess the effectiveness of your biosecurity program. If you ticked No for any parameter, this could be an area to be discussed further with one of our vets.



	Yes	No	N/A
Introduction of New Stock <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are replacement gilts purchased from a single source? • If semen is bought onto farm, is it from a centre with a known health status? • Are introduced stock quarantined for a minimum of 8 weeks? Is the quarantine site at least 3 km from the main farm? 			
Swill Feeding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do staff bring pig products onto the piggery? • Is there a designated place for staff to eat away from the pigs? • Are you confident that all feed ingredients given to your pigs are not classified as swill? 			
Controlled Access – visitors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do all visitors get prior approval before entering the piggery? • Do they sign a visitor's book prior to entry? • Can they only enter the piggery through one entry point? • Are boots and overalls provided for visitors? Controlled Access – staff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are all staff aware of rules regarding contact with other pigs? Controlled Access – vehicles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are trucks cleaned prior to entering the piggery? 			
Physical Barriers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have appropriate fencing or barriers to prevent access of feral animals? • Is an effective pest control program in place? 			
Hygiene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is all equipment brought on farm by visitors and consultants cleaned and disinfected prior to entry? • Are all facilities cleaned and disinfected between batches? 			
Water, Feed and Bedding Sources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If water is of suspect quality, is chlorination a practice you employ? • Is bedding stored to avoid contamination from rats, birds and mice? • Is feed bought from a reputable source? 			
Staff Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is all staff trained in recognition of disease or unusual signs/symptoms? 			
Keep Out <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you have signs on perimeter gates restricting entry? 			

FOOTY TIPPING 2005 THE WINNERS AND.....



It was a close contest this year with a tie for first and second. Due to this, the prizes are split as follows:

NAME	POINTS	PRIZE
Damian Kronk	118	\$185.00 voucher
Jack Mullane	118	\$185.00 voucher
Mick Slater	116	\$40.00 voucher
Bridget Jervois	116	\$40.00 voucher
Shaun Megson	115	
Brett Dye	114	
Bernie Torney	113	
Hugo Dunlop	112	
Chas Hocking	112	
Nathan Schroeder	111	
Justin Kennedy	110	
Jenny Thomson	110	
Stuart Rowsell	109	
Sue Goettler	108	
Jamie Mullane	108	
Karen Mullane	108	
Noel Stone	108	
Tim Kingma	107	
Aeger Kingma	107	
Jarad Smith	107	
Adrian Thomson	107	

*Thanks to all those
who participated
in this years
competition!*

*Anyone interested in
where they ended up on
the Footy Tipping Ladder
can contact Leonie.*



Sean Pollock

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\$50.00 voucher

Each winner gets the choice of a Retravision or Liquorland voucher.

STAFF UPDATE

As this is our first newsletter since November last year, we thought it an appropriate time to update our customers on staff changes at the CR&A office.

LEONIE WERAGODA APPOINTED VETERINARY SERVICES MANAGER

Leonie is a Bendigo lady born and bred. Prior to commencing at Chris Richards and Associates she worked in another swine veterinary consultancy business for seven years as Practice Manager. She is married with 2 children and used to enjoy spending time on the netball court until she broke her ankle in May. Hopefully she'll be back on court soon. Leonie is responsible for co-ordinating the vet's movements/activities and assisting with Chris Richards and Associates customer queries.

KERRY TAYLOR APPOINTED CUSTOMER SERVICES OFFICER

Kerry grew up on a mixed enterprise property near Echuca. She completed an Advanced Diploma In Agriculture at Longerenong College near Horsham. On completion of this course Kerry worked for Livestock agents in Bendigo for 2 years then went travelling around the world for 12 months, basing herself in Ireland. Kerry started with Country Vet mid August not long after returning from her travels. Kerry is responsible for taking any orders or queries regarding dispatch.

LOOK WHO'S BACK

The last few months have seen a couple of staff members return from maternity leave. Clare Banfield returned in early June. Her new role is as a costs analyst for the Chris Richards group of companies. Jacinta Mathews returned in late July. She is available for QA audits, pregnancy testing and technical support.

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DIARY DATES

November 9, 2005
Chris Richards and Associates
and Country Vet Bendigo Cup
Day

November 27th-30th, 2005
APSA Biennial Conference
Christchurch, New Zealand

May 2006
(dates to be confirmed)
Chris Richards and Associates
Partnership Program Confer-
ence, Gold Coast

May 4th-7th, 2006
Pan Pacific Pork Expo
Gold Coast Convention Centre

Country Vet store

A boots 'n' all promotion

collect 200 points
and receive a
free pair of
R.M. Williams
boots.

Valued at \$300

Tech-Medic
An antiseptic that prevents
spread of infection around
the farm. Kills bacteria, fungi,
and spores.
500ml \$239.00

Pervic
To use in the prevention
of mastitis in cows caused by
E. coli bacteria.
100ml \$16.25

Res-Q-1
An oral dewormer that
prevents and treats worm
infection in horses.
100ml \$16.50
500ml \$18.00

Res-Q-10
A single dose wormer that
kills the development of
worms in horses used for
agriculture.
100ml \$97.10
500ml \$119.00

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CHRIS WHITING APPOINTED SALES AND MARKETING MANAGER FOR COUNTRY VET

Chris completed his B. App. Sc. (Agric) Melbourne University (Longerenong Campus) in 1989 and began his career in agriculture working as an Embryo Technician for Embryo Technology Services working with predominantly sheep and goats. Following this he had a stint as Farm Overseer at Glendook Animal Quarantine Station in Telopea Downs where he was involved in management of the facilities day to day operations. He was then invited to spend several months doing contract Embryo Transfer work on an U.S. Dept Ag grant throughout the U.S. Prior to accepting the position with Country Vet, he spent 12 years at Intervet Australia in rolls ranging from Sales Representative for Vet Ethical Products and Intensive Animal products later to become the Customer Service Manager.

Chris is married to Samantha and they have two young children Max 4 and Georgia 20 months. His hobbies include dirt bike riding camping with his family and most out door activities.