



SEPTEMBER diary dates

6th Father's Day

#stayhome
#staysafe
#staypositive

OPENING HOURS

Mon to Thurs 8am - 5.30 pm
Friday 8am - 6pm
Saturday 8am - 3pm
Sunday **CLOSED**
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CAPEWEED control

Capeweed can be poisonous to stock in high quantities so its best to get on top of it as soon as you can.

Is an annual cool-season broadleaf weed. Flowers form in late winter and spring producing woolly seeds that stick to clothing and effectively spread the weed through traffic and wind.

The deep taproot can make this weed difficult to control through both hand weeding and chemical application.

Can be a result of overgrazing – having your horse in too small an area, having too many horses in too small an area, not resting the land so that the grass can recover sufficiently with good deep root systems and resistance to heat and dry weather, spraying to kill other weeds and leaving the earth bare. All these things will create the conditions in which capeweed will flourish.

It can cause magnesium deficiency and that can lead to abnormally nervous horses and even to stringhalt.

Broadsweep by Weedforce is a great broadleaf herbicide for controlling broadleaf weeds in lawns, turf, and grass pastures. As well as Grazon extra which controls the target weeds without harming pasture grasses or having to take of stock.



Whats happening this month...

Welcome Spring!! There seems to be that feel in the air that the season is changing; with days getting a little longer, grass– plus the weeds– starting to grow again, and the blossom and wattles are blooming with colour (along with the pollen poor hayfever sufferers!!) With so much home time lately gardens and homes have never looked so good, though now is a great time to start getting pasture renovated after all the mud and spray weeds before they get big and seed– as they say “One less weed, seven years less seed”. We’re stocked up on herbicides and spray equipment, fertilisers and seeds plus spreaders to make the job easier, come ask us the best approach.

**We have some exciting news “that Pakenham Produce & Saddlery will be SELLING ONLINE very soon!!” With a new website in the works we will soon be able to sell and order online and delivery anywhere! We’ll keep our customers up to date with our progress and watch out for this service coming very soon. And don’t forget for your convenience- and to help save time- we have ‘Call and collect’ service available and our delivery service is FREE on selected days for orders over \$100 Take advantage of our service and get your goods delivered to your door or stable. And the shop is still open for all your essentials, please stay safe

COUNTRY PARK spring formula

The country park spring formula is specially designed to assist your horse to adjust to the changing Spring conditions. This blend supports and tones the digestive, circulatory, and metabolic systems. Containing a mix of herbs to assist in the maintenance of your horse through this spring season. Herbs included are fennel seeds, rosehips, celery seeds, hawthorn berries, clivers, vervain, and capsicum. Fennel seeds are a carminative herb that aids the digestive system by relieving bloating, and settling stomach pain, while also being a diuretic and anti inflammatory. Rosehips are a readily assimilated form of vitamins, minerals and other nutrients including vitamin c which acts as a natural antihistamine. Celery seeds are used to treat urinary, rheumatic, and arthritic problems which assists the kidneys in eliminating excess body wastes. Hawthorn berries assist in heart function by improving metabolism and assisting the circulatory system. Clivers is a nutritive herb used to support the body’s lymphatic system while also holding antiseptic qualities and generally detoxifying. Vervain is a relaxing tonic used to assist the nervous, respiratory, and hepatic systems. Capsicum is high in flavonoids which assist in general functioning throughout the body.

Country Park animal herbs



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foaling season



The official Australian breeding season begins on 1 September every year. From this time, mares can be mated to or 'covered by' stallions. Mares are termed "seasonally polyoestrus" which means that they have a well-defined breeding season with multiple heat cycles, as well as a non-breeding season, or anoestrus, during winter when daylight hours are shortest.

Each cycle, or oestrus, lasts an average of 21 days; though in the height of summer the cycle can shorten to 18 days. During each oestrus cycle, the mare will be unreceptive for 16 days (known as dioestrus), and then accept the stallion for the last 4-5 days. This is when she is "on heat".

Ovulation occurs approximately 24 hours before the end of the oestrus cycle. This is the best time to breed the mare either by natural cover or artificial insemination techniques. Veterinarians can check the mare's ovaries with an ultrasound scan to determine when she is likely to ovulate, and therefore improve the chance of pregnancy.

If the mare conceives, her pregnancy will then last 11 months (length of pregnancy can be anywhere from 310 to 365 days). If she does not conceive, then she will have another oestrus cycle. Veterinarians can perform ultrasound scans to confirm pregnancy at 15 days and 45 days after either natural cover or artificial insemination.

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in the garden

jobs to do

- Sow seed or transplant runners into bare patches in lawns. Topdress to fill hollows. Use a garden fork to aerate the lawn (pushing and pulling the fork in and out of the soil) then follow up by feeding with a good quality lawn fertiliser.
- Separate young bromeliad suckers from the mother plant when they're about one-third mature size.
- Now is the time for preparing and planting vegetable gardens, an addition of Seasol with help to condition the soil and feed the soils micro-organism and worms, and ultimately better root and plant growth, and mulch with pea straw or sugar cane
- Fertilise Daffodils and winter flowering bulbs, before foliage is dies off, with Blood and Bone and Organic life pellets available in 20kg bags
- Apply a slow release fertiliser to potted plants and indoor plants, and on warm days take indoor plants outside and leave in a shaded spot for the day
- Plant some natives to bring birds into the garden; for example Grevilleas, Callistemons (aka Bottle-brush), Hakeas
- Prune spring-flowering shrubs as soon as their flowering's finished.
- Feed all established fruit trees with a Complete Fruit Tree fertilisers, and an addition of compost will help add organic matter to feed worms and soil microbes. Good idea to mulch to lock in moisture

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Tomatoes	Basil	Spinach
Lettuce	Cabbage	Peas
Parsnip	Leek	Marrow
Radish	Beans	Parsley
Potato	Sweet corn	Pumpkin
Broccoli		Cucumber

what to plant

what's in flower

Camelias	Statice
Agapanthus	Gerbera
Ranunculi	Heliconia
Dahlia	Blue bells
Easter Daisy	Alstroemeria
Lisianthus	Cyclamen



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