

ON FARM

**As the world changes again,
our essential workers wake up
to another days work.**

New Season – New Horizons

As we head into spring, preparing for breeding and listening to COVID briefings, we can reflect on how the world has changed, yet stayed the same.

As a rural community we're more aware than ever of the wellbeing of our families, workers and neighbours with the impact of a very busy start of the season with Covid Level 4 added to the mix.

At The Vet Centre we have adapted to the continuing challenges of the pandemic, the resultant Vet shortages and medicine supply issues. Member and client services remain top of our mind in every decision we make.

Our Annual General Meeting takes place on the 29th September. Despite the complexity of the past two years, The Vet Centre has achieved steady growth and a stable profit result alongside asset improvements and community contributions.

We had intended to have a member keynote speaker and dinner as part of the AGM. However due to the restricted group requirements of Level 2 the dinner and speaker will be rescheduled for later in the year.

Our auditors BDO have provided a positive report and we look forward to sharing our strategic plan and outlook with members.



The Vet Centre

Executive Committee Member Nominations

A key part in the successful management of The Vet Centre is the leadership, experience and community connection the executive committee of The Otamatea Vet Club provides.

Two positions will come up for re-election. Mike Bellamy is retiring after 9 years on the committee and a second position is coming up by rotation.

If you have governance experience and/or sound business acumen and are committed to what the Vet Club stands for – you are the person we are looking for. If you are interested in standing you must be nominated by a paid-up member. Meetings take place monthly and committee members receive an honorarium.

A nomination form is included in with this newsletter.

Upcoming Events

29 September 6:30 PM

AGM

Maungaturoto Country Club

The AGM is the ideal opportunity for connecting with members. It provides members with the opportunity to gain insight into our financial results and strategic vision for the future, elect executive committee members and ask questions of management and the committee.

Date: To be confirmed

Taking Time to Thrive Loshni Manikam

Loshi specialises in working on people development in the agri-sector because of her conviction that people are the key component of the continued success of the sector – unlocking their potential has benefits for the individual, their farming business, their community, and our sector. **See over for details >**

DAIRY

SPRING

REPRO

AUTUMN

YOUNG STOCK

BULLS

BEEF

SHEEP

SEPTEMBER						OCTOBER				
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	
Fonterra Animal Wellbeing Plans (AWP)										
<input type="radio"/> If you haven't got to completing your AWP. Contact your local clinic.										
Eprisure for parasite suppression										
<input type="radio"/> If you've got good grass growth. Boost appetite for additional milk production and upto 7kg of extra milk solids										
Body condition scoring (as per your AWP prior to PSM)										
Feedplan for low BCS					Feedplan for low BCS					
Body condition scoring										
<input type="radio"/> 15 month Heifers should be at 270kg or 60% of mature liveweight										
Trace elements / Minerals as required										
Blood test for Magnesium and Copper <input type="radio"/> Magnesium supplement through to end of Oct if required <input type="radio"/> Premating copper / selenium if required										
Monitor and treat lameness										
<input type="radio"/> Have Ketomax on hand to alleviate pain and improve recovery										
Monitor for bloat										
Watch for bloat in warmer and rapid grass growing conditions										
Metrichecking										
At least 2 weeks prior to mating						Spring Mating starting 1 October				
Pre-mate tailpainting of herd										
<input type="radio"/> Brief staff on heat detection										
Spring non-cyclers										
<input type="radio"/> For best results treat early										
Heifer synchrony										
Synchronise heifers 2 weeks before PSM - discuss with vet										
Heifer bull mating										
				1 bull per 30 heifers with at least 2 bulls in a mob						
Autumn herd pregnancy scan										
6 weeks After Bull removal										
Trace Elements										
<input type="radio"/> Maintain trace element regime										
Monitor SCC and BCS										
<input type="radio"/> Treat and manage accordingly										
Disbudding										
Book in a vet tech team for disbudding for calves [2- 6 weeks old]										
Vaccination										
<input type="radio"/> 7 in 1 spring calf vac. Sensitiser when youngest is 4 weeks old. <input type="radio"/> 7 in 1 spring calf booster 4 -6 weeks after first shot.										
Trace elements and diagnostics										
Mineral checks and test for BVD										
Observe action and performance										
						Monitor for repro fail. Rest frequently to keep keen. Watch for and treat lameness				
Body condition management										
<input type="radio"/> BCS goal 5. Consistent BCS builds consistent results and higher returns.										
Trace elements and diagnostics										
Mineral checks and test for BVD										
RVM										
<input type="radio"/> Book in for your annual RVM script										
Vaccination										
Lambvax at docking for PK tetanus						<input type="radio"/> Scabine vax on known properties				
Young stock										
				Support immunity development Drench lambs every 28 days from weaning until 9-12 months to reduce larval peak in Autumn.						

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER

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NOTES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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31	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; padding: 5px;"> <div style="width: 15%;"> <p style="font-weight: bold; color: blue; writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">TODO</p> </div> <div style="width: 15%; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">SPRING HERDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Body Condition <input type="checkbox"/> Trace Elements <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor bloat </div> <div style="width: 15%; background-color: #0070C0; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">REPRO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Book Metrichick <input type="checkbox"/> Treat non-cyclers <input type="checkbox"/> Heifer synchrony </div> <div style="width: 15%; background-color: #6A329F; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">YOUNG HERDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Book Disbudding <input type="checkbox"/> 7 in 1 CalfVac <input type="checkbox"/> 7 in 1 booster </div> <div style="width: 15%; background-color: #FF0000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">BULLS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Test BVD <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral check <input type="checkbox"/> Body Condition </div> <div style="width: 15%; background-color: #008000; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">BEEF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Test BVD <input type="checkbox"/> Trace Minerals <input type="checkbox"/> Book RVM </div> <div style="width: 15%; background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p style="font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">SHEEP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Lambvax <input type="checkbox"/> Drench Lambs <input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up drench </div> </div>					

Book in your routine requirements with your local Vet Centre clinic.

Waipu Clinic
 53 The Centre | 09 432 0693
 ✉ waipu@thevetcentre.net.nz

Ruawai Clinic
 23 Jellicoe Road | 09 439 2506
 ✉ ruawai@thevetcentre.net.nz

Mangawhai Clinic
 36 Moir St | 09 431 4535
 ✉ mangawhai@thevetcentre.net.nz

Maungaturoto Clinic
 184 Hurdall St | 09 431 8318
 ✉ maungaturoto@thevetcentre.net.nz



The Vet Centre

Maungaturoto | Waipu | Mangawhai | Ruawai



Taking Time to Thrive

Building Resilience into your Farm business and Rural Community

Loshni Manikam

Date TBC: Maungaturoto Country Club

We're very pleased to confirm an 'international local' Loshni Manikam, who met local Northland Farmer Donald Kidd in England before immigrating to NZ

Loshni grew up in South Africa before travelling to England where she met Donald Kidd – a Northland dairy farmer, who introduced her to the joys of living in rural New Zealand.

They've been married for over 2 decades, have three sometimes-lovely children and farm in Southland on a 600-cow dairy farm.

She specialises in working on people development in the agri-sector because of her conviction that people are the key component of the continued success of the sector – unlocking their potential has benefits for the individual, their farming business, their community, and our sector.

Her fascination with human behaviour has seen her career transition from law to dairy farming to leadership coaching and now to supporting rural women with her business Thriving Farming Women.

Loshni was awarded the title of Fonterra Dairy Women of the Year in 2018 in recognition of her work to create positive change in the agri-sector. Some of her work includes contracting for Farmstrong and DairyNZ as a facilitator and coach. Also, as Escalator Programme Director for AWDT and with Federated Farmers Southland Committee member, chairing the DWN national conference, along with workshop delivery for RWNZ and working with Rural Support.

RSVP ✉ marketing@thevetcentre.net.nz or ph: 09 431 8318

WIN a BVD Antibody Virus Check

Book your trace element blood tests at The Vet Centre before 22nd Sept and go in the draw

Valued at **\$250**. (One prize per clinic)

Trace Element Mineral Checks for Optimal Stock Performance

Getting the mineral levels right in your animals is crucial for optimal stock performance.

Because the amounts of minerals required are low and there is a fine line between deficiency, being adequate, or becoming toxic, we recommend our mineral testing and advisory service. We have the options of blood testing, performing liver biopsies or analysing samples from the freezing works.

Regular testing provides a fuller picture for ongoing farm and animal health management.

To see which method of testing is right for you, and the best times to check your animals' levels, talk to one of the Vet team at The Vet Centre.

Right now is the time to be testing and creating supplementation plans as required.

Recommended spring blood monitoring

Selenium: Deficiency can affect conception rates. Adequate selenium levels are important in periparturient immunity for reducing mastitis, metritis and assisting with retained fetal membranes.

Copper: Copper is an essential mineral for cattle that helps in a variety of animal processes primarily related to growth. The risk of copper deficiency is highest in calves, heifers and late pregnant cows (as the calf takes copper from the cow's blood to build up its own reserves)

Vitamin B12. Low levels may indicate suboptimal nutrition, affecting the ability of ruminal microflora to synthesise vitamin B12.

Inorganic iodine: Required for energy metabolism, milk production, protein synthesis, lamb/ calf survivability and reproduction.