



Apply for the next Masterclass NOW

DPIRD WA are coordinating the next NABS Masterclass – it will be held in Broome on Friday 6th & Saturday 7th March 2020.

Places close really soon – 1st Feb – so when you have finished reading this newsletter get onto the email and send in an application. More details below.

Participants are welcome from across northern Australia. There is no registration fee and there is some financial support available for travel and accommodation. This will be another great opportunity to network and learn.

We are sharing two interesting SDIs this issue – both great rule-outs for possible exotic diseases.

Cheers Kev
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NABS SDIs (private and govt)



Vesicles on teats of one cow in a herd

In October the owners of a 300-cow dairy on the Atherton Tablelands noticed these lesions on one cow at the afternoon milking.

Although they were unsure whether an investigation was warranted, they were worried that the problem (whatever it was) might spread at milking. They took the photo and sent it to their regular vet - who initiated an SDI.

With the biggies ruled out, everyone got to sleep well at night.



Photo of affected teat sent by owner to his veterinarian, who initiated an SDI.

[Read more](#)

Twelve horses dull and lethargic in a herd of 30

Last issue of the NABS newsletter featured horses with suspected *Crotalaria* poisoning. In October 2019 another group of horses presented in Central Qld with signs suggestive of arbovirus infection or toxic plant poisoning.

Horses from 2 to 16 years had rough coats and were in poor body condition (2-2.5/5), some dragging their hind limbs (hind hooves squaring off) and typically run at the tail of the mob. Clinical signs were particularly noted after a rain event the previous month. Unaffected horses were bright, had clean coats and were in good body condition (4/5).

A full range bloods were collected from 10 affected horses (@ red, purple, green and grey top), and tested negative for: Equine Infectious Anaemia, Ross River Virus, Murray Valley Encephalitis and Kunjin Virus.

[Read more](#) on possible toxic plants and recommendations to the owner.

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What

Surveillance in the extensive Northern beef industry.

African Swine Fever in East Timor

Disease investigation review

Five special interest topics of your choice

When

6 & 7 March 2020,

8.30 am Friday to 5.00 pm on Saturday.

Where

The Mangrove Hotel, Broome, WA

Cost

There is no cost for registration.

A subsidy is available from your state agriculture department for actual expenses up to \$1000 to \$2000, depending on the circumstance. The purpose of the subsidy is to facilitate travel and accommodation.

Preference will be given to practices that have completed the pre-workshop survey and those that have signed up as NABS clinics. Early registrations will be advised of their subsidy quickly to allow you to book cheaper travel.

ACT now

Register

Tell us your choice of topics

Complete the pre-conference survey

Registrations close 1st February – get in early – places are limited

[Registration form here](#)

The value of surveillance during routine work

The NABS program is keen to quantify the value of surveillance in extensive areas in Northern Australia that occurs during veterinary visits to stations for routine procedures.

As experts in the area, clinics participating in the next Masterclass are asked to provide information that will ensure the tool being developed is representative of the private vet activities that occur in northern Australia.

The details collected will be de-identified to protect commercial interests. No information will be shared with third parties except in a collated and de-identified form.

Even if you are not able to come to the Masterclass, you can contribute to this important research to demonstrate the value of veterinary work done on stations from a surveillance perspective.

**Get the [survey form here](#) and
return to Andrew.Larkins@dpird.wa.gov.au by 1st February**

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