

MORE FUNDS FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Once again members of the Donnybrook Farm Service store, joined with the Boxco Russell family and friends in Perth to participate in the Ride to Conquer Cancer. The cycling event commences on the Perth Swan River foreshore, riding 100km on the first day to Mandurah.

In the evening Professor Peter Leedman, Director at the Harry Perkins Medical Institute in Perth addresses all the riders and volunteers at a dinner, explaining some of the research that is carried out. In addition to the Professor, some amazing stories of suffering and successful cancer treatment is spoken about by patients. These messages re-enforce the reason why you ride 200km.

This year the event raised \$4.1 million and over 800 riders participated. All the money stays in WA and goes to the Harry Perkins Medical Institute. Each rider raises a minimum \$2500 to participate and many individuals raise much more.

The winds were mostly kind on both days of the ride, but the bottom did need a little massage!



ABOVE: Members of the Tyred and Forked team, including new member Glenn Cooper after we crossed the finish line.

LOOKOUT FOR THE KIND LANDLORD

An ant knocked on the door of a house. The house owner opened the door.

"I want a place to stay," said the ant.

"I have a vacant room which you can occupy for free of cost," said the owner.

The ant went inside and occupied the vacant room.

After some days, the ant brought in another ant and requested the owner, "Can you please allow this ant to stay with me?"

"Oh sure, you can do so without paying any rent," said the owner.

After some days the ant brought a 3rd ant and requested the owner to allow it to stay with them. The owner agreed to it without asking for any rent.

This went on as the ant brought in more and more ants and the owner agreed to let them stay without any rent. One fine day, the ant brought in the *10th* ant and requested the owner to allow it to stay with them all.

The owner said, "OK, you can all stay here but now you all need to pay rent."

Now the question is:

Why did the owner ask for rent when the 10th ant came in?

Because they were now *tenants!*



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BREVIS – A NEW APPLE THINNING TOOL

Brevis, a new apple thinner, has been released onto the Australian market this season. The product is a secondary thinner and is used when the fruitlets are 8-16mm in size. The timing of Brevis is a distinct advantage because the size of the crop can be determined before Brevis is applied.

Two application rates appear on the label. The high rate is 2.2kg/ha, with the lower rate being half of this. On an easy to thin variety, the lower rate can be applied and if sufficient thinning is not occurring, a second spray at the 1.1kg/ha can be applied after a minimum of 5 days.

Brevis is registered on the most common varieties in the Donnybrook area and we have product in store at Donnybrook Farm Service.



VOLIAM TARGO LABEL EXTENDED



Voliam Targo is a combination of two chemical products that have been on the market for some years. Abamectin is the mite control chemical used in Vertimec and Chlorantraniliprole is the active chemical in the insecticide Coragen. Syngenta has combined these chemicals into the one product, Voliam Targo, which was used for the first time last year, primarily for the control of mites in pome and stone fruit.

Many growers tried the product last year and most were very pleased with the results. Mite flares were very few and because of the addition of Chlorantraniliprole, the incidence of caterpillar attack is greatly reduced. This includes looper caterpillar which is sometimes active in the spring.

In stone fruit, Voliam Targo has permit use for the suppression of Western Flower Thrips. This permit applies up until November 2020.

The label has been further extended in wine grapes and pome fruit to include the suppression of Garden Weevil. Voliam Targo is applied to pome fruit 2-6 weeks after petal fall and the timing coincides with the weevil emergence. The main target for Voliam Targo is mites, but if weevil can also be suppressed, this is an added bonus.

If you need additional information, speak to John at the store.



Are you ready for this bushfire season?



As the weather warms up it's time to start thinking about bushfire season. Come in and talk to our friendly staff about various options available to help protect your home

