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# Smithton Veterinary Service December '05 Newsletter



## Open Day

Thank you to all those who attended our recent open day and helped make it such a success. Over 200 people came through the doors with the aim of the open day to show the public some of the services we offer and to display a wide range of material relating to the animal kingdom. The displays were well accepted particularly by the younger generation many of who have never had the opportunity to examine a flea or ear mite or worm eggs under a microscope or to handle skulls from different species. Other displays included poisonous plants, Tasmanian Frogs, pregnancy diagnosis, zoonotic diseases, cow nutrition, radiographs, a working surgery and cultures on common bacteria causing mastitis.

The most successful part of the day was undoubtedly the quizzes. Not only did the kids love them but the adults joined in with more enthusiasm than has been seen in many a year. A farmer we'll call Lance spent over 2 hours searching for and milking the staff for answers in the quest for a prize. (he was successful!) Not many people finished the day without learning something even if it was only that it's very hard to cook 200 sausages in one hour but very easy to eat the same number.



**Our major prize winners for farmers on the day included:**

Tracey Bryan of Broad Meadows - Noromectin Pack valued at over \$ 650.00  
Heather Hill of Nabageena - Dectomax Pack valued at over \$ 550.00  
Scott Korpershoek Forest & Kim Archer Mella - Noromectin Inj. Packs \$100.00 each  
Trevor Porteus Edith Creek – Pregnancy Test Voucher valued at \$ 120.00  
Dulcie King Redpa and P Langley Scopus - Feed Test Vouchers valued at \$ 50.00 ea.  
H Maguire Smithton and T Kokshoorn Scopus - Oilskin Vests  
Glenda Needham Esky, Nicky Nicholls Mella - Worm Test Kits,  
Rebecca Langley Scopus Poloshirt & Legbands, Lynne Sharman Mella Poloshirt  
Anthony Grey Marrawah - Farmers Quiz Noromectin P/On valued at \$350.00  
Julie Malley Black River -Farmers Quiz Noromectin Inj. Valued at \$100.00  
Lance Styles Broad meadows - Vets/Pets (Clock)

Other winners of the small animal competitions included Dinai Hunter, Shelly Jackson, Ben Spinks, Sarah Heald and Alexander Poke to name but a few.

Thank you also to over 200 primary school children who entered the drawing competition. Winners were Amber Wilson, Nadia Grey and Elise Dawson in the under 6 yo category; Alex Coombe, Hayley Walker and Sarah Fisher in the 6-7 yo group; Chelsea Charles, Jett Walters and Eloise Chatwin in the 8-9 year olds and Brandon Kingston, Dylan Gardner and Kelsey Odgers in the 10-12 yo age group.



**Tony Bryan of Broad Meadows accepting the major prize on behalf of his wife Tracey.**