ANTHONY BENNETT & JAMES CARROLL - ‘THE VILLAGE VETS’
Country Vets & Best Mates

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN TWO FIRST DAY UNIVERSITY VETERINARY STUDENTS SIT NEXT TO EACH OTHER AT ORIENTATION? NEARLY 15 YEARS LATER, BEST MATES DR ANTHONY BENNETT & DR JAMES CARROLL RUN A MIXED VET PRACTICE IN BERRY AND ARE THE STARS OF FOXTEL LIFESTYLE’S VILLAGE VETS AUSTRALIA.

Growing up on the family farm in Nowra, Anthony always knew he wanted to work with animals and after graduating from uni, returned to his home town to work at the Berry Vet Clinic. Early on, he gravitated towards dairy cattle, small animal medicine and surgery aspects of the clinic, before taking a share in the practice in 2008. Today with best mate and other ‘Village Vet’ James Carroll, they own and operate the Berry Vet Clinic, a mixed practice managing diverse animal care.

Born in Queensland, James spent his youth growing up between country Australia and Sydney. From early on he too knew he wanted to spend his life working with the animals that surrounded him on his family’s farm in Northern NSW.

On a fateful February day in 2000, their first day of uni, Anthony and James met and a lifelong friendship was formed. After four long years spent studying, they both graduated in 2004 from Sydney University with first class honours.

Today they can be found running three successful practices managing dairy cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, alpaca and horses as well as the myriad of small animals that enter the clinic every day.

Bonded by their love of sport (be it footy, skiing, tennis or cricket), animals and the odd beer or two, they share an amazing camaraderie, born from their student days and enhanced by the experiences they’ve shared – the animals they have treated, those they have saved and lost, the businesses they have built, and the community they are an integral and proud part of.

Asked to describe each other, typical larrikin behaviour ensues, but at the end of the day it’s their friendship, passion for what they do, compassion for the animals they treat, and the owners who care for them, that make them such a lovable pair, on and off screen.


The Village Vets are available for media opportunities, appearances, events and brand partnerships.

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