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COLLEGE COURIER



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Any merch purchased between 1 Sep to 30 Nov 2024, receives a complimentary ANZCVS silk scarf!

Polo Shirts \$30.00

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To place your order or for information on measurements, please contact the College Office.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

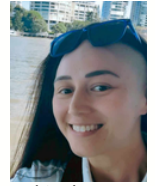
This quarter's Courier celebrates our successful 2024 Examination candidates in both Membership and Fellowship!

It was so wonderful to see so many of you at Vet Science Week 2024 - being able to put faces to names, catch up over the last 12 months or creating new connections. It was a highlight for us all, culminating with the College Awards Dinner on the Saturday evening.

We would also like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new College Office staff member, Ms Cheyenne Tuari. Cheyenne has extensive work experience in administration and joins Sharyn in our Admin Team.

The images are all about Amphibians in this edition. Giving the opportunity to feature the fabulous Desert Rain Frog.

A reminder that you are more than welcome to send through any animal/wildlife photos! We would love to feature our Members' fascinating finds in future Couriers!



Quick Quiz Answer:
An army

Quick Quiz:
What's the term for a group of frogs?



CEO REPORT Mr Stephen Alderman

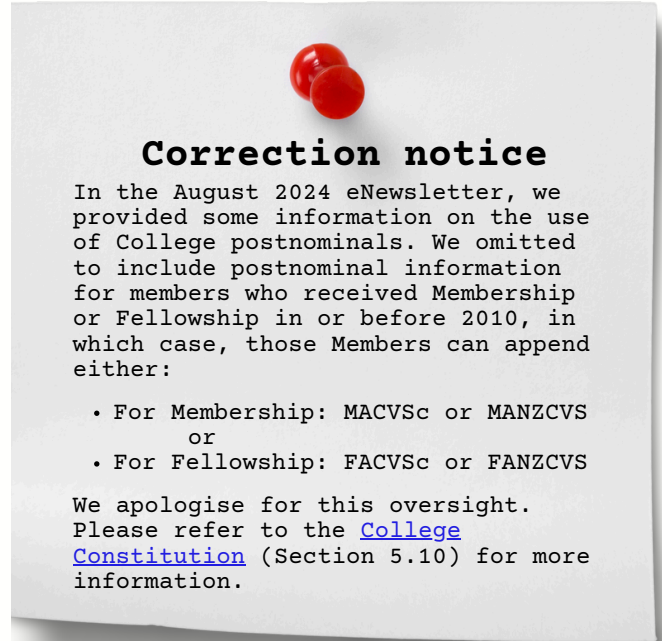
As we move into the last quarter of 2024, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on our shared achievements and look ahead to the exciting opportunities in the future.

The 2024 examination results are in, and with great pride, we congratulate all the successful candidates! In this edition of the Courier, you'll find the full list of our new members and fellows. Witnessing the consistent growth of our community year after year is always very rewarding.

Over the past three months, hundreds of College members have been actively involved in examination processes and delivering Vet Science Week. The dedication and support of our volunteers have played a crucial role in the success of both events. I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude wholeheartedly to each and every person who contributed to these annual activities that are critical to the growth and operation of the College.

The atmosphere at Vet Science Week 2024 was once again bustling, and the College motto "Certify, Educate, Share" truly came to life. The program featured 354 presentations from more than 200 speakers, sharing their knowledge and dedication to the veterinary sector.

In contrast to declining delegate numbers at other conferences, the value of Vet Science Week was reinforced by the attendance of more than 900 delegates gathering on the sunny Gold Coast for this unique veterinary event.

Correction notice

In the August 2024 eNewsletter, we provided some information on the use of College postnominals. We omitted to include postnominal information for members who received Membership or Fellowship in or before 2010, in which case, those Members can append either:

- For Membership: MACVSc or MANZCVS or
- For Fellowship: FACVSc or FANZCVS

We apologise for this oversight. Please refer to the [College Constitution](#) (Section 5.10) for more information.

The Awards Dinner at the Glass House was also a fantastic affair celebrating the achievements of the many well-deserving recipients. We have already started planning for Vet Science Week 2025, which will take place from the 24th to the 26th of July, so remember to save the date.

Have you considered a role in examinations? The Board of Examiners is offering an online workshop this November, providing you with a chance to learn more about the various roles available and how they can benefit you both now and in the future. Attending these workshops is a great learning opportunity to discover, update or refine examining skills, which will prove helpful in other areas of your career.

To register your interest, email examinations@anzcvs.org.au, and we'll keep you updated on the workshop details and invites.

Stephen Alderman





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr David Tabrett



Since we last received the Courier, we have enjoyed the peak of College activity with exams completed, Science Week, and our annual Awards Dinner. This cycle which seems so familiar to us, arrives with a 50+ year history of changes in cities, dates, processes and technology.

I was reminded again of this history when I recently attended my uni class reunion after 35 years in practice. Whilst discussions reminisced of past glories when we were young(er), and perhaps a nod to ageing bodies as we contemplated health concerns – maybe induced by some of those past glories from youth! What stood out to me was our sense of community, of our shared experiences, and how that stood us ready to take us further over the following decades.

The legacy of the College foundations, arising from a vision of a future where excellence in veterinary science could be tested, acknowledged and recognised, has progressed over five decades to our current format. Those individuals who held the vision recognised that a change was needed, that the environment of veterinary science within Australia growing in the early 1970s, and to express this vision, they created an institution that could fulfil these goals.

This tradition created a robust foundation upon which the current College can stand. In the same manner when a change was desired back then, it was recognition of the changing environment for veterinary accreditation, something that did not exist prior to the establishment of the College. We rely upon this foundation. We trust in this foundation. We hold the structures and practices of the past as reassuring and tested. We believe in this foundation. And we recognise the value this legacy institution has created within the Australasian veterinary community and the broader societal value that our members provide.

This gives rise to an observation on the paradox of legacy and change. Just as these founders saw a vision for excellence, in response to their changing environment, College leaders have over the past 50+ years responded to changes in their contemporaneous positions, enacting structural and procedural changes to best position the College as the pre-eminent body charged with credentialing veterinary excellence.

In more recent years, the disruption of the pandemic, accelerated the shift to online examinations.

These changes focussed our attention on the robustness of the examination process, including addressing reliability and validity facets. Governance of the examination processes through Chapter Subject Examination Committees and the Board of Examiners ensures that we can demonstrate to domestic and international regulators that the accreditation awarded by the College stands as testament to the characteristic of excellence displayed by the examination candidates within their field of endeavour.

Rather than looking at tradition as the standard by which we operate, we should recognise that it was the response to change, and a vision to create a strong College, that certifies, educates & shares within our scientific community. It was the vision of the founders of our College who give us the responsibility today to continuously build upon our legacy. We do well not to waste the responsibility of this leadership.

It was Justice Michael Kirby who referenced the phrase “conservative activism”, a posture that maintains an institution that holds steady, strong in its ability to absorb the changes around it. In his discussion, he referred to the law, particularly focussed on the US, UK India and Australia.[1] Equally we should recognise that a conservative position towards our future College environment should be considered a form of activism, a deferral of the responsibility to remain alert to our environment, ready to respond to the changing territory.

It is with this mindset of foundation combined with expanding the vision for our College future, we embrace the challenges in front of us. We continue to act with the intent of our community, to welcome new members, to accredit new Fellows, and to educate our veterinary profession.

David Tabrett

¹Kirby, M. (1997). Judicial Activism. Western Australian Law Review, 27(July), 1.

Cyber Security Reminder

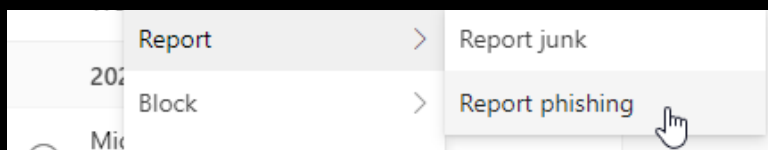
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Lucy's Project is a national charity that aims to improve the safety of people and animals experiencing domestic and family violence through collaboration, advocacy, research and education. With two-thirds of Australian households having at least one animal, this means that in situations of domestic and family violence there is likely to be an animal present and, in many cases, the animal is also experiencing abuse. We believe that assisting clinicians to feel confident in the next steps to take if they are concerned they may be witnessing a case of intentional animal injury and domestic abuse is imperative to both animal and human welfare, including for the mental health of the veterinarian involved.

Join us at our conference October 16 - 17, and learn from leading Australian and international researchers and practitioners about:

- Emerging and better practice in supporting people and animals experiencing domestic and family violence
- Different ways that human and animal services and law enforcement can support and protect people and animals
- How the safety of people and animals is interconnected and why it's important to enable people and animals to heal and recover together
- Tailored education programs are also available for your clinic.

For enquiries, please contact Dr. Belinda Oppenheimer: 0494 197 334 or belinda@lucysproject.com



CHIEF EXAMINER'S REPORT

A/Prof Jennifer Carter

Happy September everyone!

This report finds us reflecting on the 2024 examinations cycle and looking forward to next year. The College delivered Membership and Fellowship exams to over 400 candidates across 23 Membership and 8 Fellowship subjects. While most candidates reside in the Australasian region, this included quite a few international candidates as well. The latter is important to highlight as this necessitated the College Office liaising across not only many venues, but many time zones as well. This year also represented a return to in-person practical and oral Fellowship exams for the first time since 2019. The office staff worked tirelessly in the background to ensure another year of successful examination delivery and deserve a round of applause from all of our College membership.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all of our volunteer-based examiner teams. We are all very appreciative of your efforts and you should feel very proud of the examinations you produced. Lastly, I want to thank my colleagues on the Board of Examiners and, in particular, the Assistant Chief Examiners, Linda Abraham and Lydia Hambrook, for their herculean efforts across the year.

A few updates to bring to the membership this month:

The first is to update some changes to the Board of Examiners – first, a welcome to Dr Nick Bamford as our newest member of the BOE. Nick has a strong background in the College and is involved in assessment in academic veterinary medicine as well. He will bring valuable skills to our team. Linda and Lydia, our ACEs, have stepped back from their roles and I'd like to thank Jana Leshinsky for stepping into the ACE role for the Training and Credentials committee and Ruth Sutcliff for stepping into the ACE role for the Examinations Committee.



The second update is surrounding the 2025 examination cycle. I know, we have barely finished 2024, but it is never too early to start thinking about the 2025 exams! This year we will be running our spring virtual examinations training day a little differently and instead will provide pre-recorded training sessions (with live Q&As) run on several dates. We have run the virtual training days for the last few years and have found that they are quite successful in providing strong foundational knowledge to examination teams. We hope that the separated and pre-recorded platform will make them more widely accessible. We strongly encourage any member interested in the examinations process to tune in but, in particular, we'd like to make sure that Chapter SEC members and 2025 examination teams watch the training sessions.

Finally, I wanted to update the membership that the BOE and College office will be trialling a new initiative to undertake spot "health checks" of Fellowship training programs beginning soon. The purpose of these checks is to provide an additional level of quality assurance to our training programs and may involve discussions with program supervisors as well as trainees. They should not require substantial time commitments and should not be viewed as a burden.

~ Jen





Hop to it!

Membership applications are now being accepted for 2025!

- Animal Nutrition (Ruminant)
- Animal Reproduction
- Avian Medicine and Surgery
- Medicine & Surgery of Unusual Pets
- Medicine of Beef Cattle
- Medicine of Dairy Cattle
- Medicine of Goats
- Medicine of Horses
- Medicine of Sheep
- Pig Health & Production
- Small Animal Medicine
- Small Animal Surgery
- Veterinary Anaesthesia & Analgesia
- Veterinary Behaviour
- Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care
- Veterinary Epidemiology
- Veterinary Parasitology and Parasitic Diseases*
- Veterinary Practice (Equine)
- Veterinary Practice (Small Animal)
- Veterinary Radiology (Large Animal)
- Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
- Veterinary Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation (Equine)

2025 Membership Applications



*Please contact the College office to confirm if this subject is available.

Are you passionate about changing the future of the veterinary field and its professionals? Think about becoming an Examiner.

Dr Renshaw graciously provided this testimonial.

The opportunity to be an Examiner for the ANZCVS is a role I would recommend to all who are eligible in their chosen chapters to consider volunteering for. The position opens up fantastic avenues to meet fellow members and specialists from many different locations in Australia and New Zealand and beyond.

The pursuit to create excellence within the examination process is driven by team work, which in turn, helps to consolidate knowledge in your chosen field, in a supportive, stimulating environment.

I hope that I have the opportunity to be an Examiner again.

~ Dr Kerri Renshaw



Your Chapter needs you!

Do you like to axolotl questions?
A toad'al natural with numbers?
A newt-ral born leader?

Wherever your strengths lie, your Chapter needs your help. Reach out to your Chapter Executives, or the College Office, to see how you can get involved.





Project Officer Report

Dr Rachel Tan

Vet Science Week 25-27 July 2024



2024 was another fantastic year with a full program of 15 concurrent sessions running over the 3 days with several sold-out pre-conference workshops. The re-designed social program of the Welcome Reception on Thursday and Happy Hour on Friday was a success and planned to continue for 2025. The Awards dinner at a new venue, The Glasshouse, was an amazing opportunity to recognise our new Members, Fellows and Award recipients.

Speaker proceedings for available VSW sessions are now available via this link: [VSW24 - Speaker Proceedings](#)

Complimentary access to the 2024 Feline Masterclass recorded sessions for 2024 Feline Workshop delegates and paid access for any other veterinarian or ANZCVS Members will be released shortly on the College's [learning management system](#) (LMS). Please keep an eye out for an email with access details in the next month.

Planning has already commenced for VSW 2025 with 25% of Exhibition space already sold. If you have any questions or have industry contacts interested in sponsorship, please contact Dr Rachel Tan at po@anzcvs.org.au or refer to the [website](#) for exhibition information.



Interested in Examining or contributing to Question Banks?

In response to ongoing requests and strategy to encourage Chapters to develop multi-question type examination banks to support examination teams and improve sustainability, the College will run several initiatives in 2024.

These will include:

- Online examination series (October)
- Small group focus workshop (Thursday 21 Nov)

More information on next page...



Online Examination Series

Oct-Nov 2024

The online examination series will have the objective of informing current examiners and those interested in participating in the examination process of the structure of ANZCVS exams and academic methods of question/answer writing. The lectures are proposed to be delivered by video conferencing as 3 x 1.5h sessions with 30mins of Q&A following each session.

The sessions have been scheduled to occur prior to the closure of applications for 2025 examinations and are proposed to run fortnightly till complete. It is hoped that Chapters may be able to interest/recruit new Members who have the interest and ability to become involved in the next or following years' examinations to support their Chapter.

The College is currently working on scoping a suitable long-term question banking solution that examinations teams can use. This will take some time, but interim solutions are in place.

	Duration	Item	Presenter	Date/Time and teleconference link
Session 1	30 min	Introduction to College examination processes	Dr Lydia Hambrook	Thursday 17 October 2024 Session starts: 6:30pm (AEST) Live Q&A starts: 8:00pm (AEST) Zoom link: 17 Oct - Zoom hyperlink
	45 min	Using Learning Outcomes to define the testing point Question construction, designing higher order questions	Dr Lydia Hambrook	
Session 2	90 min	Writing effective MCQs for Higher Order Thinking: How to design better multiple-choice questions effectively and avoid common flaws	Mr Neville Chiavaroli (ACER) Dr Cathy Beck	Tuesday 29 October 2024 Session starts: 6:30pm (AEST) Live Q&A starts: 8:00pm (AEST) Zoom link: 29 Oct - Zoom hyperlink
Session 3	45 min	Modifying Marking Rubric templates to suit your subject and application	Dr Jen Carter	Monday 11 November 2024 Session starts: 6:30pm (AEST) Live Q&A starts: 8:00pm (AEST) Zoom link: 11 Nov - Zoom hyperlink
	30 min	Common issues and questions	Dr Lydia Hambrook	

Small Group Focus Workshop

Thu 21 Nov 2024; 2:00-6:00pm (AEDT)

To coincide with the unique combined 6-day AAVAC/UPAV conferences in 2024 at the Rex Hotel, Canberra, 22-28 November, the College will also be able to support a small group workshop experience for those attending the conference or in the vicinity of Canberra. The objective of this event is to specifically support initiatives within these 2 Chapters to build their 2025 question banks for upcoming examinations, but we would also welcome any other Chapter based team.

The expectation for delegates in Canberra is that they have attended the online workshop series in October and have draft questions prepared for discussion with a team of Chapter subject matter experts as well as a College reviewer for academic structure. The focus of this workshop will be MCQs as most writers struggle with construction of this type of question for assessment of higher order thinking.

The workshop is proposed to be from 2pm-6pm on Thursday 21 November, with the following format:

- **Session 1:** Question content discussion (MCQ focus) with Subject Matter Experts and academic structure assistance if required (2h)
- Afternoon tea (30 mins)
- **Session 2:** Peer review of MCQs (2h)

The College will be providing a room at the conference venue (Rex Hotel, Canberra), in addition to afternoon tea. A member of the Board of Examiners and College Staff Member will be present to run the workshop. No funds are currently available for transport, incidentals, flights or accommodation for delegates to attend this workshop.

To submit an expression of interest for the upcoming November Workshop, [please click here](#).

Any questions regarding the above or for more information, please contact Rachel at po@anzcvs.org.au



ANZCVS EXAM QUESTION WRITING

ONLINE SERIES + WORKSHOP



OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2024

3 x 90 minute Video Conference Sessions
hosted on ANZCVS LMS with live Q&A

1	<p>Introduction to College examination processes</p> <p>Using Learning Outcomes to define the testing point</p> <p>Question construction, designing higher order questions</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Dr Lydia Hambrook</p>	<p>Thursday 17 October 2024</p> <p>Session starts: 6:30pm (AEST) Live Q&A starts: 8:00pm (AEST)</p> <p>Zoom link: 17 Oct - Zoom hyperlink</p>
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3	<p>Modifying Marking Rubric templates to suit your subject and application</p> <p>Common issues and questions</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- Dr Jennifer Carter, Dr Lydia Hambrook</p>	<p>Monday 11 November 2024</p> <p>Session starts: 6:30pm (AEST) Live Q&A starts: 8:00pm (AEST)</p> <p>Zoom link: 11 Nov - Zoom hyperlink</p>

THURSDAY 21 NOV 2024

4-hour In-person Workshop

- 2-6pm @ The Rex Hotel, Canberra (prior to the 2024 AAVAC/UPAV Conference)
- MCQ focus, but other question types can be constructed
- Delegates to bring pre-prepared questions to work on for review
- Sign up or submit an Expression of Interest via [this online form](#).



1	Question content discussion (MCQ focus) with subject matter experts and academic structure assistance, if required (2 hours)
2	Afternoon tea (30 mins)
3	Session 2: Peer review of MCQs (2 hours)

Welcoming our new Members 2024

In 2024, the College recorded the highest number of cohorts in its 50+ year history. The dedication of veterinary professionals continuing their education and investing in personal growth is truly commendable.

We applaud and congratulate this year's successful Membership candidates.

Membership Subject	Name
Animal Welfare	Amanda Errington
Animal Welfare	Simone Maher
Animal Welfare	Isobel Martin
Animal Welfare	Gabby Musk
Animal Welfare	Michelle Quintner
Animal Welfare	Gianluca Salmi
Avian Health (Poultry)	Jiongrui Huang
Avian Health (Poultry)	Angela Scott
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Catherine Apuli
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Brandon Arnell
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Orr Cohen
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Marianne Curran
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Martin Earles
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Fiona Esam
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Taryn Hutt
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Vivian Lee

Membership Subject	Name
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Madeline Lloyd
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Daniel McBain
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Marijke Mellor
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Melanie Ngo
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Jana Schader
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Savannah Spillett
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Elizabeth Thomas
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Tori Turner
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Martine Vlsser
Equine Dentistry	Hannah Bowen
Equine Dentistry	Kurt Enzinger
Equine Dentistry	Ali Gollan
Equine Dentistry	Lindsay Helvey
Equine Dentistry	Victoria Kopeternelj
Equine Dentistry	Margot Little
Equine Dentistry	Jennifer Schwind

Welcoming our new Members 2024

Membership Subject	Name
Equine Dentistry	Kerstin Seybold-Baer
Medicine of Cats	Sam Balson
Medicine of Cats	Bianca Bishop
Medicine of Cats	Jennifer Bytheway
Medicine of Cats	Kathleen Carberry
Medicine of Cats	Petra Cerna
Medicine of Cats	Gillian Fagan
Medicine of Cats	Laura Gilbar
Medicine of Cats	Angelique Jacobs
Medicine of Cats	Leah Keating
Medicine of Cats	Megan Rice
Medicine of Cats	Elizabeth Shaw
Medicine of Cats	Stacy Tay
Medicine of Cats	Shu Ning Teoh
Medicine of Cats	Clare Thomson
Medicine of Cats	Yen Teng Candice Yeo
Medicine of Cats	Rachel Yuen
Medicine of Cats UK	Elisabeth Jennings
Medicine of Cats UK	Fiona McKeever

Membership Subject	Name
Medicine of Cats UK	Joanna Szymanska
Medicine of Cats UK	Marleen Assink-Duin
Medicine of Cats UK	Pauline Brauckmann
Medicine of Cats UK	Tereza Tahboub
Medicine of Cats UK	Tiny Claes
Medicine and Management of Laboratory Animals	Aivee Huynh
Medicine and Management of Laboratory Animals	Chloe Tin Yi Wan
Small Animal Dentistry & Oral Surgery	Terrence Bassett
Small Animal Dentistry & Oral Surgery	Vincent Chen
Small Animal Dentistry & Oral Surgery	Megan Clisby
Small Animal Dentistry & Oral Surgery	Niamh Currid
Small Animal Dentistry & Oral Surgery	Ran Duan
Small Animal Dentistry & Oral Surgery	Orna Feehan
Small Animal Dentistry & Oral Surgery	Stephen Ferrett
Small Animal Dentistry & Oral Surgery	Rebecca Goode
Small Animal Dentistry & Oral Surgery	Pey Yinn Hor
Small Animal Dentistry & Oral Surgery	Iain Pashby
Small Animal Dentistry & Oral Surgery	Kin Leung Tam
Small Animal Dentistry & Oral Surgery	Chai Hwang Theresa Thang

Welcoming our new Members 2024

Membership Subject	Name
Small Animal Dentistry & Oral Surgery	Alison Wardman
Small Animal Medicine	Sasha Chapman
Small Animal Medicine	Ho Lim Chuk
Small Animal Medicine	Alexandra Cleversley
Small Animal Medicine	Samantha Coomes
Small Animal Medicine	Amelie Cowan
Small Animal Medicine	Fleur Deguara
Small Animal Medicine	Nickala Elin
Small Animal Medicine	Maximillian Ernst
Small Animal Medicine	Daisy Fung
Small Animal Medicine	Imogen Geh
Small Animal Medicine	Amelia Ho
Small Animal Medicine	Richard Hughes
Small Animal Medicine	Rhea Jaghdane
Small Animal Medicine	Wai-Kiu Ryan Lam
Small Animal Medicine	Sharon Lau
Small Animal Medicine	Carol Leung
Small Animal Medicine	Wai Ying Ma
Small Animal Medicine	Daniel McDougall

Membership Subject	Name
Small Animal Medicine	Zsofia Medgyesi
Small Animal Medicine	Pooja Mishra
Small Animal Medicine	Jia Hui Ng
Small Animal Medicine	Antoinette Palermo
Small Animal Medicine	Sijun Pan
Small Animal Medicine	Sascha Pilz
Small Animal Medicine	Nevindajit Kaur Harjit Singh
Small Animal Medicine	Choon Mui (Rosemary) Soh
Small Animal Medicine	Isabelle Taylor
Small Animal Medicine	Wen Yu Theng
Small Animal Medicine	Winnie Wai Ying Tsang
Small Animal Medicine	Pascal Urlings
Small Animal Medicine	James Walker
Small Animal Medicine	Michael Williams
Small Animal Medicine	Eleanor Windle
Small Animal Medicine	Aileen Wong
Small Animal Medicine	Maya Zamir
Small Animal Medicine	Yuqin Zhu
Small Animal Surgery	Bronwyn Bonnette

Welcoming our new Members 2024

Membership Subject	Name
Small Animal Surgery	Annie Carty
Small Animal Surgery	Jonathan Chinner
Small Animal Surgery	Catherine Clark
Small Animal Surgery	Debbie Clayton
Small Animal Surgery	Hannah Davies
Small Animal Surgery	Melissa Eldridge
Small Animal Surgery	Wei Tze Goh
Small Animal Surgery	Hadisa Goodman
Small Animal Surgery	Stefan Gouws
Small Animal Surgery	Mitchell Graham
Small Animal Surgery	Farrah Harris
Small Animal Surgery	Annaliese Heijkoop
Small Animal Surgery	Emma Hoolihan
Small Animal Surgery	Victoria Hudson
Small Animal Surgery	Eryn-Maree Kourtis
Small Animal Surgery	Shi MIn Lee
Small Animal Surgery	Wei Luke Lee
Small Animal Surgery	Shin Yin Ling
Small Animal Surgery	Chantelle van der Lingen

Membership Subject	Name
Small Animal Surgery	Deneille Logan
Small Animal Surgery	Richard Lucas
Small Animal Surgery	King Mak
Small Animal Surgery	Jason Makar
Small Animal Surgery	Chloe McDonald
Small Animal Surgery	William McLanachan
Small Animal Surgery	Grace Miller
Small Animal Surgery	Vitus Ng
Small Animal Surgery	Jeremy Peiser-Oliver
Small Animal Surgery	Bryce Philpott
Small Animal Surgery	Ashleigh Pistorious
Small Animal Surgery	Nancy Qin
Small Animal Surgery	Bradley Richardson
Small Animal Surgery	Sara Rodes
Small Animal Surgery	Brigitte Roos
Small Animal Surgery	Sheryl Samuel
Small Animal Surgery	Shelly Semmens
Small Animal Surgery	Shaojing Wang
Small Animal Surgery	Lynne Wilkins

Welcoming our new Members 2024

Membership Subject	Name
Small Animal Surgery	Adam Windel
Small Animal Surgery	Kimberly Yeung
Surgery of Horses	Courtney Malsem
Veterinary Behaviour	Joanne Cheney
Veterinary Behaviour	Eleanor Chipperfield
Veterinary Behaviour	Angel Chu
Veterinary Behaviour	Melissa Gosson
Veterinary Behaviour	Sarah Penturn
Veterinary Behaviour	Corrie Pinkster
Veterinary Behaviour	Michelle Rassool
Veterinary Behaviour	Prerna Vaswani
Veterinary Behaviour	Juliana Xue
Veterinary Epidemiology	Tian Chen
Veterinary Epidemiology	Lorena Duarte
Veterinary Epidemiology	Zhan Heng
Veterinary Epidemiology	Erin Kelly
Veterinary Epidemiology	Shan Wen Stacy Khaw
Veterinary Epidemiology	Cho Kiu Eugenia Lam
Veterinary Epidemiology	Rhys Powell

Membership Subject	Name
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Georgia Allardice
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Jarryd Anthonisz
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Sara Bailey
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Luke Bird
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Sophie Border
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Nicole Burke
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Beng Leong Chua
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Hannah Diebold
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Jessica Dufty
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Nicole Frohlich
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Carrie Fynn
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Estelle Goldsworthy
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Rachel Hamill
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Zachary Hayes
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Rebecca Heads
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Saara Hiippala
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Jeffrey Hu
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Tegan Hunt
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Sophie Huxley

Welcoming our new Members 2024

Membership Subject	Name
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Arun Tharma Iswara
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Stellar Kim
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Ren Jie Denzel Kour
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Alex Ming Wai Lam
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Cheryl Lee
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Jin Lee
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Wan Man Lo
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Eva Lorenz
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Tara O'Loughlin
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Rebecca Ryan
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Lucy Sangster
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Rachael Saunders
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Hau Yee Joyce Tang
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Anni Tilly
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Nigel Wongsanguan
Veterinary Emergency & Critical Care	Travis Worthington
Veterinary Pathology	Chalette Brown
Veterinary Pathology	Alinta Kalns
Veterinary Pathology	Krysten Lee

Membership Subject	Name
Veterinary Pathology	Shu Jie Nicholas Lim
Veterinary Pathology	Daniel McGilp
Veterinary Pathology	Angel Ngo
Veterinary Pathology	Ying Lin Tan
Veterinary Pharmacology	Tian Chee Lu
Veterinary Pharmacology	Yunhan Wang
Veterinary Practice Small Animal	Nikita Besseling
Veterinary Practice Small Animal	Elisa Dennis
Veterinary Practice Small Animal	Alexander England
Veterinary Practice Small Animal	Celeste Finch
Veterinary Practice Small Animal	Marloes Heslop
Veterinary Practice Small Animal	Kerri Jurgens
Veterinary Practice Small Animal	Zachary Lederhose
Veterinary Practice Small Animal	Majuni Perera
Veterinary Practice Small Animal	Christine Poole
Veterinary Practice Small Animal	Thomas Ulcoq
Veterinary Public Health	Alissa Hampton
Veterinary Public Health	Sang-Min Kim
Veterinary Public Health	Nicolas Rush

Welcoming our new Members 2024

Membership Subject	Name
Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Amelia Allen
Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Rachel Anderson
Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Candice Baker
Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Wan Shan Aliza Choi
Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Alister Douglas
Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Philip Downey
Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Tal-Petra Guse
Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Lucy Kirton
Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Suzanne Leibel
Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Jenny Liu
Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Ann-Katrine Mangold
Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Ellen McBryde

Membership Subject	Name
Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Thomas Mills
Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Elizabeth Parsons
Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Bronwyn Zimmerman
Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (Canine)	Jiemin Ang
Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (Canine)	Lauren Bleaken
Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (Canine)	Andreane Daigle
Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (Canine)	Susan Hill
Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (Canine)	Jenna Micallef
Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (Canine)	Gretchen Szabat
Zoo Animal Health Management	Sally Gazzard
Zoo Animal Health Management	Taylor Hawkins
Zoo Animal Health Management	Teng Kuan Bertrand Ng

**CONGRATULATIONS
AND
WELCOME TO THE COLLEGE!**

INTRODUCING OUR NEWEST...

FELLOWS

For those seeking excellence, Fellowship is the College qualification that signifies the standard required by those seeking veterinary specialist registration. It requires multiple years of dedication and resilience, balancing periods of intense study and daily life.

Congratulations to our newest Fellows from 2024!

Fellowship Subject	Name
Small Animal Medicine	Abigail Brough
Small Animal Medicine	Susan Ciaravolo
Small Animal Medicine	Else Jacobson
Small Animal Medicine	Ho Nha Hannah Kwong
Small Animal Surgery	James Brown
Small Animal Surgery	Christopher Franklin
Small Animal Surgery	Derniese Goh
Small Animal Surgery	Teng-Xiang Khoo
Small Animal Surgery	Richard Looi

Fellowship Subject	Name
Small Animal Surgery	Blaine McCracken
Small Animal Surgery	Cormac O’Brolchain
Small Animal Surgery	Arana Parslow
Small Animal Surgery	Harvey Saunders
Small Animal Surgery	Kyle Song
Veterinary Epidemiology	Samuel Rowe
Veterinary Oncology	John Blaxill
Veterinary Radiology	Adrian Bryce

LEARN MORE ABOUT A FEW OF OUR NEWEST FELLOWS ON THE NEXT PAGE...

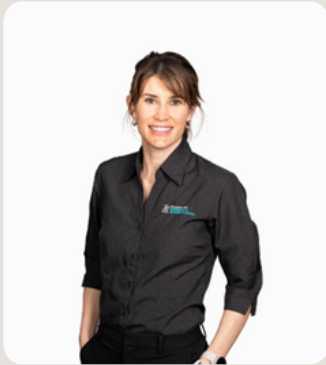
NEW FELLOWS' BIOS

JOHN BLAXILL VETERINARY ONCOLOGY

John graduated from Murdoch University, Western Australia in 2017. He completed a rotating internship in Perth where he found an interest in Oncology. After moving to Sydney, John pursued a residency in Veterinary Oncology at the University Veterinary Teaching Hospital – Sydney under supervisors Associate Professor Peter Bennett and Dr Katrina Cheng. After completing his residency in 2023, John passed his Fellowship examinations in 2024. He has an interest in pursuing further research in the field of Veterinary Oncology.”



ABIGAIL BROUGH SMALL ANIMAL MEDICINE



Abigail graduated from the University of Adelaide in 2014 with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. She went on to complete two rotating internships out of vet school: at Queensland Veterinary Specialists in Brisbane, followed by Southpaws Specialty Surgery for Animals in Melbourne. She commenced her small animal medicine residency training at Southpaws under the supervision of Dr Anne-Claire Duchaussoy, before completing her training at Peninsula Vet Emergency and Referral Hospital in Mornington, Victoria, under the supervision of Dr Alison Stickney.

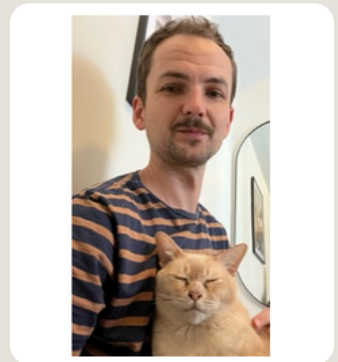
She obtained Fellowship of the College in 2024, and is excited to move on to the next stage of her career.

ADRIAN BRYCE VETERINARY RADIOLOGY

Adrian graduated from James Cook University at the end of 2014. Spending 5 years in general practice before starting a residency journey at U-vet Werribee Animal Hospital in January 2020. His residency shifted to Animalius (Perth) in 2022. In May 2023, he completed his residency; which was supplemented by a 1-month externship at VetCT.

In June 2023, Adrian started at VRH (Melbourne) where he remains to this day. Adrian passed his Fellowship exams in 2024.

“Throughout my training I have had the privilege of being mentored directly by many very different radiologists.”



SUSAN CIARAVOLO SMALL ANIMAL MEDICINE



Susan graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2015 with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, then worked in general practice for 3 years achieving Membership to the College in Small Animal Medicine in 2019. She commenced an internship in small animal medicine at Peninsula Vet Emergency and Referral Hospital. This internship turned into a residency under the supervision of Dr Alison Stickney with additional externships to Animal Referral Centre in Auckland, supervised by Dr Ryan Cattin.

Susan attained Fellowship in 2024.

NEW FELLOWS' BIOS

ELSE JACOBSON SMALL ANIMAL MEDICINE

Else graduated from the University of Sydney in 2009 with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science, and also a Bachelor of Science (Veterinary) for her year-long research project investigating tendon injuries in horses. After this she completed an equine internship before moving to the UK to work and travel for several years, including volunteer work in Africa and Greece. During this time she found her passion lay in small animal internal medicine. Upon returning to Australia in 2016 she completed an internship followed by a residency in Small Animal Medicine at Veterinary Specialist Services in Brisbane. She obtained her Membership in Small Animal Internal Medicine, and then went on to obtain Fellowship in 2024.



TENG XIANG KHOO SMALL ANIMAL SURGERY

Teng graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2012. He undertook a surgical internship and a short stint in emergency medicine as a new graduate before spending five years in general practice in inner Melbourne. In 2018, he began his residency in Small Animal Surgery at the Centre for Animal Referral and Emergency (CARE) and continued there as surgical registrar until 2023.

At the start of 2024, Teng took on a position at Massey University in New Zealand where he is now involved in the referral companion animal surgery service and veterinary student teaching.



RICHARD LOOI SMALL ANIMAL SURGERY

Dr Richard Looi graduated in 2015 from the University of Sydney in a Bachelor of Veterinary Science with first class honours. He worked a year and a half in a busy general practice before commencing a rotating internship at SASH to pursue his interests in surgery. He moved on to a surgery internship and then a surgical residency with SASH in 2019, in the process, obtaining Membership in Small Animal Surgery through examination. Following this, Richard completed all requirements to obtain Fellowship status in 2024.

He is thankful for the support he has received from his mentors and looks forward to supporting the next generation of trainees in their journey.



BLAINE MCCRACKEN SMALL ANIMAL SURGERY

Blaine graduated with a Bachelor's of Veterinary Science from the University of Melbourne in 2009, returning to the University to complete a residency in Small Animal Surgery in 2015. Before, during and after his residency, Blaine completed two Master's degrees in Veterinary Studies from the University of Melbourne and Murdoch University, a Master's in Veterinary Science (research) from the University of Melbourne, a Graduate Certificate in University Teaching, and a Master's in Applied Linguistics with a Major in Teaching English as a Second Language. Blaine also joined the ANZCVS as a member in surgery in 2014 and has served as a membership examiner and mentor.

Blaine's interest areas are in Minimally Invasive Surgery, particularly laparoscopic and oncological surgery, and Surgical Education and Training, and he is very keen to work towards improving the educational opportunities and equity of undergraduate veterinary students and early-career veterinarians.



ARANA PARSLow

SMALL ANIMAL SURGERY

Arana graduated from the University of Sydney in 2004. She was fortunate to have an experienced and supportive first employer who encouraged her to gain confidence in surgery. She worked in small animal practice on the Central Coast of NSW and in the United Kingdom for several years. In 2009 Arana returned to Australia to pursue her interest in the zoo and wildlife field at the Australia Zoo QLD Wildlife Hospital. It was here, working on injured Koalas that her journey to surgical specialisation began.

In 2010 Arana completed a one-year mixed internship at North Shore Veterinary Specialist Centre before commencing work with the surgical team at Animal

Referral Hospital, Homebush where she completed her residency training in Small Animal Surgery under the guidance of Dr David Simpson and Dr Sarah Goldsmid.

After spending time juggling work and family in recent years, Arana is looking forward to the world beyond Fellowship examinations. She is excited about joining a new referral and emergency team at Medipaws, Annandale in the new year while continuing her casual roles teaching at the University of Sydney Veterinary department and working with the team at Sydney Zoo. Her particular interests are in oncological surgery and soft tissue reconstruction but finds all areas of Small Animal Surgery rewarding. She wishes to sincerely thank everyone who helped her on her journey to Fellowship.



SAMUEL ROWE

VETERINARY EPIDEMIOLOGY

Sam Rowe is a herd health veterinarian, teacher, and researcher at the University of Sydney. He completed his veterinary training (BVSc) at James Cook University (2010), Master of Veterinary Medicine at Massey University and PhD at University of Minnesota. He has completed board exams in dairy cow medicine (DABVP, MANZCVS) and recently joined the epidemiology chapter as a Fellow (training supervision by Michael Ward at University of Sydney and Annette O'Connor at Michigan State University).

He aims to use his skillset to contribute to the improvement of the health and welfare of livestock while fostering sustainability in food animal production.



IAN CLUNIES ROSS AWARD

Professor Jan Šlapeta

FELLOWSHIP TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP

Dr Shaun Pratt

THE GEOFF ROBINS RESEARCH GRANT

Dr Luke Ellis

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Dr Hamish Baron

Dr Maurine Thomson

HONORARY FELLOWSHIP

Dr Bill Tranter

MOST COMMENDABLE PAPERS 2023

AVJ: Clinical presentation and disease prevalence of captive central bearded dragons (*Pogona vitticeps*) at veterinary clinics in Australia

Authors: H. J. Sollom & H. R. Baron

NZVJ: Pharmacokinetics and effect on renal function and average daily gain in lambs after castration and tail docking, of firocoxib and meloxicam

Authors: K. Kongara, G. Purchas, V. S. R. Dukkipati, D. Venkatachalam, N. Ward, H. Hunt & D. Speed.

International journal: Outcomes of treatment of cats with feline infectious peritonitis using parenterally administered remdesivir, with or without transition to orally administered GS-441524

Authors: S. J. Coggins, J. M. Norris, R. Malik, M. Govendir, E. J. Hall, B. Kimble & M. F. Thompson.

MEMBERSHIP TRAVEL GRANT

Dr Marilyn Moss



Ian Clunies Ross Award
Prof. Jan Šlapeta



Fellowship Training Scholarship
Dr Shaun Pratt



Most Commendable Paper 2023 - AVJ
Dr Harry Sollom



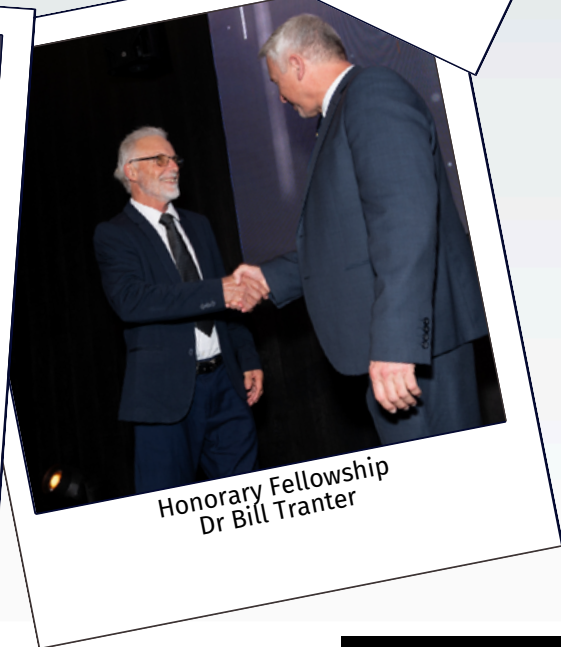
Geoff Robins Research Grant
Dr Luke Ellis



Meritorious Service Award
Dr Maurine Thomson



Most Commendable Paper 2023 -
International journal
Drs Mary Thompson and Sally Coggins



Honorary Fellowship
Dr Bill Tranter



View Awards Dinner photos
on our website



CHAPTER REPORTS

Animal Welfare

In addition to hosting a very successful Science Week, the Chapter has been busy with other activities. Special thanks to Dr Michelle Clatworthy, our fantastic convenor and to all our wonderful speakers.

Congratulations are extended to Dr Rosemary Elliott as the recipient of the 2024 David Bayvel Award. The review panel was very impressed with the level of interest and calibre of this year's nominations, making the decision difficult. Dr Elliott's devotion to improving the lives of animals is extraordinary, given that her tireless work is done voluntarily. Her dedication is both remarkable and inspirational.

Our Chapter also extends hearty congratulations and a sincere welcome to our new members who passed their membership examinations - Dr Mandy Errington, Dr Gabby Musk, Dr Simone Maher, Dr Isobel Martin, Dr Gian Salmi and Dr Michelle Quintner. The next round of examinations will be held in 2026.

At our AGM we thanked our outgoing secretary Dr Alison Clarke, and welcomed Dr Melanie Latter into the role. The new executive is looking forward to the year ahead.

Aquatic Animal Health

As one of the smaller chapters (by membership numbers) within the college, the Aquatic Animal Health chapter facilitates the training and accreditation of practitioners working within the AAH field relying on a small band of passionate veterinarians dedicated to improving the science around and the health and well beings of a vast range of aquatic animal species.

This past year the chapter executive have focused on developing pathways for the introduction of veterinarians to the field of AAH as well as developing training and technical improvement for those in the field. For the first time in many years, we have been able to participate in the 2024 Science Week.

Science Week report



Aquatic Animal Health Chapter at Vet Science Week, 25th-26th July 2024, Gold Coast Conference and Exhibition Centre

L-R: Dr Stephen Pyecroft (President), Dr Matt Landos (SW speaker), Dr Jo Bannister (Secretary), Dr Jeff Wolf (Keynote speaker), Dr Fran Stephens (SW speaker), Dr Roger Chong (Fellow and SW Coordinator) and Dr Richmond Loh (Treasurer)

Aquatic Animal Health continued...

The last time the Aquatic Animal Health Chapter had attended the conference, was in 2018 when Dr Roy Yanong (from Florida) was our invited guest speaker. This year, we had the pleasure of hosting Dr Jeff Wolf (DVM and Diplomate ACVP) from Experimental Pathology Laboratories (EPL) in Washington DC. Dr Wolf has significant experience and knowledge in the field of fish pathology and is currently the Chief Scientific Officer for EPL and the manager of the associated Virginia facility. Dr Wolf's primary area of expertise is the toxicopathology of aquatic animals. He has authored or coauthored more than 90 peer reviewed publications, book chapters and regulatory guidance documents.

The theme of Science Week for the Aquatic Animal Health Chapter this year was 'Connecting Fish Health to Human Environmental Health Goals'. Dr Wolf's research and work tied in beautifully with our theme and he presented a range of topics including:

- Fish toxicology 101
- Fish toxicology methods and procedures
- Confessions of a Fish toxicologic pathologist
- And interesting case studies involving toxic pathology in fish

The health of the world's aquatic environment was also a topic in many of the Q&A sessions over the 2 days of presentations, and in keeping with our theme Dr Matt Landos presented a very sobering dissertation on the state of ecotoxicology and the effects on the human population on our planet. He made the point that getting the message of how chemical toxins are affecting populations of aquatic animals as well as humans, across to regulators, politicians and even the general public is a difficult task.

We also had presentations highlighting the constant challenges diagnosticians experience in the field of AAH, when faced with unusual histopathology and confusing clinical presentations. It was good to have a forum to compare notes and so we aim to develop a facility for case networking for our members, when facing diagnostic conundrums.

The Chapter also set aside sessions to discuss how we can improve our AAH reference collection and make it more accessible to membership and fellowship candidates and develop a chapter training program for candidates.



Dr Wolf receiving his thank you gift from President Dr Stephen Pyecroft, for his contributions at Science Week

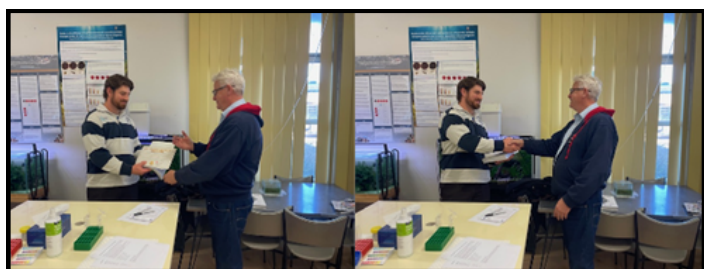
Other news - Barry Munday Memorial Student Prizes

In the memory of Dr Barry Munday, a founder of the Chapter and a pillar of AAH in Australia and New Zealand, the AAH Chapter makes awards available every year for veterinary students, within the veterinary schools around Australia, who show a passion and...

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Aquatic Animal Health continued...

...direction for Aquatic Animal Health. The students are nominated by members and fellows and the Executive Group then selects the best candidates based on a written application. These students are awarded a book prize to enable a furtherment of learning for the students. This year the book prizes (2) were donated by Dr Roger Chong, author and editor of the recently released title [Aquaculture Pathophysiology \(Vol1 & Vol2\)](#). Student award winners this year were Jye Sarcich from the University of Adelaide and Spencer Tan from Murdoch University. Both students have a long and passionate involvement with fish keeping and clinical aspects of AAH and so are worthy recipients.



Dr Stephen Pyecroft (President) presenting Jye Sarcich his Vol 1 Aquaculture Pathophysiology book prize in the Aquatic Animal Health lab, School of Animal & Veterinary Sciences, University of Adelaide.




Dr Richmond Loh (Treasurer) presenting Spencer Tan his Vol 2 Aquaculture Pathophysiology book prize, in Perth WA.

In other thrilling Chapter news, Dr Roger Chong has just been awarded Life Fellowship of the College. This remarkable accomplishment deserves a round of applause, and the Chapter extends its heartfelt congratulations to Dr Chong.

Further reading

In keeping with our Science Week theme, here are a couple of very interesting reads. These critical reviews of the literature are a sobering tale for all and hopefully induce action, even if it is in your own circle of influence.

Click on the links below:



Original Research:
An Umbrella Review of Meta-Analyses Evaluating Associations between Human Health and Exposure to Major Classes of Plastic-Associated Chemicals
Christos Symeonides et al



EXPERT REVIEW OF ENDOCRINOLOGY & METABOLISM

Review:
Endocrine disrupting chemicals: strategies to protect present and future generations
Laura N Vandenberg

Avian Health

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we welcome our newest members to the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists - Avian Health Chapter:

- Catherine Apuli (AM&S)
- Brandon Arnell (AM&S)
- Orr Cohen (AM&S)
- Marianne Curran (AM&S)
- Martin Earles (AM&S)
- Fiona Esam (AM&S)
- Jiongrui Huang (AH(P))
- Taryn Hutt (AM&S)
- Vivian Lee (AM&S)
- Madeline Lloyd (AM&S)
- Daniel McBain (AM&S)
- Marijke Mellor (AM&S)
- Melanie Ngo (AM&S)
- Jana Schader (AM&S)
- Angela Scott (AH(P))
- Savannah Spillet (AM&S)
- Elizabeth Thomas (AM&S)
- Tori Turner (AM&S)
- Martine Visser (AM&S)

We are thrilled to have you join us and look forward to your contributions to our vibrant community. Your expertise and passion for avian medicine will undoubtedly strengthen our chapter and advance the field.

As part of our commitment to maintaining high standards in avian veterinary science, we have been diligently working with the College over the past few months to establish examination bank portals for our Avian Fellowship and Avian Membership examinations. These portals are now ready to be rolled out, and we are seeking expressions of interest from those who would like to contribute to the creation of examination questions. If you have already reached out to confirm your involvement with me, you don't need to let me know again.

To support this initiative, we have organized three online webinars that will guide you through the examination question writing process. Additionally, the College has kindly arranged for an in-person exam question review and think-tank workshop, which will take place on Thursday 21 November at 2pm just prior to the AAVAC Conference in Canberra this year.

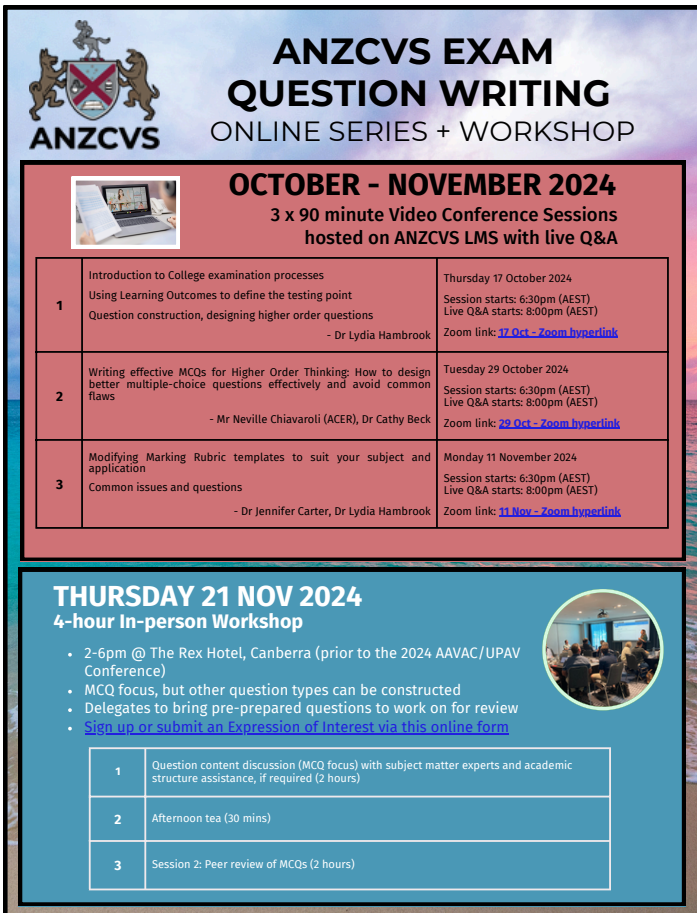
We strongly encourage our members to participate in these workshops, as your involvement is crucial in building a comprehensive examination bank for future years. A larger question bank not only ensures a more robust examination process but also lightens the load on our volunteer examiners.

Please find below the dates and times for the upcoming webinars. If you are interested in contributing to this essential work, please send me an email (hamish@unusualpetvets.com.au) so that we can add you to our list of examination question writers. We will keep you updated on all developments related to the examination process.



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Avian Health continued...



ANZCVS EXAM QUESTION WRITING ONLINE SERIES + WORKSHOP

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2024
3 x 90 minute Video Conference Sessions hosted on ANZCVS LMS with live Q&A

1	Introduction to College examination processes Using Learning Outcomes to define the testing point Question construction, designing higher order questions - Dr Lydia Hambrook	Thursday 17 October 2024 Session starts: 6:30pm (AEST) Live Q&A starts: 8:00pm (AEST) Zoom link: 17 Oct - Zoom hyperlink
2	Writing effective MCQs for Higher Order Thinking: How to design better multiple-choice questions effectively and avoid common flaws - Mr Neville Chiavaroli (ACER), Dr Cathy Beck	Tuesday 29 October 2024 Session starts: 6:30pm (AEST) Live Q&A starts: 8:00pm (AEST) Zoom link: 29 Oct - Zoom hyperlink
3	Modifying Marking Rubric templates to suit your subject and application Common issues and questions - Dr Jennifer Carter, Dr Lydia Hambrook	Monday 11 November 2024 Session starts: 6:30pm (AEST) Live Q&A starts: 8:00pm (AEST) Zoom link: 11 Nov - Zoom hyperlink

THURSDAY 21 NOV 2024
4-hour In-person Workshop

- 2-6pm @ The Rex Hotel, Canberra (prior to the 2024 AAVAC/UPAV Conference)
- MCQ focus, but other question types can be constructed
- Delegates to bring pre-prepared questions to work on for review
- Sign up or submit an Expression of Interest via [this online form](#)

1	Question content discussion (MCQ focus) with subject matter experts and academic structure assistance, if required (2 hours)
2	Afternoon tea (30 mins)
3	Session 2: Peer review of MCQs (2 hours)

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Our Avian Fellows will be contributing to the Fellowship question bank, and we hope to see at least 15 of our Membership members join in on the exam question writing.

If you have any questions or need further information, do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you in advance for your support and dedication to the future of avian veterinary science!

Looking forward to seeing you in Canberra,

Hamish Baron
President Avian Chapter

Dermatology

WCVD Boston July 2024

The World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology is the largest event on the Vet Derm calendar, and is held every four years. As the COVID pandemic pushed the 2020 Congress online (sadly Sydney missed out on hosting), it was wonderful to catch up with so many friends and colleagues at the 10th WCVD in Boston MA in July. Multiple streams were on offer, including Scientific, Clinical, Primary Care, Equine, Feline and Exotic Dermatology. Boston was at its' Summer best; the city of Harvard and MIT provided a fabulous collegial backdrop to a World-class conference.

Dermatology continued...



2024 Dermatology Chapter Grant Recipients

Successful recipients of Dermatology Chapter grants for 2024 were:

Research: Smitha Rose Georgy

Textbooks: Amelia Ho

Residents travel: Amelia Ho, Madelaine Guy-Moore

Membership exam success

Enormous congratulations to the Dermatology Residents who have passed membership exams; the first hurdle on their way to Fellowship.

- Amelia Ho (Small Animal Medicine)
- Tian Chee Lu (Pharmacology)
- Yunhan Wang (Pharmacology)

Science Week 2025

The Dermatology Chapter Science Week Committee is already busy co-ordinating a cutting-edge program for 2025, which will team up with the Pharmacology Chapter to focus on anti-microbial stewardship and anti-microbial resistance.

Make sure you have Science Week 2025, 25-27th July, in your diary!



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Seeking a challenge?
A change of scenery?
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[Positions Vacant page](#)
Updated regularly!

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Emergency and Critical Care

Congratulations and Welcome to our new ECC Chapter members! We have 35 candidates join our growing Chapter in 2024. We are excited to have you join us!

We had another highly successful Science Week with keynote speakers Dr Joon Seo, Dr Avalene Tan and Dr Claire Sharp. Our theme this year was 'Cardiorespiratory' with speakers presenting topics such as Hypertensive crisis, Common Cardiac Arrhythmias, Adventures in Mechanical ventilation, High-Flow oxygen therapy and many more.



Abstract Winners

Congratulations to Dr Claire Lamb (1st prize) and Dr Arlene Wong (Runner up) for winning best Abstract prize for 2024!

- Dr Claire presented "Effects of Tick Antiserum Dose on Clinical Outcome"
- Dr Arlene presented "Use of AI Models for Veterinary Triage"

The first of our 3 full day program finished with a social event, ECC Chapter Dinner at Miss Money Penny's Restaurant. Thank you again to our sponsors AEA and AREC for supporting this event of fun, sharing stories, reuniting, and networking.



Emergency and Critical Care continued...

We would like to introduce our new Chapter Vice President, Secretary and Vice Convenor who have started their roles.



Dr Katie Nash (Vice President)

Hi! I am the Vice President of the ECC Chapter. I would like to contribute to the future of our great and growing chapter! I look forward to being involved in more education initiatives for members, as well as greater promotion of our specialty as a whole



Dr Michele Rebelo (Secretary)

As the Chapter Secretary, this year I am keen to foster the growth and development of our Chapter and encourage the involvement of new members within it.



Dr James Cooper (Vice Convenor)

I am the Vice Convenor for the ECC Chapter! Looking forward to meeting and networking with other ECC enthusiasts and scientists around Australia. I look forward to gain experience being a part of the ECC Chapter committee and organising educational events.

Moving forward the Chapter executives and Convenors are working hard to plan for Science Week 2025 including Preconference event. So stay tuned!



Natsuko, Ella, Katie, Rebekah and Sarah
2024 Executive members & Convenors



CHAPTER REPORTS

Epidemiology

Science Week Recap

We appreciate the contributions of our speakers and members in making Science Week a success. We collaborated with the Veterinary Public Health chapter to present a 2.5-day program featuring joint speaker sessions with the Cattle, Pig Health, and Pathobiology chapters. The program showcased collective expertise across all chapters, featuring a diverse lineup of experts from Australia and New Zealand representing public health academia, government veterinary fields, and veterinary practice. The social event between the Epi and VPH chapters was a fantastic opportunity to network and build connections. We look forward to seeing everyone there again next year.

ISVEE Update

On behalf of the College, the Epidemiology Chapter is hosting the **17th International Symposium on Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics (ISVEE17)** in Sydney, 11-15 November 2024.

Currently registrations stand at 700, right on target – nearly 4 years ago we set low, target and high estimates at 600, 700 and 800 registrations. We expect that when ISVEE begins our registration number will be close to 750.

The ISVEE scientific program will consist of 5 keynote presentations, 10 special sessions, nearly 600 oral abstract presentations and >400 poster presentations (including poster pitches). In addition, ISVEE17 will be anchored by 6 pre-conference and 3 post conference workshops. ISVEE17 will be opened by the Australian and New Zealand Chief Veterinary Officers, Drs. Beth Cookson and Mary van Anandel, both of whom are College and Epidemiology Chapter members.

The conference will be held at the International Conference Centre, Darling Harbour, with social events at Darling Harbour, Campbell's Cove and the CBD.

The team is continuing to seek sponsorship funding. At this stage we are at 70-80% of our target sponsorship goal.

The Local Organising Committee is being led by Michael Ward (Chair), Marta Hernandez-Jover (Co-Chair) and Simon Firestone (Treasurer) and consists of 4 subcommittees: Scientific Program (Mark Stevenson and Anke Wiethoelter), Social Program (Jane Heller and Charles Caraguel), Workshops (Victoria Brookes and Jennifer Manyweathers) and Sponsorship (Peter Black and Skye Fruean). All of these chairs and co-chairs are College members.

Please check out our website for all the information (<https://isvee17.com.au>). This is a wonderful opportunity for all College members to get a taste of world class veterinary epidemiology and economics in their own backyard.

Enhancing Epidemiology and One Health Training in the Asia Pacific: Phase II of APCOVE Launched

The Asia Pacific Consortium of Veterinary Epidemiology (APCOVE) has been awarded a \$5 million project to advance its capacity-building initiatives across eight countries in the region. Funded by the Indo-Pacific Centre for Health Security at the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, this project builds on the solid foundation laid during the first phase of...

Epidemiology continued...

...APCOVE, aiming to significantly enhance the skills of the animal health workforce to combat the growing threats posed by transboundary and emerging infectious diseases.

Dr Navneet Dhand, Director of APCOVE, is leading a diverse team of veterinary epidemiologists from all eight veterinary schools in Australia and New Zealand, alongside animal health experts from the targeted countries in the Asia Pacific. APCOVE's mission is to bolster the region's ability to prevent, detect, and respond effectively to animal disease outbreaks.

Key project activities will be spearheaded by a team of distinguished experts, including Professor Joerg Henning from the University of Queensland, Drs Caitlin Pfeiffer and Anke Wiethoelter from the University of Melbourne, Professor Annette Burgess from the University of Sydney, and Dr Emilie Vallee from Massey University.

The project will focus on delivering comprehensive field epidemiology training across Laos, Cambodia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste, Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Malaysia. The hands-on training will be supported by eLearning resources designed specifically for field veterinarians, alongside One Health training, simulation exercises, and epidemiology teacher training. These initiatives are intended to elevate the proficiency of field veterinarians, equipping them with the critical skills needed to detect and respond to disease outbreaks swiftly and effectively within their regions.

By enhancing these vital capabilities, APCOVE aims to build a more resilient animal health workforce across the Asia Pacific, ultimately playing a crucial role in preventing future zoonotic disease outbreaks and safeguarding public health.

Equine

This has been a busy quarter for the Equine Chapter. We joined Equine Veterinarians Australia (Special Interest Group of the Australian Veterinary Association) to deliver the Equine Stream of Science Week at the Bain Fallon Memorial Lectures in the Hunter Valley (20-25 July).

This was a hugely successful conference, which was attended by over 260 delegates. While we missed being at Science Week on the Gold Coast, this was a great opportunity for the Equine Chapter to engage directly with equine veterinarians to promote the benefits of College membership. Roger Smith (UK) and Rose Nolen-Walston (USA) gave excellent presentations as our international keynote speakers, while there were also sessions delivered by local experts, including members of the Equine Chapter executive committee. There was also the combined EVA/ANZCVS abstract and poster sessions, which received a record number of submissions this year.

Taking the Equine Stream on the road to combine with Bain Fallon is certainly something that we will consider again in the future, and we will survey members to seek feedback on this proposal. A huge thank you to Edwina Wilkes, Jessica Wise and Josie Hale for working with the EVA to organise the combined conference, and to members ...

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...of the Equine Chapter executive committee for their contributions as presenters and abstract judges.

The Annual General Meeting was held during the Bain Fallon conference, where the new Executive Committee was elected. We offer our gratitude to outgoing Chapter President Edwina Wilkes and welcome incoming Chapter President Nicholas Bamford.

Feline

Another year of Vet Science Week is over, and what a year it was! Not only did our VSW convenors, Natalie Lloyd, Michael Linton and Rachel Korman, deliver a spectacular program, they also convened an excellent pre-VSW Masterclass. Thank you to all of our speakers and attendees, and of course the wonderful convenors who made it all happen.

The Masterclass sessions were recorded and we are currently in the process of making these available. Recordings will be free for attendees and available for a nominal cost for members and non-members. More information to follow soon, so watch this space!

Congratulations to our 2024 feline medicine abstract prize winner, Dr Gemma Spinoglio, who won for her abstract entitled: '*Clinical Outcomes Following Cerebrospinal Fluid Collection in Cats.*' Congratulations, Gemma!

An honourable mention was also awarded to Mulan Zhong for an exceptionally good presentation. Her abstract was '*Feline Primary Immune Thrombocytopenia: Treatment Outcomes and Prognostic Indicators.*'

A general reminder that an online feline journal club happens every other Wednesday morning at 8:15am AEST – please contact Rachel at presidentfeline@anzcvs.org.au to sign up.

Last but not least, we'd like to extend a huge congratulations and warm welcome to all of our new members. Attaining ANZCVS membership is a fabulous achievement, and we are so pleased to welcome you to the Feline Chapter. If you are keen to get involved in chapter activities then please do get in touch!

Your Chapter Executive team,
Rachel Korman (president)
Alison Jukes (treasurer)
Keshuan Chow (outgoing secretary)
Natalie Lloyd (incoming secretary)

Medicine and Management of Laboratory Animals

Science Week 2024 was a huge success! I'd like to give special thanks to our Science Week convenors; Mandy Errington, Lorna Rasmussen and Jodi Salinsky. They all did a fantastic job organising two days of speakers and gathering sponsors for MMLA. I'd also like to thank ICLAS (International Council for Laboratory Animal Science) for helping fund our international Keynote Speaker, Dr Rebecca Johnson from the University of Wisconsin.

Medicine and Management of Lab Animals continued...

We all learnt a great deal from Dr Johnson and her presentations were well received by all. We were also able to join the Welfare Chapter for a few sessions, which was also fantastic, and we thank them for that opportunity.

Science Week 2025 will be even better with a 2.5 day program featuring "Excellence in Animal Research" with potential for a workshop and another Keynote Speaker. We are looking into the possibility of joining some other chapters as well to help diversify. Stay tuned for more information as we begin the planning stages.

In the meantime, Journal Club returns September 20th. Emails have been sent out along with calendar invitations. We invite one member to present on the topic of "Medicine" and another to present on the topic of "Management". If interested, please email presidentlabanimals@anzcvs.org.au by September 18. If you can't make this meeting, another opportunity will be available in early November for the next Journal Club.

Lastly, from all of us in MMLA, we'd like to welcome Dr Chloe Wan to the Chapter. Dr Wan successfully passed her membership exams in June/July. We congratulate her on her hard work and success. Welcome to the club, Chloe!

Sincerely,

Dr Emily Barrick
MMLA Chapter President



Ophthalmology

The Ophthalmology Chapter enjoyed a wonderful Science Week program this year combined with the Pathobiology Chapter. Thank you to our wonderful guest speaker Dr Christina McCowan for her stimulating talks on ocular pathology and infectious diseases involving the eye.

We are running an Ophthalmology Chapter Interim Meeting this year at The Boathouse in Shelly Beach, Manly, Sydney on October 14-15th 2024 with special guest speaker Dr Gus Aguirre. He is a founding member of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists and is Professor of Medical Genetics and Ophthalmology at Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. He will be giving a 2-day program on inherited ocular disease. Please contact us at secretaryophthalmology@anzcvs.org.au for further information and registration if you would like to join us!

We had the pleasure of awarding our first Chapter Research Grant this year to Dr James Bryan, congratulations James! James will use the Grant to describe a method of sub-tenons administration and efficacy of triamcinolone acetonide depot injection after cataract surgery. We are now accepting applications for the 2025 research grant - please see our chapter website for more information.

There have been some minor changes to the Ophthalmology Executive Committee this year. Dr Kate Hindley remains as our president, and Dr Matt Sanders remains as secretary, welcoming Dr Yvette Crowe and co-secretary.

Dr Sarah Richardson is our new treasurer after Dr James White stepped down from the role this year. A big thank you to James for money management over the last 5 years!

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Special thanks to our Fellowship examiners for 2024 - Dr Johana Premont, Dr Jess Nevile and Dr Gladys Boo. Dr Zoe Anastassiadis and Dr Yvette Crowe continue in the role of Subjects Standards Committee, and Dr Jonathan Wood keeps our chapter website updated, so please contact him (or the secretary) if there is anything you think we should add to our page. A big thanks to everyone for all pitching in to Team Ophthalmology!

Dr Matt Sanders & Dr Yvette Crowe
Ophthalmology Chapter Secretaries

Pathobiology

Pathobiology & Ophthalmology joint sessions at Science Week

The Pathobiology chapter had a successful collaboration at Science Week with the Veterinary Ophthalmology Chapter, with Christina McCowan as the keynote speaker. Christina presented an engaging and informative series of talks on the innate and immune response of the eye and infectious diseases in companion and production animals.



Wombat eye toxoplasma
Christina McCowan

Other presentations by members included feline ocular Mycobacteriosis by John Mackie and a thought-provoking assessment on the increased prevalence of pannus in greyhounds and the impact on greyhound adoption by Rachel Allavena.

There were a broad range of topics from the Ophthalmology Chapter, including canine lacrimal gland tumours by Kate Hindley and a review of orbital meningiomas by Liu Yi Lee. The one-and-a-half day collaboration with the Ophthalmology Chapter was a great success, thanks to the work of Rachel Allavena, Matthew Sanders and Kate Hindley.

There were eight successful candidates who passed the Pathobiology membership exams this year. Our chapter welcomes Alinta Kalns, Angel Ngo, Chalette Brown, Daniel McGilp, Krysten Lee, Shu Jie, Nicholas Lim and Ying Lin Tan and wishes them the best for their careers in veterinary pathology.

The Executive thanks the examination committee, Priscilla Hodge, Wilson So, Juliet Brown, Allan Kessell and chair Jeanine Sandy for their significant work in producing written membership exams in the new MCQ and short answer question format.

Finally, as a short reminder, the chapter welcomes draft MCQ and short answer questions. This is a way all Members and Fellows of the Chapter can support the work of the examination committee.

To submit questions or to obtain the guidelines for question writing please contact secretarypathobiology@anzcvs.org.au with subject line MANZCVS Exam Questions.

Natalie Courtman
President Pathobiology Chapter



Contact Rachel at po@anzcvs.org.au

Small Animal Medicine

Welcome to our new Members and Fellows!! Your hard work and dedication have paid off. Your commitment to excellence is truly admirable.

Vet Science Week 2024 was such a success! We were able to celebrate VSW24 as a Chapter at the SAM Chapter dinner, along with some of our conference guest speakers and members from our dinner sponsor, Hill's Pet Nutrition. It was an absolute blast and a great opportunity to catch up with friends and network with new colleagues.

Thank you to all those who contributed to the chapter AGM at VSW24. There were some great thoughts and discussion points, which we will continue to explore over the coming months. I strongly encourage all of our members to attend the next AGM in 2025. It really does provide great insight into the performance and direction of the chapter.

There are a few changes to the executive committee. We excitingly welcome Marcia Coradini into the secretary role. A big thank you must go to Luke Johnston, who has transitioned from the President role to Vice-President, where he will continue to serve the Chapter. I have learnt a lot from Luke's proactive leadership and mentorship and I am grateful for his volunteerism within the chapter. He has brought a lot of fun and joy to the executive team.

Thank you to those who contributed to the survey which was circulated via email in mid 2024. It was great to hear your thoughts and I can assure you that we are proactively working towards implementing as many viable suggestions as possible. We continue to welcome any and all feedback, as well as hearing from members who are keen to contribute to any of our chapter events or committees. We are also currently recruiting for the membership and fellowship examiner positions. To get in touch, please contact presidentsam@anzcvs.org.au.

Our members told us they wanted more CE opportunities and the chapter remains committed to delivering this for you! Our next webinar will be in November with the always educational Dr. Linda Fleeman. We will also be having another Internal Medicine Masterclass weekend conference in 2025. Watch your inbox!

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Small Animal Medicine continued...

The Chapter is managed by Chapter members, for Chapter members. Thanks again for everyone's ongoing input, participation, and investment in the chapter.

Dr. Elizabeth Thrift
President

Small Animal Surgery

Thank you to everyone for a great year in 23/24. I would like to thank the Surgery Chapter committee; Dr Brenton Chambers, (Treasurer), Dr Rebecca Weight (Secretary) and committee members Renee Huggard, Jana Kolichis, Eamon Ryan, Keely Macgregor, Gustav Dippenaar and Darby Walmsley for all of your help throughout the year.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Rebecca Weight, who is resigning (temporarily!) from the Surgery Chapter executive. She has been the most amazing support for the Surgery Chapter, wearing many hats over many years. We can't thank you enough.

This year, we welcomed 9 new Fellows and 41 new Members to the chapter. Our new fellows were:

- Dr [Kyle Song](#) from ARH Minchinbury, Sydney
- Dr [Blaine McCracken](#) from Southpaws, Melbourne
- Dr [Harvey Saunders](#) from BVSC, Brisbane
- Dr Cormac O'Brolchain from VSS, Brisbane
- Dr Arana Parslow who trained at ARH Homebush Sydney but soon to be practicing at Medipaws - a new referral and emergency practice in Sydney from 2025
- Dr [Richard Looi](#) from SASH, Sydney
- Dr [James Brown](#) from Animal Medical Centre, Tasmania

Welcome to all our new Surgery Chapter Members! I encourage you to get involved in the running of your Chapter and scientific conference at every opportunity.

Thank you to our 2024 examiners - for fellowship Dr Sam Snelling HSE, Dr Ross Mcgreggor, Dr Ben Mielke, Dr Jacob Michelsen, Dr Alessandra Santamaria, Dr David Hall and Dr Alastair Franklin as Subject Examination Chair. For Membership we had 14 examiners and I extend my thank you to you all for putting your hand up to help, especially to Dr Katie O'Byrne as head examiner for membership and Dr Rebecca Weight as Subject Examination Chair.

A special thank you to Dr Sam Snelling for his immense support over the last 3 years with fellowship examinations, every year providing a robust yet fair examination.

Science Week was another success, and a special thank you to Gustav Dippenaar and Darby Walmsley for helping with the main programme and abstract day. Dr Nicole Buote, our international speaker, gave some incredible talks and I received extensive positive feedback about the event. I understand it is the only growing conference in Australia, something we should all be proud of.



Small Animal Surgery continued...

I have already lined up 2 incredible international speakers for next year's orthopaedic themed Science Week. STAY TUNED!

Thanks again, and as you have probably heard I am handing over the reigns this coming year to a new President due to family and many other commitments! The Chapter and College will always have my complete support. I hope everyone rallies behind the new president and shows them support in their volunteer role. I certainly will lend a hand in any way I can.

Abbie Tipler

Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia

The Veterinary Anaesthesia & Analgesia Chapter is pleased to announce the publication of our Chapter's position statement in the Australian Veterinary Practitioner, Monitoring of anaesthetised dogs and cats: Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia Chapter position statement. Thank-you to our previous president, Gabby Musk, for seeing this initiative through to publication. Unfortunately, the document is not available as open access, and we are currently working on ways to share the document with College Members.

The position statement itself can be shared via this link and is as follows:

"During anaesthesia of healthy dogs and cats there must be a person dedicated to the role of monitoring and recording the physiological status of the animal and any events related to the safe conduct of anaesthesia. This person must be appropriately trained and experienced or must work under direct supervision of someone who is appropriately trained and experienced. In addition to clinical observations of the animal (palpation of a peripheral pulse, measurement of pulse rate and respiratory rate, observation of mucous membrane colour/ capillary refill time and subjective assessment of depth of anaesthesia), monitoring of anaesthesia should be complimented by the use of equipment including a pulse oximeter, capnograph, blood pressure monitor, and thermometer. A record of anaesthesia must be created in every case. Animals must always be observed from the time that drugs are first administered to the time that adequate recovery from the procedure has been confirmed."

In other Chapter news, as all members would be aware, the intravenous (IV) fluid shortages continue to significantly impact our profession. The Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) is advocating for veterinarians and now has representation on National IV Fluids Working (Response) Group. The VAA Chapter Executive was recently asked to provide recommendations to the AVA regarding suggestions for the management and conservation of IV fluids. The document can be found [here](#) and we hope that it can be of use to our College Membership.

Wendy Goodwin

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Veterinary Behaviour

Dear Colleagues,

I'd like to start by congratulating and welcoming our newest members- This year we have nine new members, and I want to recognise the hard work you all put in to get here. Veterinary Behaviour is a growing field in Veterinary Medicine, and we are proud to have you join us!

Thank you to Examinations Committee Dr Jacqui Ley, Dr Fiona Warton, Dr Frederique Hurly, Dr Jake Lin, Dr Rimini Quinn, and Dr Fiona Warton for all your efforts this year and a big thank you to exiting president Dr Bronwen Bollaert and Treasurer/Secretary Dr Karen Kam for all their hard work.

This last year the Chapter team started a very successful webinar program, and along with Dr Melanie Rockman and Dr Bronwyn Sharman our Science Week Convenors put together a very successful Science Week with three full days of speakers and Residents Day. It was fantastic to welcome keynote speaker Dr Helen Zulch and to see a variety of subjects (and species!) covered over the program.

Our new Education coordinator Dr Melanie Rockman has started looking forward to creating our webinar program this year, with topics by specialists and residents in a variety of subjects. If you have a particular topic or speaker to put forward, you can reach her at: educationvetbehaviour@anzcvs.org.au.

New Treasurer/Secretary Dr Diane Van Rooy and I (Dr Lucy Scott) are also excited to step into our new roles this season and looking forward to meeting many of you at Science Week July 2025.

Dr Lucy Scott
Veterinary Behaviour Chapter President



Veterinary Practice Small Animal

Year on year, our examinations cohort has grown. This year, we are very excited to welcome 10 new members to our chapter by examination. Examinations are a huge undertaking for the candidates and their families, as well as the Board of Examiners, College staff and examiners from our chapter. We thank everyone who worked so hard to make examinations a success. Our examinations team for 2025 is ready and enthused for another cohort, so encourage all of your General Practice colleagues that this is a worthwhile Memberships topic to pursue.

Our congratulations are extended to our member and current Treasurer, Dr Marilyn Moss, who was awarded the travel grant for the College. We look forward to hearing the recap of her learnings as she ventures abroad.

VetPrac Small Animal continued...

Science Week 2024 was, by all accounts, a big success. Special thanks to our Chapter Convenor, Angela Hodgson, ably assisted by Charlotte May for organising the Chapter dinner. See the photo attached of some of our members at the ANZCVS Awards dinner- 3 new members, 3 existing members and grins all around!

Over the coming 12 months, we have planned Zoom catch ups with educational pieces. It's a highlights reel of geographically relevant topics. We're kicking off with Canine Parvovirus, followed by Ehrlichia and Heartworm disease later.

In the memory of the extraordinary late Dr Philip Moses, we have motions in place to set up a memorial in his honour. Watch this space, especially for those passionate about brachycephalics and animal welfare.

"Alone, we can do so little, together we can do so much." Helen Keller

Georgia Ladmore
VetPrac Small Animal President



Veterinary Public Health

Congratulations and welcome to our three successful Membership Exam Candidates for 2024

The Chapter warmly welcomes Drs Alissa Hampton (Department of Primary Industries and Regions, Adelaide), Jake Sang-Min Kim (Ministry of Primary Industry, Auckland) and Nicolas Rush (Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Canberra).

We look forward to their contributions to the future of the Chapter.

VPH Fellowship – someday yet to go!

The Chapter submitted its Subject Guidelines for VPH Fellowship to the College's Board of Examiners on 31 January 2024. In the submission, the Chapter proposed using the fast-tracked mechanism as permitted in the College Constitution which inter alia reads:

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- “Fast- tracked or fast-tracking” means dispensing with the requirement to complete a Membership examination or any College approved training program before advancing to Fellowship.
- Two groups of candidates [are] considered eligible for fast-tracking:
 - Those who have successfully completed a Diplomate examination in one of the American Colleges, European Colleges or the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons;
 - Those who are eminent veterinarians with extensive depth and breadth of training, scholarship and experience and a record of academic and practical excellence as otherwise defined by the Council.

Section 2.13 [Fellowship Candidate Handbook \(anzcvs.org.au\)](#)

On the 24 August, the Board responded as follows:

“The BOE is overall supportive of the concept of establishing a Fellowship pathway in VPH and have included some comments and questions in the attached document for consideration.”

“... the BOE is supportive of the proposal to use the fast-track mechanism to establish sufficient Fellows at the specialty level in the Chapter, however, we require that the chapter articulate the pathway for a formal traditional Fellowship training pathway as a part of the Subject Guidelines and to act as a measure of assurance that any fast-tracked Fellows are committed to establishing this traditional pathway.”

Abstracted from BOE email Saturday, 24 August 2024 11:14 am

Presently, the Chapter Fellowship Standards Committee is attending to the comments and questions raised by BOE. This is expected to be completed by the end of September.

The Chapter will then be tasked with job of preparing for Fellowship examinations, possibly for 2026. At the same time the Chapter will put its mind to the task developing a formal traditional Fellowship pathway.

(Section 2.3.1 [Fellowship Candidate Handbook \(anzcvs.org.au\)](#) refers)

AGM and Officers and Committee Memberships

The Chapter AGM was held on Saturday 24 August via Zoom. Our general meeting was preceded by an address from Dr Sarah Britton, Director of One Health Unit, Disease Control Strategy Branch of the newly formed Australian Centre for Disease Control. Sarah, a Chapter member, outlined where the CDC was in this early stage of its development and emphasised the acceptance of a One Health approach to its activity. A robust Q & A session followed Sarah’s talk, with a promise of further information sharing as the Centre develops.

ELECTIONS

The following were elected as Officers and Committee Members at the AGM.

Officers

President: Dr Kevin Crews; Treasurer: Dr John Tulloch; Secretary: Dr Allen Petrey

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Committee members

Membership Subject Standards Committee: Drs Leo Foyle (chair), Kerushini Govender, Nick Rush, Alissa Hampton and Jake Kim

Membership Examination Committee: Drs Bob Biddle (chair), Elizabeth Parker and Mark Schipp

Fellowship Subject Standards Committee: Drs Michael Reichel and Elizabeth Parker

The Chapter thanks Prof Roland Cobbold who is stepping down as Chair of the Membership Examination Committee. Roland has accepted a position at the new veterinary school on the Northern Rivers (Lismore) campus of the Southern Cross University in NSW. We wish him well.

Vet Science Week 2024

The VPH Chapter collaborated with the Epidemiology, Cattle, Pig Health and Production, Pathobiology and Aquatic Animal Health Chapters to present a two-and-a-half-day program at this year’s Science Week. The program showcased the collective expertise across the chapters with 11 speakers, 27 abstracts.

Speakers were invited to share their insights on the themes of ‘Zoonotic Challenges of Cattle’ (Cattle Chapter), ‘Zoonotic Challenges of Pigs’ (Pig Health Chapter), and ‘Novel Technologies to Better the Understanding of Disease and Zoonoses’ (Pathobiology Chapter) and Food Safety – Risk Management (Aquatic Animal Health). This led to a wide range of speakers from Australia and New Zealand across various disciplines – public health, academia, state, federal and national government veterinary services and veterinary clinical practice.

Similarly the 27 Abstracts (20 minute addresses) covered the extensive field of VPH and Epidemiology.

All speakers and fellow Convenors in Epidemiology, Cattle, Pig Health and Production, Pathobiology and Aquatic Animal Health Chapters are thanked for their presentations and efforts in arranging the well-attended sessions.

Happenings

Chapter member, Dr Sam Hamilton, is Australia’s new Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer. Sam has been acting in the role of Deputy CVO since March and permanently appointed in August. In addition to his veterinary degree Sam has a PhD from the University of Sydney and an Executive Master of Public Administration from the Australian and New Zealand School of Government.

Kevin Crews
President



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Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation

I would like to start by congratulating and welcoming our newest members to the VSMR chapter: Drs Andreane Daigle, Gretchen Szabat, Jenna Micallef Jiemin Ang, Lauren Bleaken and Susan Hill, who all passed the Canine membership examinations this year. A fantastic achievement and we look forward to having you become active members of this Chapter and helping us grow this field in Australia, New Zealand and beyond.

Much thanks must go to the Subject Examinations team members: Drs Yoko Clinch, Rebecca Ainsworth, Barry Chernio and Janet van Dyke and Head subject examiner Dr Stephen Fearnside. I know that a large amount of work goes into preparing the examinations and am extremely grateful for your contributions to ensure the growth of our chapter.

In 2025, we will again hold the equine membership examinations, and I would like to extend my thanks to the equine subject examinations team for volunteering to take on this important role: Drs Chris Elliott, Susan Jones, Kylie Huxford, Nicola Wiechula, Ashleigh Morrice-West and Georgina Johnston under the expert leadership of Dr Cate Steele (Chair) and Professor Ben Ahern (Head examiner). It is great to welcome some new faces onto this committee.

This year marks the last year of the foundation Presidency, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all those who have worked so tirelessly to establish the chapter. I am delighted that Yoko Clinch, Janet van Dyke and Chris Elliott will be maintaining roles on the senior executive and would like to extend my heartfelt thanks Dr Michael Bell for being our inaugural treasurer.

VSMR continued...

At our recent AGM, we confirmed new office bearers' positions. Stephen Fearnside was nominated to be the President Elect and Barry Chernio to be the Treasurer. Susan Hill volunteered to be the "secretary elect", shadowing Janet van Dyke until next year's election. Yoko Clinch will continue in her role of Science Week Convenor as well as Past President. We also confirmed membership of the Subject Standards Committee – Chris Elliott (chair); Janet van Dyke (canine) and myself (equine) who have already met to revise the subject standards.

This year's Science Week program was a great success, and I would like to thank the chapter's Science Week coordinators for their tireless efforts to bring this to fruition. In addition to two days of excellent canine lectures, the team also organised a one-day pre-conference musculoskeletal practical workshop featuring Dr. Julia Tomlinson as lead lecturer, assisted by Drs. Patsy Mich & Ah Young Kim. This hands-on workshop was limited to 12 delegates and sold out very quickly. Due to its success, I am sure we will look at running something similar in the future. In 2025, we hope to also include some equine lectures and welcome Dr Josie Hale, who has agreed to join the Science Week committee. Her joint roles on the VSMR and Equine chapters will be a bonus.

Finally, at the AGM, we discussed the possibility of setting up a Journal club for members – so watch this space.

Best wishes,
Prof Sam Franklin
President VSMR chapter

Animal Welfare Chapter pays tribute to...

Professor Andrew Fisher

Professor Andrew Fisher, who passed away suddenly earlier this year, will be remembered as a humble and gentle man, a quiet achiever who contributed significantly to the Animal Welfare Chapter of the Australian and New College of Veterinary Scientists. His outstanding commitment to support the Chapter is recognized and gratefully appreciated.

His dedication and work in animal welfare science and furthering the veterinary profession's role in animal welfare was well known. In recognition of this, he became the inaugural recipient of the Animal Welfare Chapter's David Bayvel Award in 2014. After attaining his membership in 2001, Andrew was also one of the first members to attain Fellowship in Animal Welfare in 2010. This was a significant milestone for our Chapter which paved the way for three more Fellows, all of whom Andrew supervised. He also played a vital role in developing our Fellowship Guidelines.

This involved a significant amount of work for which the Chapter is indebted. But his contributions continue. He has been a subject examiner for memberships on more than one occasion. Andrew also contributed to the review of our Membership Study Guidelines, development of multiple-choice questions for membership examinations and has mentored membership candidates. Andrew also supported Science Week, whether as helping to develop the scientific program or as a presenter. He has made all of these outstanding contributions selflessly and enthusiastically, giving generously of his wisdom, experiences and support. His dedication, passion and commitment in helping veterinarians gain additional knowledge in animal welfare will continue to be an inspiration.

In honour of the extraordinary voluntary work generously given by Andrew, the Chapter has announced the Andrew Fisher Veterinary Student Award which will be offered for the first time in 2025. The Award recognises recent publication of an animal welfare focused article in a peer viewed journal by a veterinary student. Through his role at the University of Melbourne, Andrew worked closely with many veterinary and post graduate students including supporting them to contribute to the scientific literature. The Chapter hopes that the Award will honour this aspect of Andrew's legacy into the future.

~Dr Di Evans, President Animal Welfare Chapter



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