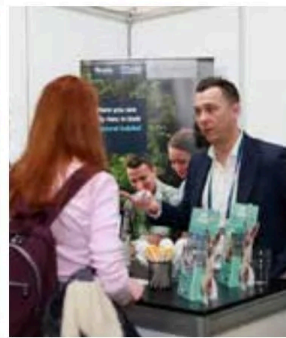




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Welcome to the June edition of the College Courier. Examinations are underway and planning for Science Week continue, with everyone happily planning for a face-to-face event. In this edition we acknowledge the examiners who contribute so much to the College and look back on some reflections from the College's 40th anniversary. We welcome members to share their stories with us by emailing cm@anzcvs.org.au.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr Amy Lane, President



"Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives - choice, not chance, determines your destiny." Aristotle

As I write this column, I am aware that there are 369 individuals undertaking their last minute revisions to sit ANZCVS Membership or Fellowship examinations. These individuals made a choice to aim for excellence within their field of interest, and I sincerely wish them well.

The ANZCVS Council continues to make the choice to aim for excellence in its core business of examinations and a scientific conference. On the examinations front, a project has commenced called the Examinations Evolution and Support (EES) Project which will be managed by Dr Rachel Tan, the Project Officer.

The aim of this project is to utilise and implement some of the findings and recommendations from the recent external examination reviews, a summary of which will be provided to all Members shortly. The two external reviewers were in agreement that the examinations provided by the ANZCVS were of very high standard and validity, but both also provided suggestions on how this could continue to improve.

Another major part of the project is ensuring that as changes are introduced, they are with the volunteer workload at front of mind, with aims to support this invaluable resource.

On the conference front, an external Professional Conference Organiser, Arinex, has been engaged to deliver College Science Week 2022. This will allow the conference to continue to grow and evolve in line with what

our members are seeking from their conference.

If you are a member who hasn't attended College Science Week before, or for some time, we'd like to hear why. One benefit of engaging a PCO is their post conference survey data analysis. Again, this is your conference, and we'd like to ensure its relevance for members, so please take the time to answer the survey post conference.

To continue highlighting the purpose of the ANZCVS, re-establishment of connection with other organisations within the veterinary industry, such as the Australian Veterinary Association, the New Zealand Veterinary Association, the Veterinary Council of New Zealand and the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council, has been occurring. While these organisations all have differing core business, we all have the same goal of improving the industry and the veterinarians and support staff within it. Strength often comes in numbers, therefore the cross pollination of ideas and clear acknowledgement of support for each other will ideally assist with providing greater support for all veterinarians.

The second quarter of the year is always the busiest within the College, with final preparations for examinations and Science week creating a flurry of activity. The input from all the office staff is commendable.

Ms Sharon Tinsley, the assistant College Manager, resigned in March 2022 after over 12 years of loyal and

dedicated service to the College. We sincerely thank her for her efforts over the last 12 years, and particularly during the last two very challenging years during the worst of the pandemic. The current staff of Mary Anne Hiscutt, Rachel Tan, Jenny Burnett, Jill Meatheringham, Rhonda Hodge and Sharyn Logan under the CEO Stephen Alderman's direction, has continued to deliver excellence, due to their "high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution".

The Board of Examiners also deserves significant gratitude for the time and expertise they provide all year, but particularly leading up to the examination period. The last two years have been a constant 'moving target' requiring agility to respond as circumstances dictated, and the implementation of the electronic delivery of examinations this year added novel complexity. However, Chief Examiner Peter Bennett, Assistant Chief Examiners Jen Carter and Linda Abraham, and the remaining Board of Examiners have also excelled in their role of delivering high quality examinations.

My final thanks go, as always, to the other ANZCVS Councillors who provide insightful direction as stewards of the ANZCVS. Dr Zoe Lenard will be retiring as Councillor after six years on Council, 3 of which as President. Her vivacity and tenacity has been inspiring and we wish her well for her next challenge. Dr Charlotte Cantley is also retiring this year after two years of service as Councillor as she takes the time required to fully regain her health after a serious horse riding accident last year. We hope she will nominate for Council again in the future.

➔ EXAMINATIONS REPORT

Dr Peter Bennett, Chief Examiner



By the time that you are reading this, this year's examinations will have started. The move to an online platform is new for this year and lays the foundation for the paths the College will consider for the examinations in the future.

While the changes over the last couple of years have been enforced by the pandemic, a move to electronic delivery has been a desire of the Board and College for some years. With a change in systems, the effects on candidates, examiners and the office will be reviewed to ensure that upcoming examinations maintain and improve the quality that has been developed.

The College examinations involve many people to enable them to happen, the majority of whom are volunteers. We have 20 Fellowship candidates and 352 Membership candidates undertaking at least part of the examinations this year. To allow this to happen we have 125 examiners who have volunteered and there are

additional College members who have provided support by writing questions as well as the Chapter SSC and EC leadership. As a College we must be appreciative of the work, at times during periods of personal disruption, that the examining teams have donated to the College.

The office staff are continuing to work away behind the scenes to get everything for the examinations to progress. While we have improvement in conditions compared to 2020 and 2021, challenges remain and are more complex to organise than previously.

The use of electronic delivery of the written papers, remote delivery of oral exams and use of Teams sites for exam development have reduced some of our previous challenges, they have introduced some new ones, particularly as everyone gets used to the new formats.

Ms Jenny Burnett has worked tirelessly to assist the examiners and the Board

to develop and deliver the examination and I am very appreciative of the work she had done in this area. I would like to thank the assistant examination officers Lynda and Jill, along with remainder of the College office staff for their support of the work of the Board.

The assistant chief examiners, Jen Carter, and Linda Abraham, continue to provide me with great support, along with the Board members, Stephen, Lydia, Yenny, Liz, Jana and Rena.

I do look forward to catching up with people in person at Science Week. Something that has been missing for the last couple of years.

*Regards
Peter*

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IN APPRECIATION OF OUR EXAMINERS

The College and Board would like to thank the large number of examiners for their time and effort in preparing, marking and delivering the examinations across the broad range of subjects on offer. Your contributions are vital to the continuation and success of the College examination process.

Thank
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FOR YOUR SUPPORT

First Name	Surname	Membership Subject
Michelle	Sutherland	Avian Medicine and Surgery
Daniela	Hsu	Avian Medicine and Surgery
Iain	Flanagan	Avian Medicine and Surgery
Patrick	Jones	Avian Medicine and Surgery
Kimberley	Tozer	Avian Medicine and Surgery
Andrew	Fisher	Animal Welfare
Cree	Monaghan	Animal Welfare
Rachel	Stone	Equine Dentistry
Liz	Paton	Equine Dentistry
Kirsten	Jackson	Equine Dentistry
James	Meyer	Equine Dentistry
Andrew	Easton	Equine Dentistry
Gary	Wilson	Equine Dentistry
Martine	Van Boeijen	Medicine of Cats
Nick	Yeow	Medicine of Cats
Cicilia	Muller	Medicine of Cats
Alison	Jukes	Medicine of Cats

First Name	Surname	Membership Subject
Stephanie	Sorrell	Medicine of Cats UK
Jim	Littlewood	Medicine of Cats UK
Eleanor	Marriott	Medicine of Cats UK
Gabriele	Habacher-Sciater	Medicine of Cats UK
Leo	Foyle	Medicine and Management of Aquaculture Species
Roger	Chong	Medicine and Management of Aquaculture Species
Tristan	Rich	Medicine and Surgery of Unusual Pets
Olivia	Clarke	Medicine and Surgery of Unusual Pets
Leanne	Wicker	Medicine of Australasian Wildlife Species
Claire	Madden	Medicine of Australasian Wildlife Species
Leanne	Wicker	Medicine of Zoo Animals
Claire	Madden	Medicine of Zoo Animals
Rod	Salter	Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery
Williamina	Basuki	Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery
Tara	Cashman	Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery
Mike	Lawley	Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery
Joanna	Whitney	Small Animal Medicine

First Name	Surname	Membership Subject	First Name	Surname	Membership Subject
Wayne	Shipman	Small Animal Medicine	Danielle	Crosby	Surgery of Horses
Louise	Roberts-Bailey	Small Animal Medicine	Robyn	Charman	Surgery of Horses
Nicolle	Kirkwood	Small Animal Medicine	Tias	Muurlink	Surgery of Horses
John	Blaxill	Small Animal Medicine	Eleanor	Holden	Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia
Amy	Lam	Small Animal Medicine	Louise	Bass	Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia
Thomas	Fluen	Small Animal Medicine	Jacqui	Ley	Veterinary Behaviour
Stefan	Radich	Small Animal Medicine	Fiona	Warton	Veterinary Behaviour
Sonya	Estens	Small Animal Medicine	Katrina	Ward	Veterinary Behaviour
Joshua	Bool	Small Animal Medicine	Isabelle	Resch	Veterinary Behaviour
Gemma	Coulter	Small Animal Medicine	Adrian	Simon	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Kelly	Yates	Small Animal Medicine	Juliette	Riddall	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Elizabeth	Thrift	Small Animal Medicine	Sarah	Mullaney	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Natalie	Slade	Small Animal Surgery	Leanne	Pinfold	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Lincoln	Chau	Small Animal Surgery	Elizabeth	Napier	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Kadie	O'Byrne	Small Animal Surgery	Oriana	Leong	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Teng	Xiang Khoo	Small Animal Surgery	Suzanne	Tso	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Nadia	Wong	Small Animal Surgery	Tse Yin (Jacque)	Tsai	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Luke	Ellis	Small Animal Surgery	Caroline	Romeo	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Ben	Porter	Small Animal Surgery	Angel	Li	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Tesh	Smalle	Small Animal Surgery	Ye	Yao	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Sarah	Leber	Small Animal Surgery	Jenni Ann	Toribo	Veterinary Epidemiology
Max	Tori	Small Animal Surgery	Jennifer	Manyweathers	Veterinary Epidemiology
Angela	Pantanco	Small Animal Surgery	Jeanine	Sandy	Veterinary Pathology

First Name	Surname	Membership Subject	First Name	Surname	Membership Subject
John	Munday	Veterinary Pathology	Tunbi	Idowu	Small Animal Medicine
Viv	Song	Veterinary Pharmacology	Luke	Johnston	Small Animal Medicine
Oliver	Reeve	Veterinary Pharmacology	Jody	Braddock	Small Animal Medicine
Sharanne	Raidal	Veterinary Practice (Equine)	Amanda	Taylor	Small Animal Medicine
Elizabeth	Barter	Veterinary Practice (Equine)	Andrew	Worth	Small Animal Surgery
Georgia	Ladmore	Veterinary Practice (Small Animal)	Guy	Yates	Small Animal Surgery
Carla	Kowald	Veterinary Practice (Small Animal)	Tania	Shaw	Small Animal Surgery
Michael	Reichel	Veterinary Public Health	Carla	Appelgrein	Small Animal Surgery
Bruce	Gummow	Veterinary Public Health	Takanori	Sugiyama	Small Animal Surgery
Belinda	Hopper	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Isobel	Monotti	Small Animal Surgery
Shanaka	Sarathchandra	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Sam	Snelling	Small Animal Surgery
Katrina	Garrett	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Gabby	Musk	Veterinary Anaesthesia & Analgesia
Jennifer	Judd	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Sébastien	Bauquier	Veterinary Anaesthesia & Analgesia
Paul	Crocker	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Claire	Sharp	Veterinary Emergency Medicine & Critical Care
Gail	Anderson	Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (Canine)	Corrin	Boyd	Veterinary Emergency Medicine & Critical Care
Stephen	Fearnside	Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (Canine)	Michael	Ward	Veterinary Epidemiology
Fellowship			Victoria	Brookes	Veterinary Epidemiology
Alexandra	Whittaker	Animal Welfare Science, Ethics & Law	Ken	Wyatt	Veterinary Oncology
David	Main	Animal Welfare Science, Ethics & Law	Elizabeth	Morgan	Veterinary Oncology
Melinda	Cowan	Avian Medicine & Surgery	Robin	Stanley	Veterinary Ophthalmology
Hamish	Baron	Avian Medicine & Surgery	Johana	Premont	Veterinary Ophthalmology
Alison	Stickney	Feline Medicine	Marjorie	Milne	Veterinary Radiology
Kerry	Rolph	Feline Medicine	Ann	Carstens	Veterinary Radiology
David	Davies	Small Animal Medicine			



CEO REPORT

Stephen Alderman, CEO



The College community has been bustling as our major annual activities of examinations and Science Week delivery all take place mid-year.

This year marks some significant changes to both activities. We have introduced online solutions for written papers and most practical assessments for examinations. I want to acknowledge the tremendous support from committees, examination teams and candidates working with us on this transition as we embrace the flexibility and efficiencies our members have sought for several years.

It looks like we will have a big international list of venues for examinations this year, including

Alabama, Canada, Croatia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Maryland, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Norway, Phoenix, Singapore, Texas, United Kingdom and of course many locations throughout Australia and New Zealand.

For Science Week, this will be our first in-person event since 2019, which was before I started with the College, so I am looking forward to meeting the people who have enabled the College to weather the past few years of turmoil and made my role during this time much more manageable.

This year the Science Week Committee has been working with a professional conference organiser

to help ensure everyone has a great experience and celebrate a very successful 50 years of service to our members and the veterinary sector. I hope to see many of you there.

In closing, I wanted to acknowledge the effort and commitment of Sharon Tinsley who after more than twelve years has moved on to an exciting new role. Many of you would have had direct contact with Sharon as she prided herself on being the first point of contact for the College. We have spoken a few times since she has left and she wanted to say she still misses the College and all the hustle and bustle of Science Week, but is excited and challenged in her new role.



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UPDATE PROJECT OFFICER

Dr Rachel Tan, Project Officer



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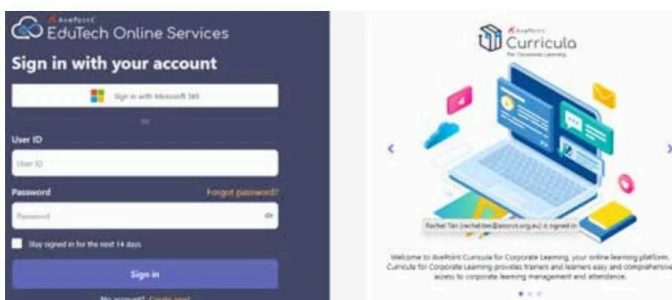
With a record number of 24 Chapters presenting a program, the return to an in-person conference is highly anticipated. Our plenary speaker, Mr Gihan Perara will be one of the program highlights. For a preview, please view his [welcome to Science Week delegates](#) or peruse the library of [articles](#) he has written about being “Fit for the Future”.

The Jubilee Conference Dinner on the Friday night has also been redesigned to move away from the formal awards ceremony of prior years to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the College. There will be a festive atmosphere with food stations and live music. Listen to anecdotes about the history of the College during the evening whilst relaxing with friends and colleagues.



ONLINE EXAMINATION DELIVERY 2022

Our fantastic examinations team is in full gear preparing for global digital delivery of Paper 1 and Paper 2 for all Membership and Fellowship examinations using the Examena Application. Examinations will be delivered in multiple locations across 13 different countries and multiple time zones. Each candidate has a user-friendly dashboard where their scheduled exams are displayed in their local time in addition to sample exams.



In 2022, we will have our largest standard year cohort of candidates, excluding the unusual year of 2021 which contained candidates deferred from 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The College is pleased to have the opportunity to welcome these new prospective members. 2022 will also be the inaugural year that Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (VSMR Canine) will hold examinations, with VSMR Equine scheduled for 2023.

Candidate Numbers	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Membership	191	274	240	CANCELLED (335)	432	348
Fellowship	22	27	25	18	23	20



EXAMINATIONS EVOLUTION AND SUPPORT PROJECT

The College's vision is to have our members recognised for veterinary excellence, and for shaping the future of the profession through certification and support of vibrant, engaged, and collaborative communities of practice. At the core of the College's function is certification through examination.

In 2021, the College engaged two independent external reviews of examination processes. The summary of these report recommendations will be released to Members shortly. In order to evolve and support the QUALITY and SUSTAINABILITY of examinations, a project has been initiated to implement these recommendations. Please keep your eye out for upcoming information on this new initiative.

If you have any questions about any of these topics, please contact me at po@anzcvs.org.au.



LOOKING BACK ...

WHILE WE PREPARE (BELATEDLY) TO CELEBRATE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COLLEGE, IT IS INTERESTING TO LOOK BACK TO SOME EXCERPTS FROM THE 40TH CELEBRATION.

REG PASCOE REFLECTED ON THE 1970S AND THE FOUNDING OF THE COLLEGE

Were we of the College quirky to begin with? This may well have been the case as the method of selection of the founding fathers of the College caused a small schism in our profession as it created a person offered the foundation Membership of the College and a person not offered. This was perceived by some as a slight, and as a number of refusals were received, another round of offers followed.

JAKOB MALMO REFLECTED ON THE 1980S

I was speaking with Norman Williamson in New Zealand last week about the College and he told me of an early discussion he had with one of my mentors, Prof. Doug Blood, regarding the early days of the College. While discussing the initial development of the College with Prof. Blood, Norm made the point that he saw it as being set up as basically an "old boys club". Doug in a very wise response said something along the lines "Well, it is up to you younger people to move in and continue the development of the College".

The fact that the College has developed and grown to the extent that it has is a very eloquent endorsement of both the foresight of the early people who set up the College, and of the newer members who have supported its ongoing development.

GEOFF ROBINS REFLECTED ON THE 1990s

At the inception of the College 40 years ago, Dr Stewart stated very clearly that the College would provide an opportunity for recognition of advanced professional skills for those members of the profession who were not in a position to acquire higher academic qualifications.

So by the end of the 80s and the early part of the 90s it became clear that the College's rules governing fellowship training had to change to fall into line with the criteria that had been laid down by the vet surgeons board's conference and administered by the ACRVS. It was no longer good enough to have trained in your area of interest and to then satisfy the likes of Reg, Jakob or Chris Bellenger in the fellowship exams.

Everything became much more tightly controlled and audited. Sadly, in my opinion, this made the alternative route to fellowship training nearly impossible to achieve. Unfortunately some people assumed that it was the College that initiated these changes to the fellowship pre-requisites.

So, what were things like at the College in the early 90s? Membership examinations consisted of a single three hour written paper in January. The oral exams took place in February in the un-air-conditioned "comfort" of the University of Sydney Veterinary Anatomy Department. Candidates were informed of the results by mail and the awards ceremony and AGM were held at the same time and place as the AVA conference in May.

What about fellowship? As I said the rules governing these candidates were changing rapidly, but so was the relevance of the examination, with success leading to registration as a specialist. The number of successful candidates nearly doubled in the 90's compared to the 80's. The timing of these exams tended to be at the convenience of the examiners and the candidate; however, the structure of the examination was similar to today.

NIGEL PERKINS REFLECTED ON THE 2000s

My first year on the board was also the first year that examinations were held at the Gold Coast and it is fitting that more than 10 years later, we are still here in the same hotel celebrating 40 years of successful activity for the College.

For me the decade following the end of the 90s was marked by the continued growth in the number of candidates sitting membership and fellowship examinations. We marvelled as annual candidate numbers passed 70 then 80 and finally crossed 100.

In about 2000 we analysed many years of data on candidate numbers (as epidemiologists do) and running a linear fit out past any sensible limits of extrapolation we rashly predicted that it was possible that candidate numbers might pass 130 and even in the distant future approach the 200 mark. Well that day has come and gone and the College continues to thrive even as we test the physical limits of the hotel. Science week has also enjoyed a continued and dramatic increase in numbers reflecting the wisdom of the decision to develop a continuing education meeting in conjunction with examinations week, and the dedication of Geoff Robins, Terry King and others in organising the event.

I congratulate the College on 40 years of success and look forward to the next 40 years. Thank you.

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ANZCVS SCIENCE WEEK 23 - 25 JUNE 2022

 The Star, Gold Coast



Delegates attending the three-day cutting edge scientific program have the options for in-person or virtual registration with full access to 3-months of on-demand content (excluding abstract sessions).

ANZCVS will hold Science Week on 23-25 June 2022 at The Star, Gold Coast with health and safety precautions in place.



KEY DATES

- Registrations open: 1 March
- Final program release: 28 March
- Abstract submissions close: 29 April
- Conference dates: 23 - 25 June



PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

The preliminary program features 24 Chapters participating both in-person and online.

[View the preliminary program here.](#)



REGISTRATION

Registrations open 1 March! [Complete the registration form](#) to gain access to the Conference and on-demand recordings 3-months post-event.

➔ CHAPTERS

ANIMAL REPRODUCTION CHAPTER

The members of the Animal Reproduction Chapter would like to wish all those attending College Science Week a successful and enlightening meeting. We aim to join you next year when we have our biennial examination session.

Our members have been ensuring that the production animals have been assessed for the parturition and breeding season that is due in the Spring and Summer depending on the species and activity.

Those in the horse breeding industry have earned a well-deserved break after the end of the sales season for the young stock, and are bracing for



the next foaling and breeding season. Those assisting with the breeding of small animals continue to do their best to ensure viable and cared for dams and neonates. The use of welfare friendly breeding practices is our aim, especially encouraging the use of trans cervical artificial insemination in small animals as the only welfare acceptable means of using frozen semen.

Until the next Courier, take care and keep safe.

Allan, Natali and Jasmin

ANIMAL WELFARE CHAPTER

2022 Science Week

Don't forget to check out the great program on offer with some really interesting topics on Day 1 being covered including use of non-animal alternatives in teaching, welfare considerations of trimming horse facial hairs, ethics rounds for vet teams and ethics and one welfare and much more.

On Day 2, our joint sessions with Animal Behaviour include recognizing pain in horses, welfare of therapy and assistance animals and the importance of choice for animals for good mental health. And our Day 3 program joint session Small Ruminants includes presentations on climate change and heat stress in sheep, sheep analgesics, best practice disbudding in goats and welfare improvements in the NZ deer industry. Please join us for some informative and thought-provoking discussion.

2022 Examinations

The Chapter extends all the best to our seven membership candidates and three fellowship candidates in their forthcoming examinations. Sincere thanks are also extended to our examination teams. Our next membership examinations will be held in 2024. We encourage all vets to sit these exams for no matter what area you work in, a good knowledge of animal welfare and ethics will be of immense importance.

EQUINE CHAPTER

Dear Members,

The Equine Chapter Executive and Science Week Convenors would like to invite you to Science Week on the Gold Coast.

This year our Science Week convenors have established an excellent and collaborative program. Shared sessions with the Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Chapter and Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia Chapters are a highlight, with a number of well-known and exciting local and international speakers contributing also.

The sponsored Equine Chapter dinner will be held on Thursday 23rd June and a social afternoon whale watching is planned for the afternoon of Friday 24th June 2022.

Our wonderful sponsors BOVA, AustVet and RanLab are to be sincerely thanked for their contribution. We would be delighted if you could join us for three days of quality education and a much-needed industry catch up!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our hard-working examiners in Equine Surgery and Equine Practice Membership examinations. Your dedication to our profession and the ongoing education of the young veterinarian is much appreciated.

Chapter Members please also take note that Intention to Sit applications for next year's Membership and Fellowship examinations are being accepted; please encourage your junior staff to participate in this invaluable experience.

*Yours Sincerely,
Equine Chapter Executive and Science Week Convenors (Lucy, Allison, Nick, Eddie and Steve)*

MEDICINE AND MANAGEMENT OF LABORATORY ANIMALS CHAPTER

During this wet and cold winter, we look forward to getting together at Broadbeach for our Science Week Conference from June 23 to 25.

The MMLA will have a whole day of presentations, on Thursday, June 23, starting at 8:30am with Malcolm France discussing reproducibility in laboratory animal science. We will finish the day with the AGM at 5pm. I have attached the current timetable to the end of this report.

Unfortunately, we had no candidates for examination this year so, there will be no new members, by examination, in 2022. I am aware of a number of people showing interest in registering as candidates for the 2024 examinations.

Please be enthusiastic in encouraging any of your protégés to consider sitting the exams. Mentoring a colleague in exam preparation and completion is a great opportunity for sharing your knowledge and experience. So, get out there and find the Chapter some potential new members. Although we don't have any new members,

by examination, we do seem to be attracting members from other chapters, so our numbers are slowly growing. We extend our welcome to Dr Chalette Brown from Cerberus Sciences who has joined us from the Behaviour Chapter.

The COVID pandemic has caused us many challenges, however, we successfully held an on-line two-day series of seminars in lieu of the 2021 Science Week on July 22 and 23. We appreciate the support of ABR, Abel Scientific, Biological Associates, Chemical Essentials, and Speciality Feeds in providing sponsorship for that event.

Our Journal Club continued throughout the year with four meetings, this has helped us feel unified and provided a sense of belonging to our professional association. Topics discussed have included anaesthesia, analgesia, experimental design, mouse models of cancer, decapod welfare and the safe handling of cytotoxic chemotherapeutic agents. External organisations have requested access for their non-member veterinarians to attend Journal Club so we must be doing the right thing!

This year's Science Week looks great and will be a good opportunity for

our members to join the Executive. Please consider putting your hand up at the AGM on June 23 for joining the Executive. Young blood is crucial for the growth of our Chapter.

Our Science Week sponsors this year are Speciality Feeds, Able Scientific, Darvall AAS, Jetpets, Chemical Essentials, Cerberus Sciences and Biological Associates. If they have booths in the exhibitors' hall, make sure you visit and have a chat with their representatives. If not, just say thanks the next time you have a chat with them on a professional matter.

It's a great privilege being your President, but without the help of the other members of the Executive I couldn't do the job. So, I extend my thanks to Dr Julie Ferguson, our Treasurer and Dr Yvette Ellen our secretary, in addition to our examiners Drs J Kingham and E Dodemaide and Web Coordinator Dr J Inns.

Lastly money: In this era of inflation, it's reassuring to note that our Chapter subscription fees have remained at AUD \$25.

See you in the Broadbeach Room 1 at the STAR on Thursday at 8:30am.

*Cheers,
Lewis Vaughan*

ANZCVS MMLA SCIENCE WEEK AS OF 17/5/22 THURSDAY, JUNE 23

Lewis Vaughan – MMLA President/Science Week Convenor

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8:30 am	Malcolm France – Reproducibility in laboratory animal science
9 am	Jenny Kingham – The impact of the microbiome – Preparing a dirty mouse model
9:30 am	Alex Whittaker – Husbandry and environment on behavioural tests
10:30 am	Morning Tea
11 am	Anthony James – Ethical research where regulation is missing
11:30 am	Chris Brown - Zebrafish husbandry and common problems in management
12 noon	Rebecca Wilcox – The use of antimicrobials in lab rodents in Sweden
12:30 pm	Julie Ferguson – Veterinary involvement in facility design and construction
1 pm	Lunch
2 pm	John Finnie – Experimental traumatic brain injury models and translation challenges
2:30	Amanda Errington – Supporting AECs facing challenging ethical dilemmas
3 pm	Adam O'Connell – Sheep models in behaviour testing
3:30 pm	Lewis Vaughan - Weight Loss in Laboratory Animal Science
4 pm	Afternoon Tea
4:30 pm	Gabrielle Musk – Development of a reference range for biochemical blood parameters in guinea pigs
5 pm	AGM
5:30 pm	End of day



ONCOLOGY CHAPTER

Congratulations and well wishes to our two Oncology fellowship candidates, Drs Selvi Jegatheeson and Johanna Todd, who have now sat their written examinations and are preparing to sit their oral and practical examinations. We wish them both the very best.

Congratulations also to all the candidates who have sat their fellowship and membership examinations in all disciplines.

We are excited for an in-person Science Week program next month which Drs Kathleen O'Connell and Penny Brown have worked hard to put together. The conference will run as a hybrid event and those that cannot attend can still access the presentations online for up to three months afterwards.

The oncology chapter will have presentations on Saturday, June 25, 2022. We are excited to be hosting Dr Jaime Modiano (online, live) for three hours of lectures including cancer risk and biology and some new, exciting, and encouraging developments in treatment for canine haemangiosarcoma.

He will be available at the end of each session for Q&A. We also have a fantastic line up of local speakers including Drs Jessica Finlay, Catherine Chan, Rod Straw, John Blaxill and Yee Wim. These talks will be followed by our annual AGM at 4:30pm. We thank Kathleen and Penny once again for their ongoing efforts in organising this for our Chapter and we look forward to the opportunity of getting together face-to-face again.

Please don't hesitate to contact us regarding chapter matters and/or if you would like to be involved in chapter activities.

Warm regards,
Laura Brockley
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PATHOBIOLOGY CHAPTER

June/July are busy months for the Pathobiology chapter

Our AGM is virtual and on the 27th June, 1pm AEST and we hope to have good numbers of members attending.

From discussions with the head of examinations for the College it sounds as if no choice in examinations will be mandated before long, and this has implications for our examination format into the future. The Pathobiology Chapter examinations coordinator (Christina McCowan) and current head examiner (Jeanine Sandy) will speak further about this at the meeting. If you are passionate about the membership examinations process/format, please attend as we want feedback and decisions to represent as many members as possible.

The SCC, led by Natalie Courtman, worked hard to review the current exam subject guidelines (for the current exam format) and update the reference lists.

This year for Science Week we have an exciting collaboration with the Epidemiology Chapter. Several

Pathobiology Chapter members are presenting. Two bursaries to encourage Pathobiology Chapter members to attend and present and help with costs of travel/accommodation or second day registration have been awarded to Emily Jones and Alison Neef for their presentations on "Concordance of pathologist bladder biopsy assessment using a predictive tool" and "Detection of Canine Circovirus in dogs in Australia", respectively.

A big thank you to our Science Week coordinator Rachel Allavena for all your work in organising Science Week. Rachel will also be at Science Week and networking with other chapters to scope future collaboration opportunities.

All the best to the eight candidates sitting membership exams this year and thank you to the examiners for your time.

Emma Croser
President.

SMALL ANIMAL MEDICINE CHAPTER

As I write this, the current Membership and Fellowship candidates are sitting their first two examination papers. I

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I am excited for the candidates who have the opportunity to share with their examiners and themselves what they have learned during their journey leading up to exams.

Of course, the feelings of nervousness with a touch of dread creep in too, thinking back to that time of my life with significant empathy to the experience the candidates are going through. Good Luck!

I also have feelings of gratitude knowing the hard work that is required by the examiners and the College as a whole to ensure the examinations can be conducted, and in a fair and transparent manner. I am proud to know that I am a part of a collaborative group of professionals who operate at such a high level of standard and volunteerism not only to Certify, but also to Educate and Share with regards to contributing to and organising our up and coming College Science Week.

More specific acknowledgements can be found in the 2022 SAM President's Report that will be circulated by the Chapter Secretary prior to the AGM. I hope that as many Chapter members

as possible join us for the chapter AGM and contribute where they can.

During my chapter presidency, I wanted to try and formalise pathways for volunteerism within the chapter and to avoid situations where a majority of members left roles at the same time. That ultimately results in loss of organisational knowledge and sets back progression opportunities. I also didn't want to have a situation where people felt 'stuck' in their role because volunteers were lacking therefore succession planning being equally important. Thank you to chapter members who have stepped up into roles over the last three years and the entire chapter for supporting me in implementing this strategy.

I hope to see as many of you as I can at Science Week as it will be wonderful to not only have an education opportunity but also to see each other face-to-face and have that personal

connection that we have missed out on over the last couple of years thanks to the global pandemic.

This is my last courier contribution in this role, therefore I would like to thank the chapter executive, members and College for supporting me in the role of SAM Chapter President for the last three years. I have learnt a lot and enjoyed connecting with many of you whom I may not have otherwise met. Thank you!

*Dr Fleur James
President, Small Animal Medicine
Chapter*

SMALL RUMINANT CHAPTER

The weather along the east coast of Australia has meant many gastro-intestinal parasite issues and feet problems in sheep, goats and camelids.

Members have responded by delivering webinars for producers for paraboss and various organisations. The President has also done a number of webinars for goat owners (February, June and July 2022) and included FAMACHA training so some sales of FAMACHA cards have been made, helping the Chapter's finances.

After our first attempt for a Small Ruminant Chapter presence at Science Week that was cancelled due to Covid-19, we will have a joint session with the Animal Welfare Chapter for the 2022 Science Week. Hopefully members will support this session. Next year there will be examinations for sheep and goats so potential membership candidates would also find this of interest as well, so please encourage them to attend.



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