

COLLEGE COURIER



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the first Courier post College Science Week 2015. For many of you, this will be the first time that you have received this communication having just passed your membership examinations. Congratulations to you, and welcome to the College.

College Science Week was a wonderful showcase of the veterinary profession, and the scientific sessions were a unique collaboration between veterinarians with different interests and specialties. Thank you to all of the chapter organisers for making this meeting run so well and providing such a cutting edge program.

The Awards dinner at Science Week was an opportunity to celebrate the success of membership and fellowship candidates, as well as to acknowledge the huge effort put in by our paid and volunteer workforce. This year we celebrated the 30th anniversary of Elaine Lowe working as College Manager! Elaine has been working part-time and transitioning out of her role gradually so that we don't lose her accumulated wisdom. We are very fortunate that the workings of the College office are supported by great staff (Kim Hudson, Executive Officer; Mary Anne Hiscutt, Assistant College Manager, Robyn Pettigrew, Examinations Officer and Sharon Tinsley, Administrative Officer).

Council members consistently work behind the scenes to make sure that the College is financially sustainable, innovative and adaptable to the changing profession. I would particularly like to thank Rob Labuc and Mark Owen who are leaving Council after many years of service and welcome new Councillors Bruce Smith and Tias Muurlink (as Chief Examiner). Bruce and Tias will bring unique attributes and skills to Council.

As well as the scientific and social interactions at College Science Week, of course we have the final examination period for both membership and fellowship. The examination week is a culmination of a huge amount of effort put into our examination systems. The candidates (and their supervisors/mentors/families) prepare for the examinations months to years before the exam. Similarly, the teams 'behind the scenes' also work hard preparing and delivering high quality exams. Preparing exams starts the year preceding the examination with recruitment of examiners by the Chapter Executive Committee. Exam blue-printing and question

writing then occurs over the next few months. This is assisted by the Board of Examiners as well as exam writing workshops.

We will be running another exam writing workshop in February 2016 as these have been hugely successful in the past in assisting chapters prepare examinations. The successful implementation of the Examination Development Fund (where chapters contribute along with the College) will allow the Board of Examiners to develop some projects and initiatives to assist in the preparation and delivery of examinations. We also encourage chapters to hold their own exam writing workshop (after submitting the proposal to Council), and when possible Board of Examiners members would also attend and assist in this.

I would like to formally thank the College examinations team for their exceptional hard work: Mark Owen (outgoing Chief Examiner), Robyn Pettigrew (Exams Officer) and the very hardworking Board of Examiners, particularly Carolyn Guy (Exams Committee chair) and Tias Muurlink (Credentials Committee chair), the examiners, observers and Chapter Executive Committees. Without the exceptional hard work of so many people the examination system, and indeed operation of, the College would not be possible.

The plenary sessions at Science Week were warmly received and provided lots of collaborative discussion. Council will be developing a new Strategic Plan in 2016, and will incorporate many of the discussions that resulted from these sessions. Over the next few months we will be working on updating the terms of reference for the Chapter Executive Committee and consolidating our work with Chapters to improve member benefits.

Finally, I would like to encourage you to become involved in College activities- whether acting as a mentor, becoming involved in your chapter activities, examining, contributing to the Science Week programme or running for election to Council. I also encourage you to contact Council members directly or via your Chapter executive if you have ideas or suggestions to improve the College.

Best wishes, Caroline



EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Welcome to new Members and Fellows

Firstly I'd like to say welcome and congratulations to all new Members and Fellows – this is an important step in your professional advancement and something to be very proud of. To those new Members considering going further next year, or sitting a supplementary exam, I wish you good luck.

We are experiencing steady growth each year and the influx of new Members means the profession, as well as the College, is getting stronger.

Once again the Chapters presenting at Science Week must be congratulated on putting on such an impressive and professional conference.

Next round of examinations

Membership and Fellowship are very important steps in professional development, but professional development is a life-long journey which doesn't stop once you've hung your certificate on the wall. Now that 2015 examinations have been completed, it's time to turn our minds to preparing for 2016 examinations. Being an examiner both provides an opportunity to 'give back' to the College, and while it amounts to more work for those volunteering, studies show that those who actively participate in this type of professional activity are more likely to maintain their competency to practise.

In November we will be advising how many examiners we anticipate will be required for next year, and by the end of November the Chief Examiner in conjunction with CECs should have completed the process of appointing examiners.

Examiners and conflicts of interest

Each year the issue of conflicts of interest arises – the College policy can be found in the *Policies and Procedures* document easily found by clicking the 'publications' tab on the website.

It's worth looking at some of the things that *don't* really constitute a conflict, as often these sorts of simple issues create unnecessary doubts. These include:

- » a candidate is only a casual acquaintance: you meet them occasionally through work or at conferences, but they're not a 'good friend'.
- » you went to university with a candidate: you went to university with them years ago, but you haven't really kept in contact since.

- » you worked with them a while back – but since then you've had no or little contact with them and they're not a 'good friend'.

These sorts of examples show that something more than mere acquaintance is required. A conflict is something that could realistically cloud your judgement (or at least make someone else reasonably think your judgement might be affected).

A conflict is more likely to occur where **you currently work with someone**. However this can vary greatly. Where you are in a large organisation and you have limited contact (you are friendly colleagues, but not beyond work), and whether you pass or fail a candidate is unlikely to affect your work situation, there is less chance of a conflict. Contrast where you work full-time in a small practise – you might not be friends outside of work, but passing or failing your colleague could have an appreciable effect on your future work situation.

Remember – if you think there is a realistic chance that a conflict might exist you have to refer this to the College for adjudication.

Chapter finances

While Chapters operate with some degree of autonomy it must be remembered that they don't exist independently from the College, and hence any liabilities incurred by a Chapter are ultimately liabilities of the College itself. Therefore we will be contacting all Chapter executives with a requirement to submit your proposed budgets out to 2016 Science Week for Council consideration (and approval if over \$1000).

Where these figures are still uncertain it is acceptable to put in an estimated range of income or expenditure for items, then clarify these with the College once a firm figure is known.

The *Chapter Guidelines* booklet (also accessible by clicking on the 'publications' tab on the website) contains a suggested budget format in Appendix 5.

We will also be contacting all Chapter executives (and treasurers in particular) as the *Chapter Guidelines* now contains a requirement to invest excess funds, not reasonably required to meet expected liabilities, into higher yielding fixed-term investments or bank guaranteed debentures.

And finally... If you haven't sent us the details of any changes to Chapter Executives after your AGM, please do so now!



SCIENCE WEEK 2015

The College's Science Week was once again held in July at the 5 star Gold Coast QT International Hotel. The 3 day scientific programme was attended by a total of 480 delegates. There was a daily average of some 400 participants, with nine (Thursday), ten (Friday) & eleven (Saturday) concurrent streams involving fourteen Chapters of the College.

The following Chapters are to be congratulated for providing informative & innovative scientific programmes that varied in length from half a day to the full three days: Small Animal Medicine, Surgery, Dentistry, Ophthalmology, Animal Welfare, Cattle, Vet Anaesthesia, Emergency and Critical Care, Feline Medicine, Dermatology, Oncology, Equine, Animal Reproduction, Radiology, Pharmacology and Epidemiology.

It was a major benefit to members and other registrants to have so much to choose from, and the collegiate atmosphere complimented the superb scientific content.

In recent years, combined sessions have emerged to pool the talent and expertise of associated Chapters to discuss controversial or topical issues. This year was no exception, there being nine half-day sessions of collaboration between some ten Chapters.

All sessions were well attended despite the abundance of CE supplied by alternative providers.

Many Chapters are to be congratulated on providing excellent proceedings. It was gratifying to see so many invited experts from all over the world.

A large number of Chapters again used the Science Week Meeting to hold their AGM's and Annual Dinners, significantly contributing to the Gold Coast's economy!

A Council initiative to link Science Week with Plenary Sessions continues to be popular, the sessions this year focussing on the some of the core business of the College Chapters – CHEESE Committees, Chapters & the College Book . There was also a full session entitled "Managing the Monster – conquering membership & fellowship exam stress".

Happy Hour was once again held in the Stingray Lounge and provided the opportunity for all delegates to interact and reinforce the intellectual feeling.

The College Awards Dinner on Saturday evening – always a sell-out – was a fitting finale to the scholasticism of the week.

Twenty four industry representatives joined us this year and most expressed that they benefited from the exposure to the delegates; thanks to all for visiting and showing support for the trade who provide essential backing to our conference.

The Industry sponsorship prizes of two iPads were again popular trophies, made possible because of generous sponsorship from our trade participants.

In addition, VIN visited us from the USA for the eighth consecutive year, providing computer and internet access for conference participants.

We are presently in the enviable situation where we have a waiting list of trade companies wishing to participate in Science Week.

The QT Gold Coast Hotel has proved to be a wonderful venue for this annual College event, but we did stretch them to capacity again this year. Eleven separate meeting rooms were in operation on each day. Where possible the session times were coordinated to enable delegates to move between lectures.

The success of Science Week is essentially dependant on the Chapters. Timely notice of chapter programmes allowed more strategic allocation of appropriately-sized rooms. This is vital as one of Science Week's biggest challenges is to designate the room most apt and comfortable for the sized audience.

I would like to add my personal thanks to the Chapter programme coordinators who did so much to develop a programme that had such a wide appeal to College members.

Interminable thanks goes to the office for a streamlined event. Elaine Lowe continues to do an outstanding job organising the whole meeting, and Sharon & Mary Anne running the registration desk is invaluable.

I look forward to a similar Chapter response in coming to the Gold Coast again next year and to make this meeting the focus of their scientific and social activities for the year.

Terry King, Science Week 2015 Convenor



2015 COLLEGE AWARDS



Richard Malik announces the Ian Clunies Ross Award to Dr. Robert J. Love



Adrian Whitham presents the Chapter award to Caroline Mansfield



Caroline Mansfield presents the Membership Travel Grant to Gerard Poli



Mary Anne Hiscutt, Kim Hudson, Elaine Lowe and Sharon Tinsley



Caroline Mansfield presents Elaine Lowe with a gift and certificate recognising 30 years service to the College



Caroline Mansfield presents Presidential Awards to Rob Labuc (pictured) and Mark Owen



Ian Dacre and Peter Thornber present the inaugural David Bayvel Memorial Award to Andrew Fisher



Bob Doneley accepts the College Meritorious Award

- Ian Clunies Ross Award*.....Dr Robert J Love
- Fellowship Scholarship* Drs Edwina Wilkes and Amy Williamson
- The Geoff Robins Research Grant* Dr Michelle Sutherland
- Kesteven Medal*Dr Anthony Forman
- Meritorious Award*Dr Robert J Doneley
- Membership Travel Grant* Dr Gerardo Poli
- Paul Gotis Graham Award*.....Dr Anna Nutt

Most Commendable Papers:

Australian Veterinary Journal:

Efficacy of a buccal meloxicam formulation for pain relief in Merino lambs undergoing knife castration and tail docking in randomized field trial. Small AH, Belson S, Holm M and Colditz IG.

New Zealand Veterinary Journal:

"The pharmacokinetics of methimazole in a novel lipophilic formulation administered transdermally to healthy cats" Hill KE, Giese MA, Bridges J, Chambers JP.

Australian Veterinary Practitioner:

Outcomes of mechanical ventilation in 302 dogs and cats in Australia. Trigg NL, Leister E, Whitney J, McAlees TJ.

Most Commendable Paper in an International Journal

"Bending strength and stiffness of Canine Cadaver Spines after fixation of a Lumber Spinal fracture-luxation using a novel unilateral stabilization technique compared to traditional dorsal stabilization: Hall, D, Snelling, SR, Ackland, DC, Wu, W and Morton, JM.



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Animal Reproduction Chapter

Science week is over. The solstice has passed. Theriogenologists' thoughts turn to the delivery of the next generation, and the next breeding season as spring approaches.

This will be my last note to the Courier as president of the reproduction chapter, as our committee metamorphoses, continuing our chapter regeneration. I would like to thank the people in our chapter committee, science week committee and CEC for all the hard work that they have

generously offered to the chapter to ensure its rejuvenation. There is still a lot of work to be done, and challenges to overcome. The new committee is full of experience and vibrancy, and we look forward to welcoming new members after the exam in 2016.

It is great to be a part of the wonderful ANZCVS community. Thanks to all the college staff for assisting the chapter in our rejuvenation.

Allan Gunn

Theriogenology question of the issue.

What is the main sperm defect seen in this spermiogram?

Photo: Cyril Perumamthadathil DACT.

Detached heads; and a folded midpiece.

These defects were from a sample from a ram that had been afflicted by 'grain poisoning' or ruminal acidosis.

From Barth, A.D., and Oko, R.J. (1989) Abnormal morphology of bovine spermatozoa. Chapter 5 Defects of the sperm head. pp 160-161. Ames. Iowa state university press.

An increased proportion of detached heads is often seen as a transient phenomenon associated with testicular degeneration or an inflammatory condition of the seminal vesicles, ampullae, and epididymides. Other conditions that cause heating of the testicles either by experimental insulation, illness, or pain that causes a bull to lie down much of the time (e.g., chronic laminitis) will increase the proportion of detached heads in the semen. For example, in a report by Cooper et al. a fertile Hereford bull that developed toxemia and laminitis from grain engorgement was rendered infertile by 91% detached sperm heads in his ejaculate. However, after 4-6 months, recovery of fertility occurred coincident with a decrease in the percent of detached sperm heads to 33%.



Aquatic Animal Health

The AAH Chapter would like to congratulate our very first Fellow Dr Roger Chong who successfully completed his examinations in July this year. It is a world first for veterinary specialist examinations in aquatic medicine.

The AAH Chapter would like to officially thank Dr Matt Landos for his tireless contributions to our chapter by promoting the values of the College and organising several Science Week sessions.



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Equine Chapter

Another year has passed and another Science Week and College exam period successfully negotiated. In the Equine Chapter we alternate Medicine and Surgery examinations in each year and this year it was the turn of the medicine contingent. We are very pleased to announce all nine of the candidates who undertook our exam passed. This is a great result and reflects the quality of the new generation of veterinarians who are contributing to our profession, congratulations to our new members.

Importantly, we must too thank the examiners Laura Nath and Charlie El-Hage for the effort they put in to create and deliver a worthy exam. The Chapter Medicine CEC act as quality control to ensure all is fair and of an appropriate standard. The College administrative staff and office bearers also contribute much to getting this exam together. Thank you to everyone involved in the preparation and delivery of the exams this year.

The Equine Stream at Science Week was a great success with a range of speakers on topics including imaging, neurology, cardiology and dentistry. Speakers included both young veterinarians making their first presentation at the clinical papers session and very experienced clinicians who were kind enough to share a life time's experience.

Thanks in particular go to Professor Joe Mayhew and Matt Stewart for making the trip overseas to be with us. What makes SW different and special from much of the other Equine continuing education is a focus on cutting edge science and it gives our members and others an opportunity to present this research to their peers. In keeping with our philosophy of promoting excellence in equine veterinary science the proceedings are available to all on the College website. The link to the equine chapter proceedings is below (http://equine.anzcvsc.org.au/equine/science_week/2015_proceedings).

The annual general meeting for the chapter also occurs at Science Week. There was a great deal of discussion at this meeting on topics which included ideas for mentoring and helping young veterinarians prepare for membership examinations, ideas to help residents in training for fellowship qualifications, promoting and growing our chapter and the

SW meeting. We welcome ideas from our membership on these and any other suggestions on how we can make this unique and valuable group contribute further to the advancement of our profession. We also welcome people coming forward as potential examiners or committee members. Please get in touch if you are interested in any of these roles in the future.

At the meeting new office bearers were also elected, with Tias Muurlink taking over from John Chopin as president, Gareth Trope as president elect, Laura Nath moves to secretary and Liz Walmsley taking over from Charlie El-Hage as treasurer. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to John for his 11 years of service as president, and Charlie for 3 years as treasurer. It is through the voluntary contributions of people such as these that this chapter has survived and prospered.

We look forward to the year ahead and seeing as many of you as possible at science week next year. Please get in touch with the College if you have any ideas on topics you would like to see at Science Week or other suggestions as to how we could better serve our membership.

Best wishes,

Tias Muurlink, Gareth Trope, Liz Walmsley, Laura Nath, Charlie El-Hage and John Chopin





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Feline Chapter

Another successful College Science Week (CSW) has passed; we hope that members that attended enjoyed the sessions and we are always grateful for feedback and suggestions for future topics and speakers.

This year Amy Lingard and Robert Johnson stepped down from the feline chapter executive after many years of hard work, which we sincerely thank them for. Audra Turner has taken on the position of treasurer, our first UK chapter member to be on the executive committee, which we hope will help to further strengthen the bond with the chapters growing overseas membership. Andrea Harvey has taken on the chapter's position of secretary, and Katherine Briscoe remains President of the chapter.

Members may remember that last year we announced the intention of further collaboration with the International Society of Feline Medicine (ISFM) in developing an ISFM presence at CSW as well, and we are excited to announce that this is coming to fruition next year where we are planning a pre-congress feline masterclass day, in addition to a full day of feline medicine in the main programme, including 3 international speakers. We are all very excited about this; please stay tuned for further announcements!

ISFM will now also be publishing any feline abstracts presented at CSW, in the Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery. There were some excellent abstracts presented this year which will be the first to be published in JFMS. We hope that this also encourages more chapter

Feline Chapter Research Scholarship

The Feline Chapter invites applications for up to 2 research grants of up to \$A4000 each. Applications are open to any financially current member of the Feline Chapter (as primary investigator) and will be granted for research into any condition affecting felines. The successful applicant will be required to present the results of their research at College Science Week 2016 or 2017 and to preferably publish their work in the Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery (subject to peer-review of the paper). Applications should include:

- » the project title and names and qualifications of all researchers involved in the project
- » any current research grants used by (or funds applied for by) the investigators
- » one page of A4 detailing
 - in lay language a description of the current state of knowledge and the aim and significance of the proposed work,
 - a clear account of the scientific method to be used,
 - an indication of how funds will be spent

members to submit abstracts for presentation at CSW next year!

Another exciting development that we are able to offer feline chapter members later in the year is the ability to join the ISFM international online discussion forum at no additional cost. This is available to all ISFM members, but ISFM is kindly extending this to all feline chapter members too. This is a very active vibrant discussion forum which we are confident that chapter members will enjoy and greatly benefit from.

We also informed members last year about ISFM's plans for developing an international 'Academy of Feline Practitioners' for which the entry requirements will be Membership of the ANZCVS in the Medicine of Cats and being a member of ISFM (or full member of ASFM which also includes ISFM membership). This academy is now up and running, so any chapter members that are not yet full ASFM or ISFM members, it is now a good chance to join and become part of the new international 'Academy of Feline Practitioners'.

Further ideas that we are also actively working on developing, with the hope of being able to offer to members later on in the year, include a quarterly feline chapter newsletter, and an on-line journal club, which we will be in touch with members about in the near future.

As always, we welcome any other ideas and suggestions from feline chapter members and we will continue to strive to make the feline chapter a vibrant and friendly community to support life long learning in feline medicine.

Successful applicants will be required to complete a progress report at least annually, and no further grants will be provided until the current grant obligations are met.

It is hoped that at least one grant will be awarded to applicants in private practice, though collaboration with an academic institution will be viewed favourably. Applications are to be submitted no later than October 31st 2015 to katherine.anne.briscoe@gmail.com

It is anticipated that two grants will be awarded in the first year of the scholarship, and then annually or biennially thereafter.





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Small Animal Medicine Chapter

The Small Animal Medicine Chapter had a highly successful College Science Week. We thank Hill's Pet Nutrition for their ongoing generous support of the Small Animal Medicine Chapter. Dr Caroline Mansfield and Dr Boyd Jones organised a tremendous program with combined sessions with the Surgery, Oncology, Pharmacology and Feline Chapters. Talks by international guests Dr David Church and Dr Lauren Trepanier were particular highlights. We thank all speakers, associated chapters, conveners and moderators for their outstanding efforts. The proceedings were once again exquisitely compiled by Dr Simon Craig, and are available via the Chapter's website. Exciting plans are already underway for the challenging program next year so please mark your calendars and join us. We want to hear your ideas for topics and speakers, or if you would like to be involved in organising Science Week.

The abstract program was again very strong this year, and it was great to see so many young speakers presenting. We thank Dr Mary Thompson for her ongoing commitment to running this great program. Winners of the Small Animal Medicine abstract prizes were Dr Kate Worthing (1st Prize), Dr Anne Fraser (2nd Prize), and Dr Elizabeth Ralph (3rd Prize). Dr Leonie Thom was the Feline Medicine abstract prize winner. We congratulate these members.

The Small Animal Medicine Chapter collaborated with the Radiology Chapter for our first pre-conference "Brain Day" targeted at specialists, residents and those with a special interest in neuroimaging. Over 40 delegates attended this highly effective day. We thank Hallmarq (Platinum), Medical Plus (Gold) and Pet Plan (Silver) for their generous sponsorship and support. The talks by Dr Sam Long, Dr Cathy Beck and Dr Marjorie Milne were brilliant, and the interactive case studies were a particular highlight. For those that missed out, a link to the proceedings is on the Chapter's website. We thank the pre-conference convening team for their huge efforts. We would like to host a pre-conference day next year, and suggested topics and speakers are welcome.

The Hill's Cocktail Party was a wonderful evening. It was great to see so many members of the Small Animal Medicine and Feline Medicine Chapters there catching up. We thank Hill's Pet Nutrition for this delightful evening.

A huge congratulations to our three new Small Animal Medicine Fellows, Dr Clinton Yudelman, Dr Timothy Hugo, and Dr Matthew Best. A tremendous achievement and we also congratulate your supervisors. We thank Head Subject Examiner Dr Mellora Sharman and all her examination team for all their hard work. We warmly welcome all 27 members to the Small Animal

Medicine Chapter and congratulate you and your mentors on this wonderful achievement. Our thanks to Head Subject Examiner Dr Erin Bell and all her examination team for your efforts with such a large candidate group. The Small Animal Medicine Chapter Prize for outstanding performance in membership examinations was won by Dr Lizzy Gan and Dr Ryan Cattin. We congratulate these members on a superb accomplishment. Dr Barbara Jameson won this award in 2012, and we apologise for not acknowledging her as extensively as we would have liked on this huge achievement. We thank the Head of the Chapter Examination Committee Dr Lydia Hambrook, all members of the CEC and CEC liaisons for their outstanding service. We would love to hear from you if you are interested in examining next year, particularly at Fellowship level, or would like to be a CEC Chapter Liaison and help review the exams. Willing Fellows and Diplomates are encouraged to write and submit potential exam questions. If you would like to mentor membership candidates, please indicate your willingness to act as a mentor on your annual College membership renewal form.

We thank Dr Mary Thompson who cycles into the Vice President role. Mary works tirelessly behind the scenes for the Small Animal Chapter. Dr Adrian Witham cycles into the President role. We thank our treasurer Dr Lisa Richards for her excellent ongoing service. We will be looking for a new Vice President in 2016 and welcome expressions of interest.

It was great to see so many members attend the Chapter's annual general meeting and hear your great thoughts as we review the exam process, candidate training and methods of assisting candidates prepare for these exams. Copies of the minutes are on the Chapter's website.

The Small Animal Medicine Chapter Service Award was awarded to Dr Caroline Mansfield. Since becoming a member of the Small Animal Medicine Chapter in 2000, Caroline has intensely and successfully served the chapter in a variety of diverse roles, often undertaking multiple demanding roles simultaneously. Caroline has served as College Science Week convener, promoting a dynamic, inclusive and cutting edge program that saw delegate attendance increase dramatically. She has served as an abstract prize judge, and is a frequent speaker within the conference program. Caroline has served the chapter as Vice-President and President. During her tenure she introduced a number of key initiatives to improve the chapter's examination systems, increased member





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Small Animal Medicine Chapter – Continued

value, ensured financial stability and oversaw a tremendous growth and expansion of the membership. Caroline has supervised 6 candidates to successfully obtain their fellowships. Few other members have successfully trained so many outstanding fellowship candidates. Caroline has informally mentored numerous membership candidates, providing ongoing encouragement, support and guidance. She has inspired generations of students to pursue further medicine studies. Caroline has played a large role in the chapter's examinations, serving as both a Membership and Fellowship examiner (both even while pregnant in 2005!). Caroline's skills in assessment helped ensure these examinations were rigorous, robust and fair. Caroline has gone on to serve the College as a Member of College Council, and College President. Caroline's passionate and sustained tireless commitment to the Small Animal Medicine Chapter is profound. Her service

has benefited all members of the chapter and the wider veterinary profession. Caroline is a most worthy recipient of the Small Animal Medicine Chapter Service Award and we congratulate her on this remarkable achievement.

We welcome nominations for the Chapter Service Medal. Details are on the Chapter's website. The Chapter relies on dedicated volunteers and we strongly encourage you to become more involved in your Chapter. Volunteering is very rewarding and highly regarded. We would love to hear from you.

Dr Adrian Witham – Chapter President awitham@unimelb.edu.au

Dr Mary Thompson – Chapter Vice President

Avian Chapter

For the Avian Chapter, 2015 has been a quieter year. The 'off' year of Avian Membership examination, the Chapter Education Committee nonetheless oversaw the administration of the MSUP Membership examination, which has kept those committee cogs a-turning. We expect the usual numbers of Avian Membership Candidates next year.

The Chapter has one active Residency.

We continue to wrestle with the most effective way to mentor/assist our upcoming Membership Candidates. We are still trying to facilitate a Candidate Examination Preparation Day, and have investigated a few different options. Currently, we've put out a more general proposal, and are waiting to hear back from other groups.

The College Executive has provided some training to members of the Avian Executive about examination question writing, and Exam administration. The training focussed on expectations and requirements for the different levels of Examination candidates (Membership versus Fellowship), and on asking questions that enabled the candidate to showcase their knowledge to the best advantage. It was very beneficial.

Lastly, our very own Robert Doneley received a Meritorious Service Award this year for services to the College. Congratulations, Bob!



Veterinary Behaviour Chapter

Without a lecture stream at Science Week, 2015 has been a quiet one for the behaviour chapter. Having said that, we have not been totally inactive and I would like to officially welcome two new members to the chapter – Lisa Henshaw and Nicole Lobry de Bruyn who successfully passed their exams this year.

It is time to look ahead to Science Week in 2016. Membership exams will be held next year so if you know anyone that is interested in sitting, now is the time to provide some gentle encouragement as applications are due by the 31st October. A facebook group has been set up so that potential candidates can network and share resources.

A full behaviour stream will be held at the 2016 conference and I would like to thank Andrew O'Shea and Elsa Flint for volunteering to be co-ordinators. We are still looking for a third person to assist – if you are interested in taking on this role, please email me at the following address: presidentvetbehaviourchapter@gmail.com

I would encourage all members of the chapter to attend Science Week next year. We are a small group so are reliant on every member contributing to keep the chapter strong. A call for abstracts will be put out before the end of the year – please consider presenting, whether it is an interesting case that you have seen or a review topic.



NEW FELLOWS



CLINTON YUDELMAN

Clint graduated from the University of Melbourne with a BVSc in 2009. The following year he did a rotating internship at QVS in Brisbane, before commencing a role as an intern in Small Animal Medicine under the supervision of Dr Steve Holloway at Advanced Vetcare in Melbourne. This then followed into a residency which was completed in 2014. Clint published an original research prospective study looking into serological evidence of EBV in canine lymphoma. Clint sat his memberships in 2013 and fellowships in 2015. He will remain as a specialist in Small Animal Medicine at Advanced Vetcare.



JANE DAY

Jane grew up on a cattle and sheep property in Western Queensland but decided to work in small animal practice much to the disappointment of her father! She worked for several years in Australia and the UK before pursuing a career in radiology. Since then she has worked in the radiology departments at Queensland, Melbourne, and Oklahoma State Universities, and was head of radiology for several years at James Cook University. She is currently employed at Murdoch University, and gets most enjoyment from undergraduate and post-graduate teaching. Jane is looking forward to spending time with her husband and daughter, and getting back to triathlons and mountain bike riding.



DAVID COOK

David graduated in 2005 from the University of Queensland. He then worked in mixed practice in northern Victoria before undertaking an internship at Veterinary Specialist Services in Brisbane in 2007 - 2008. David and his wife Katie travelled to the UK for 2 years of locum work before returning to VSS for a surgical residency program. He attained Membership of the College in the surgery chapter in 2011 while completing the Fellowship Training program. David is enjoying the return to work at VSS in Brisbane and looking forward to working with the great team there seeing a wide variety of surgical cases.



LANCE WILSON

After graduating from the University of Queensland in 2000, Lance spent six years in general practice in Queensland. The obligatory U.K stint followed, interspersed with an aborted and in retrospect foolish plan to work in the U.S. In 2009 Lance returned to UQ as a staff surgeon; a move that led to the commencement of a residency in small animal surgery in 2010. Since returning from the alternate plane that is Fellowship study Lance has continued to work at UQ and is enjoying having regained the ability to successfully engage in small talk without feelings of guilt or impending doom.

ROGER CHONG

Roger graduated in 1987 from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science. He became a member of the College in Medicine and Management of Aquaculture Species in 1997. Roger is the first member of the College to achieve Fellowship in this subject.

JUAN PODADERA

Juan graduated in 2000 with a Med. Vet. Degree from the La Plata University, Buenos Aires, Argentina. He became a member of the College in Radiology in 2011. He is currently employed by the University of Sydney.



NEW FELLOWS



MATTHEW BEST

Matthew graduated from Cambridge University in 2008. He worked in mixed general practice in Australia and England for 4 years before enrolling in a small animal medicine residency under the supervision of Dr Darren Fry at Brisbane Veterinary Specialist Centre. Matthew greatly enjoys working at BVSC and has continued as a registrar in the lead up to these exams and will continue working here as a fellow of the College.



TIM HUGO

Tim graduated in 2007 from the University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science, first class honours. Initially he worked in mixed animal practice, followed by small animal practice. In 2011 he completed a small animal rotating internship at Veterinary Specialist Services in Brisbane. Tim achieved membership to the Small Animal Medicine Chapter of the ANZCVS in 2012. Subsequent to this he undertook a small animal medicine residency at Melbourne Veterinary Specialist Centre under the guidance of Drs Kate Heading, Darren Merrett, Robert Labuc and Jennifer Brown. Following completion of his fellowship training, he continues to work at Melbourne Veterinary Specialist Centre.

KIRSTEN DERUDDERE

Kirsten graduated in 2006 from the University of Melbourne with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science. She became a member of the College in Small Animal Surgery in 2011. She is currently employed at Advanced Vetcare in Melbourne.

TIMELINE OF EVENTS IN 2015/2016

Fellowship Credentials due date.....	31 October
Membership examinations due date	31 October
Final date for membership examinations	30 November
College office closed for Christmas	18 December to 4 January
Examiners Workshop combined with Board of Examiners and Council meetings....	4, 5, 6 and 7 February
Applications close for College Awards.....	28 February
Call for Council Nominations and Board of Examiner nominations (if appropriate) in the March Courier	
Council nominations closed.....	20 May
AGM and Ballot Papers to Members.....	27 May
Written Examinations	7 and 8 June
Voting for Council closes	1 July
Fellowship Practical/Oral Examinations	3 and 4 July
Membership Examinations	4 and 5 July
Examiners Dinner.....	5 July
Board of Examiners Meeting	6 July
Scientific Meeting.....	7, 8 and 9 July
AGM	8 July
Awards Dinner	9 July
Medicine of Cats UK Oral Examinations.....	8 and 9 August



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Dr	Derek	Keeper	Animal Nutrition (Ruminant)
Dr	Jillian	Kelly	Animal Nutrition (Ruminant)
Dr	William	Tulley	Animal Nutrition (Ruminant)
Dr	Yvette	Ellen	Medicine and Management of Laboratory Animals
Dr	Amanda	Errington	Medicine and Management of Laboratory Animals
Dr	Rebecca	Wilcox	Medicine and Management of Laboratory Animals
Dr	Elizabeth	Goldstraw	Medicine and Surgery of Unusual Pets
Dr	James	Haberfield	Medicine and Surgery of Unusual Pets
Dr	Tristan	Rich	Medicine and Surgery of Unusual Pets
Dr	Brianna	Talbot	Medicine and Surgery of Unusual Pets
Dr	Ilyse	Jennens	Medicine of Dairy Cattle
Dr	Eleanor	Milnes	Medicine of Dairy Cattle
Dr	Ashley	Phipps	Medicine of Dairy Cattle
Dr	Luke	Ramsden	Medicine of Dairy Cattle
Dr	Jessica	Cook	Medicine of Horses
Dr	Laura	Cox	Medicine of Horses
Dr	Surita	du Preez	Medicine of Horses
Dr	Sophie	Elphick	Medicine of Horses
Dr	Celine	Lee	Medicine of Horses
Dr	Cristina	Rosales	Medicine of Horses
Dr	Kate	Thompson	Medicine of Horses
Dr	Stephanie	Williams	Medicine of Horses
Dr	Lianne	Wright	Medicine of Horses
Dr	Belinda	Edmonstone	Medicine of Sheep
Dr	Gregory	McCann	Medicine of Sheep
Dr	Karen	Koks	Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery
Dr	Penelope	Brown	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Patrick	Byrne	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Ryan	Cattin	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Paul	Crocker	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Cassandra	Davitt	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Elizabeth	Druce	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Magnus	Dyer	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Daniel	Edwards	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Lizzy	Gan	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Sarah	Hill	Small Animal Medicine



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Dr	Esmee	Koh	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Andre	Kortum	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Alina	Lavelle-Fry	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Pui Pui	Liem	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Hannah	Lobegeier	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Warren	McInnes	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Zoe	Miller	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Sebastien	Monier	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Elizabeth	Morgan	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Anna	Quinn	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Donna	Spowart	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Sarah	Triglia	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Sophie	Tyler	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Julie	Ward	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Sarah	Warren	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	James	White	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Wye	Chong	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Mei	Lee	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Fong Wen	Liew	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Amanda	Miller	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Isobel	Monotti	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	John	Morgan	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Anna	Nutt	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Aiden	Picking	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Brendan	Sinnott	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Natalie	Slade	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Nicholas	Cowling	Veterinary Anaesthesia and Critical Care
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Dr	Nicole	Lobry de Bruyn	Veterinary Behaviour
Dr	Corinna	Chia	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
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Dr	Paula	Parker	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
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Dr	Nicholas	Harris	Veterinary Epidemiology
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Dr	Anne	Kramer	Veterinary Epidemiology
Dr	Laura	Macfarlane-Berry	Veterinary Epidemiology
Dr	Caitlin	Pfeiffer	Veterinary Epidemiology
Dr	James	Young	Veterinary Epidemiology
Dr	Johann	Boone	Veterinary Parasitology and Parasitic Diseases
Dr	Lisa	Kidd	Veterinary Radiology (Large Animal)
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Dr	Sarah	Pemberton	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
Dr	Vickie	Saye	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
Dr	Chelsea	Shekell	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
Dr	Robert	Turner	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)



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