

# COLLEGE COURIER



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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Coming into the holiday season it can be difficult to take time to catch your breath and reflect on the achievements of the preceding year. There are so many competing demands – family commitments, end of the academic/school year and for many clinical veterinarians a busy clinical time. However, making sure that we all take time to reflect is vitally important to celebrate our successes and plan the coming year.

Our newest Members and Fellows of the College have obviously achieved a wonderful milestone in studying and passing their examinations. The achievements with examinations don't end there – each examination has been prepared, reviewed, assessed and reviewed again by other members of the College community. I am especially grateful for the very hard work of the Board of Examiners, the Chapter Examination Committees and our College staff, particularly Robyn Pettigrew, our Examinations Officer in running this process. College Science Week again was a wonderful showcase for our profession – with stimulating presentations and a great atmosphere. All the Office staff (Elaine Lowe, Sharon Tinsley, Mary Anne Hiscutt) did a wonderful job in organising this event and providing a friendly face to delegates. The QT is becoming a second home to many of us.

The College Office is currently handling examination applications and credential documents, and working closely with the Board of

Examiners. Behind the scenes work is also happening to review our policies and procedures, develop Science Week 2016 and begin work on examination development initiatives. Kim Hudson, our Executive Officer, has been instrumental in helping us refine and map our policies.

In 2016, the Council and the Board of Examiners will be meeting to develop a strategic plan and blueprint for the next 5 years. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to reflect on what has gone well, and where we need to improve. Any ideas or suggestions the College membership has are welcomed – because ultimately it is you the College is here to support.

So, it is with a sense of satisfaction that I reflect on the work of the College and all involved with it over the past year. It is a wonderful professional community to belong to, and the future looks bright.

I am also looking to 2016 with excitement, to harness the energy of our members and refine our strategic plan and vision. I look forward to seeing you involved in the College in 2016.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable holiday season,

***Caroline Mansfield, President***



# EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

## **Unusual Pets Chapter**

The Council is happy to announce that it approved the creation of the Unusual Pets Chapter at its last meeting on 2 November.

The Chapter aims to promote excellence in medicine and surgery of unusual pets and provide a means of accreditation for veterinarians with a professional interest in unusual pet medicine and surgery.

The Chapter President is Brendan Carmel, Secretary is James Haberfield, and the Treasurer is Lizzie Goldstraw. We look forward to seeing our latest Chapter go from strength to strength over the coming years.

## **Examinations and Conflicts of Interest**

As all examiners should have been nominated by now (if not this needs to be done immediately) and enrolments for candidates are now closed, our Examinations Officer Robyn Pettigrew will soon be contacting examiners asking if they have any possible conflicts of interest with Candidates. This year, along with a helpful guide as to what might constitute a conflict, she will also send some examples of what isn't a conflict. Remember – veterinary science is a relatively small profession and examiners and Candidates will inevitably have some form of contact over the years, but this doesn't necessarily mean there is a conflict. As always, you can contact me directly [eo@anzcvs.org.au](mailto:eo@anzcvs.org.au) for guidance if you are in doubt.

## **Chapter Budgets and Guidelines**

The College Council has just updated its Chapter Guidelines (which can always be found on the website under the 'Publications' tab) and on 25 November the President Caroline Mansfield wrote to all Chapter Executives highlighting the changes:

- as the College is now subject to a compulsory audit each year, Chapters' assistance in providing timely financial information is crucial
- There is an obligation on Chapters to invest any funds not reasonably required over at least the next 12 months in high yielding fixed term investments or bank guaranteed debentures. (You will note that we have not specified an exact numerical amount, as this would vary considerably between chapters)

- Part 2 Protocol for Expenditure of Chapter Funds (p9) now mandates that Chapters:
  - » submit their annual budgets for the end of one year's Science Week to the end of next year's Science Week (i.e. August-July) to the Council by 31st October in the year prior to Science Week. As this deadline is obviously not feasible for 2015/2016, we request that all chapter budgets be submitted by December 20th, 2015,
  - » no liabilities can be incurred until a budget is approved by Council,
  - » the rules for subsequent amendments to those budgets remain the same, with any cumulative amendment of \$1000 or more requiring Council approval, and
  - » Chapters may also apply for reimbursement of funds spent in relation to examination development. However Council must approve this before being incurred
- An explanation of the Examination Development Fund (Part 3, p12) has been included, and
- Appendix 5 now contains the forms Application for Variation to Budget Greater than \$1000 (p29) and Application for Reimbursement for Expenditure relating to Examination Development Fund (p29).

Remember – Chapters aren't separate legal entities, so when they contract with outside parties or otherwise incur liabilities, it is the College itself that is the legal entity liable for these. That's why the College needs to know what expenditures you intend to incur before becoming liable for them.

## **Christmas!**

In a blink of an eye another year has passed and we're almost at Christmas time again! So I hope you all have a happy and safe break with your families and I look forward to getting ready for exams and Science Week in 2016.

Once again I'd like to thank my fellow staff Elaine, Mary Anne, Robyn and Sharon for their tireless efforts through the year, and all those who voluntarily give up their time to serve with the College.



# NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR COLLEGE AWARDS 2016

The Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists seeks your assistance (and that of your staff and colleagues) in nominating members of the profession for the College Awards 2016.

The **College Prize** is awarded to a veterinarian who has made an outstanding practical contribution to veterinary science or practice in Australia or New Zealand without the support of an academic environment. The Awards Committee will consider the applicability of the contribution in the broad field of veterinary science.

The **Ian Clunies Ross Memorial Award** recognises high academic and/or research accomplishment. It is awarded to an Australian or New Zealand veterinarian making an outstanding contribution to veterinary science in the preceding five years.

The **Fellowship Training Scholarship** (value \$8,680) is awarded to a Member of the College who is undertaking an approved Fellowship training program and intends to sit the Fellowship examination and seeks financial assistance to complete the approved training program.

A **Fellowship Research Grant** of \$3,000 will be awarded to a person performing research as part of a Fellowship training program approved by the College. The aim of the grant is to support either the research itself or analysis of results (e.g. statistical consultation).

The **Meritorious Service Award** is presented to reward a Member or Fellow of the College, who has consistently and tirelessly contributed to the College through voluntary service at Chapter or higher level.

The **Most Commendable Paper in an International Journal** is awarded to highlight the scientific contribution members of the College make to the veterinary community internationally. This award will be specifically aimed at journal articles that provide insight to the pathogenesis of a disease condition, or substantially alter the treatment or prevention of disease.

The **Membership Travel Grant** is to reward a newly active member of the College, who is not in training in a fellowship program, attend an international veterinary event that will be of benefit to the individual professionally, as well as be of benefit to the chapter to which they belong.

The closing date for all Awards is **28 February 2016**. Nominations should comply with the relevant criteria, and should be forwarded to the College office. For assistance please contact Dr. Mandy Burrows, Chair of the College Awards Committee, by directing your enquiry through the College office.



# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL FELLOWSHIP CANDIDATES AND SUPERVISORS

## ***New Publication and Presentation requirements***

The Board of Examiners have recently approved changes to publication requirements for fellowship candidates in training as follows:

1. Decrease the number of first author publications required to TWO (2).
2. At least one of the publications must present original research conducted by the candidate.
  - Subject guidelines may stipulate number of publications or type of publications ABOVE this minimum requirement
  - Subject guidelines may stipulate which journals are considered suitable for publication of this research.
3. Publications must not be more than 7 years old at the time of submitting credentials.
4. Candidates must present at an international or national conference.
  - Presentations must be of at least 12 minutes duration and there should be an opportunity for questions from the audience.
  - Generally suitable conferences will be those attended by specialists in the discipline the candidate is training in.
  - Subject guidelines may stipulate the acceptable forms of presentation and acceptable conferences.
  - The presentation must be reviewed by an organising committee or abstract committee prior to acceptance.
  - The presentation type and proposed conference at which the candidate will present and is intended to be used in credentialing will need prior approval by the Board of Examiners if it is not listed in the subject guidelines.
5. The remainder of the requirements of publications remain as detailed in section 2.10 of the Fellowship Candidate Handbook.

Fellowship candidates in training prior to January 2016 will be required to notify the College if they wish to adopt these changes into their training programs.



# THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SCIENTISTS SCIENCE WEEK CONFERENCE

7–9th July 2016  
at the QT Hotel, Surfers Paradise

A great opportunity exists for you to be part of this valuable integrated multi-stream programme, with ample time to interact socially and scientifically with key members of the profession from Australia, New Zealand and beyond, in the following disciplines:

- » *Small Animal Medicine*
- » *Equine*
- » *Cattle*
- » *Ophthalmology*
- » *Anaesthesia and Emergency Medicine*
- » *Feline*
- » *Oncology*
- » *Pharmacology*
- » *Small Animal Surgery*
- » *Animal Welfare*
- » *Epidemiology*
- » *Dentistry*
- » *Radiology*
- » *Avian*
- » *Aquatic Animals*
- » *Aus. Wildlife and Zoo Animals*

College Science Week is the flagship event of the ANZ College and presents material from the **CUTTING EDGE, including** scientific and clinical updates from Australian, New Zealand and overseas experts.

As always this meeting is **NOT RESTRICTED** to College Members – all Veterinarians are welcome. We have, however, been advised by the venue management that registration numbers are limited to 500.

Details of the full programme and registration packets will be available from March 2016 on the College website [www.anzcvsc.org.au](http://www.anzcvsc.org.au) or from Mrs Elaine Lowe telephone +61 (0)7 3423 2016, fax +61 (0) 7 3423 2977 or email [admin@anzcvsc.org.au](mailto:admin@anzcvsc.org.au)



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## Veterinary Dentistry Chapter

The 29th Veterinary Dental Forum and 13th World Veterinary Dental Congress was recently held in Monterey, California from October 29th to November 1st 2015. The Veterinary Dental Forum is the largest veterinary conference dedicated solely to dentistry and oral surgery and is a fantastic yearly opportunity to attend high-quality continuing education opportunities while meeting like-minded veterinarians and support staff. This year, a contingent of around 10 members of the Dentistry Chapter got to experience the sights of Monterey on the Californian coast. Only a short drive from San Francisco, nearby attractions include Big Sur national park, 17-mile Drive, Carmel-By-The-Sea, and the world-famous Monterey Aquarium.

As usual, a wide variety of lectures and labs catering to all skill levels and experiences were available. The quality of the lectures was particularly good this year, with keynote lectures on advanced maxillofacial lectures used in humans, the physiology and function of the TMJ in marine mammals, and mandibular bone regeneration in dogs. Overall, the feedback on the educational program was fantastic. To quote a few attendees:

*"The multiple streams, the trade exhibition and the labs combine into a great event."*

*"A trade show just for dentistry! Halleluja! So many things to drool over."*

*"It was great to meet other vets with dental interests and hear what they are doing and put faces to the names that I had already heard of."*

If you missed out on this amazing opportunity, do not despair! We have listed some upcoming events, and encourage you to save the date!!!

- 19-22 May 2016:** 25th European Congress on Veterinary Dentistry  
Dublin, Ireland  
<http://www.evds.org/2014-06-17-21-42-17/2016-dublin>
- 7-9 July 2016:** ANZCVS Science Week 2016  
Gold Coast, Australia  
<http://www.anzcvcs.org.au/info/home/>
- 29 Sep – 2 Oct 2016:** 30th Veterinary Dental Forum  
Minneapolis, USA  
<http://www.veterinarydentalforum.com>
- 11-14 August 2017:** FSAVA Conference, 14th World Veterinary Dental Congress  
Gold Coast, Australia  
<http://www.fasavacongress2017.com.au>

It is now just over 6 months till Membership examinations, we would like to wish all prospective candidates sitting examinations in 2016 the best of luck! While the deadline for Membership examination applications for 2016 has now closed, and the next round of examinations are scheduled for 2018, if you know anyone who is interested in sitting Membership examinations in small animal or equine dentistry, now is the perfect time to start, as the recommended study period is 2 years. A list of potential mentors may be found on the ANZCVS website.

Examination candidates, Members of the dentistry chapter, other chapter members and veterinarians not currently members of the College are highly encouraged to attend the Dentistry lecture stream held during Science Week. We are formulating a fantastic program for 2016. Watch this space for further details in the coming months.

## Small Ruminant Chapter

The sheep and goat examination guidelines have been updated. Deer examination guidelines are yet to be updated and we are currently seeking volunteers to do this. New members, who successfully passed

the sheep examinations, have been welcomed. The webpage was updated. The Executive will meet by teleconference in December.





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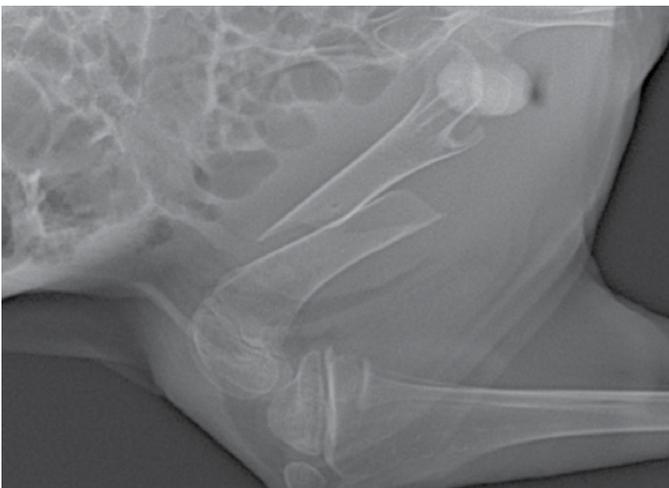
## Surgery Chapter

The Surgery Chapter held another very successful meeting on the Gold Coast at the annual ANZCVS conference in July. We congratulate 3 members of the Chapter in achieving Fellowship of the College in Small Animal Surgery after successfully completing their training and examination requirements – Dr David Cook, Dr Kirsten Deruddere and Dr Lance Wilson. We also welcome 10 new Chapter members, after they successfully passed membership examinations in surgery – Dr Wye Chong, Dr Mei Lee, Dr Fong Wen Liew, Dr Amanda Miller, Dr Isobel Monotti, Dr John Morgan, Dr Anna Nutt, Dr Aiden Picking, Dr Brendan Sinnott and Dr Natalie Slade.

The Chapter focus this year was on surgical oncology and there were very well received and supported joint lecture sessions with small animal medicine, radiology, ophthalmology and oncology.

On Wednesday, prior to the scientific conference, a preliminary day was held attended by specialists and surgical trainees from around the country and focusing on advanced procedures in surgical oncology. This day, once again, was a great success with cutting edge presentations and colourful interaction and discussion amongst delegates.

We now look to next year and the focus returning to orthopaedics. It is with great pleasure that we report the acceptance of Dr Brian Beale and Dr Don Hulse to speak at next year's conference. Both are world recognized leaders in veterinary orthopaedics with them contributing extensively through publications, under-graduate and post-graduate education, textbooks and clinical work ranging from arthroscopy to fracture management and joint replacement. It is very exciting for the Surgery Chapter to have speakers with such acclaim to present at our meeting, and we are very much looking forward to a wonderful programme.



## Feline Chapter

The Feline Chapter have been busily working away behind the scenes since College Science Week, planning more benefits for Chapter members. We mentioned in the last College Courier that we were planning a pre-congress feline masterclass day immediately before Science Week next year, and we are delighted to be able to announce that this is all finalised now, with an exciting line up of first class international speakers including Dr Andy Sparkes, Dr Severine Tasker and Dr Kit Sturgess. Topics will include Haemoplasma updates, everything internists need to know about PCR, feline coagulopathies, cutting edge of feline genetic diseases and monitoring of inflammatory disorders. This pre-congress masterclass day will be held on the Wednesday before Science Week (6th July), with the Thursday also being a full day of feline medicine with the same speakers plus others, and will cover the latest developments in feline medicine, early diagnosis of renal disease, developments in diagnosing FIP, managing flat chested kittens, most recent evidence regarding IBD, as well as lectures regarding how to do clinical research in practice. Feline Chapter members will be sent flyers about the pre-congress masterclass day soon with details of how to register, so save the date!

The first applications for Feline Chapter research scholarships were also taken this year, and we had some fantastic applicants, with scholarships of \$2000 being awarded. The applications are currently being assessed and awards will be made soon. We wish successful applicants well with their projects and look forward to getting some more great submissions next year.

With the next Feline Membership examination being held in 2016, the Chapter has set up an online forum for 2016 Feline membership candidates, to bring them together to share study preparation if they wish. Registered candidates and their mentors will be contacted soon with details about how to join the forum. If any other members are involved in mentoring candidates and would like to join this forum to help assist candidates in their study for Feline Membership examinations then please email Audra Turner on [audra@purrfecthealth.co.uk](mailto:audra@purrfecthealth.co.uk)

Finally we hope to be launching the Feline Chapter quarterly newsletter soon so watch this space!

As always, please contact any of the Feline Chapter board (details below) if you have any comments, queries or ideas

We look forward to seeing as many members as possible at Science Week and the pre-congress feline masterclass day!

Warm regards,

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*Audra Turner (Treasurer)* [audra@purrfecthealth.co.uk](mailto:audra@purrfecthealth.co.uk)



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## Animal Reproduction Chapter

The Animal Reproduction Chapter continues to grow and develop largely through the drive and enthusiasm of our immediate past-president Dr Allan Gunn. The Chapter executive is currently in the process of planning Science Week 2016 and our aim is to continue to collaborate with other chapters as much as possible to attract reproduction-focused speakers that can share their knowledge across multiple disciplines. The multi-species/comparative aspect of reproduction is one that our members thoroughly enjoy. On the examination front, we currently have three candidates intending to sit their MANZCVS exams in 2016, the most we have ever had in one year.

As Christmas and the New Year draw closer, those of us involved in the equine reproduction world can start to see the light at the end of a busy tunnel. We now look forward to planning for the next step in the breeding supply chain, the annual yearling sales. Those involved in the dairy world have had a trying time recently as world dairy prices put pressure on farm incomes and hence animal health expenditure. The role of veterinarians as herd health advisors becomes even more essential in such economic times.

In this issue we have a clinical case description from Dr John Watts, Specialist in Small Animal Reproduction, Melbourne.

### Interesting case – Persistent penile frenulum in a dog

This is a 1.5 year old Gordon setter which had been clinically normal and was brought in for semen evaluation. When semen was being collected, the penis could not be extended properly from the prepuce because when the penis was extended it became bent and the dog lost the erection. Semen was collected with the penis inside the prepuce, then the dog was examined and a persistent frenulum was found. The frenulum was cut under local anaesthesia and a ligature placed on both ends to stop bleeding. No hereditary basis has been established for this condition, however this is a possibility and surveillance will be undertaken.



## Veterinary Radiology Chapter

The Radiology Chapter participated in a busy examination schedule with candidates for Small and Large Animal Membership and Fellowship examinations. The Radiology Chapter would like to congratulate the new Radiology Fellows of the ANZCVS – Dr Juan Podadera from the University of Sydney and Dr Jane Day from Murdoch University, and the 7 new Members in Small Animal Radiology. Congratulations to Dr Lisa Kidd from the University of Queensland on becoming the first Member in Large Animal Radiology.

Members of the Radiology Chapter attended and presented at the pre College Science Week Brain Day hosted jointly by the Small Animal Medicine (SAM) and Radiology Chapters. Brain Day was very well supported and the Chapters received great feedback for an excellent day. A particular favourite was the interactive case based session using an audience response system (“Clickers”) which allowed delegates to put into practice what they had learnt during the day. Many thanks to Adrian Witham from the SAM Chapter for organising the day and our sponsors Hallmarq, Medical Plus and Pet Plan for supporting Brain Day. The proceedings are available to members on the Radiology Chapter website. At CSW the Radiology Chapter held joint sessions with other chapters which were well attended. A very successful joint session on Imaging in Oncology was held with the Surgery Chapter.

For next year the Radiology Chapter and AAVDI will jointly host the “pre CSW” Education Day. Dr Randi Drees from the Royal Veterinary College will be speaking on CT, focusing on small animal vascular imaging. This exciting session will be held on Wednesday 6th July at the QT Hotel. Dr Drees is an experienced CT educator who runs many popular courses in Europe and this is a great opportunity to undertake cutting edge imaging CPD in Australia. The full program will be released early 2016. In addition to the pre CSW day the Radiology Chapter will be holding sessions during CSW. If any Member or Fellow wishes to participate in these sessions, or has a topic that they would love to see covered, please email Cathy Beck [cbeck@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:cbeck@unimelb.edu.au)



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## Aquatic Animal Health Chapter

2015 was a busy year for our small chapter with our first successful candidate for Fellowship. Dr Roger Chong is congratulated on his efforts and has set a standard to which others can aspire.

The Chapter will be hosting two days of activities at the 2016 College Science Week and we are putting the final touches to plans for an international guest speaker. We are also seeking to investigate a joint session with other chapters. The program will be looking to enlighten practitioners who may be undertaking small amounts of aquatic animal health work in their day to day, on some of the emerging and interesting aspects of aquatic animal practice. If you are a practitioner looking for a sea change there is a very wide scope to apply your investigative and problem solving skills to helping pet, production and wild populations of aquatic animals.

If we are to continue eating fish then we will be farming the majority consumed. With intensive farming comes health management of stock under production and so there has been and will remain an increasing demand for veterinarians to lead aquatic animal health management.

Finally I would encourage members in all other chapters to become members of the AAH Chapter, particularly those of you who are undertaking laboratory diagnostics. You will be interested in how much overlap there is, with what you may see as disparate pursuits.

Look forward to seeing you at College week

***Dr Stephen B. Pyecroft BVSc (Hons) PhD MANZCVS***



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## Cattle Chapter

The Cattle Chapter welcomes and congratulates the 7 new members who were successful in the examination process this year. We would like to thank Ian Hodge who stepped down as president this year, especially for his input in promoting the chapter in New Zealand. Ian was elected to the Board of Examiners in July. We would also like to thank Tash Lees who stepped down from the Chapter CEC team after many years of assistance with the exam process.

The conference organising committee headed by Mark Humphris and Dave Colson put together an interesting and thought provoking program in July, and have a fantastic program well planned for 2016. The theme is **“The economics of improving health and welfare outcomes – Using science to maximise farmer returns”**. The conference will include several workshop style sessions. The speaker line-up includes presenters across a range of cattle industries; northern and southern beef and the New Zealand and Australian Dairy industries.

The keynote speaker will be Mark Wustenberg. Mark is a veterinarian who works as the Vice President of Quality and Producer Relations for Tillamook County Creamery Association, in Oregon, USA. His current responsibilities include all food safety and quality assurance activities from farm to customer as well as farm level field service support. Mark has also worked for Monsanto Company as a technical support veterinarian. Before that he and his wife, Judy, operated a dairy practice in Tillamook County, Oregon. In addition

to their local practice they provided production management and business development support to dairy and related businesses, both nationally and internationally. Mark will cover a range of topics including “A processor’s perspective on milk quality”, “Building a continuous improvement culture” and “Sustaining the dairy through tough times”. Other confirmed speakers include Bill Malcolm from the University of Melbourne, Tom Walsh, Tim Moravek, Neil Lane and Charles Chase. Bill Malcolm plans to challenge the veterinary view of farm economics by addressing several pertinent topics including “The cost of pregnancy testing”. As well as these talks it is probable that there will be a joint session with the pharmacology chapter and some new research updates from post-graduate researchers and clinicians. Further details and a draft program will be released early in the New Year.

The Cattle Chapter program at Science Week represents a consistent high level meeting, where you will learn about cutting edge initiatives in a wide range of beef and dairy fields. The conference is relatively small allowing for active discussion at the end of each talk. So please consider a trip to “the Goldie” when planning your CE for 2016 and mark the 7-9 July in your diary now!

Wishing everybody a merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

*Alison Gunn, Chapter President*





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## Dermatology Chapter

The Dermatology Chapter held a very successful Science Week Meeting again in July this year, with the topic “Allergies, infections, and everything in between” enabling a broad coverage of some of the latest information and challenges in Veterinary Dermatology, and attracting great attendance for our small chapter group. The keynote speaker was the very experienced and world-renowned Stephen White, from Davis California, who was supported by some great ‘home-grown’ speakers including Nick Cave, Jacqui Norris, Darren Trott, and David Robson. Many thanks go to our great speakers, and to the Science Week organising committee, lead by Beth McDonald and Karyn Wesselingh, who put together this great program.

There are some exciting events coming up for the Dermatology Chapter. Next year the 8th World Congress in Veterinary Dermatology will take place in Bordeaux, France from May 31st – June 4th. Put the dates into your calendar now! This will be a fabulous excuse for a trip to Europe, in addition to hearing about all that’s new and exciting in dermatology worldwide!

Even more exciting is the announcement that the 9th World Congress in Veterinary Dermatology in 2020 will be held here in Sydney, Australia, from October 22-24th. This is fantastic recognition of the strength and growth of Veterinary Dermatology in Australia and New Zealand, and

is a great achievement for our small group. Tremendous thanks go to Mandy Burrows, supported ably by Beth McDonald, in getting our successful congress bid together.

There has been a change to the executive for the Dermatology Chapter following the AGM in July, with Mike Shipstone (President), Mandy Burrows (Secretary), and Greg Burton (Treasurer) stepping down from their roles. This very esteemed executive founded the Dermatology Chapter in 2003, have wisely guided and directed the group over the last 12 years as it has grown from infancy to a larger and broader group. They have undoubtedly established and continued to raise the profile of Veterinary Dermatology both within Australia and in the International dermatology arena. On behalf of the Dermatology Chapter, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the out-going executive for their hard work and valued leadership. Three cheers for Mike, Greg and Mandy!!

The new executive is made up of Linda Vogelnest (President), Karyn Wesselingh (Secretary), and David Robson (Treasurer), and we will strive to keep the Dermatology Chapter active and engaged. We look forward to the coming year, encourage any feedback to our chapter on potential new endeavours, ideas, and collaborations, and wish everyone good cheer and time for relaxation through the busy festive season.

## Equine Chapter

The Equine Chapter is excited to announce we will be having a Sports Medicine theme for Science Week in 2016. We are thrilled to be having two international key note speakers Dr Pete Ramzan and Dr Sarah Powell from Rosssdales Equine Practice in Newmarket, UK. Pete has recently published his text ‘The Racehorse: A veterinary manual’ which is a definitive guide to veterinary problems encountered in racetrack practice. Dr Sarah Powell is a specialist in veterinary diagnostic imaging and is responsible for overseeing the diagnostic imaging service at Rosssdales, she also provides a consultancy service reading images from within the UK and other parts of the world. She has published widely and has a particular interest in comparative imaging of subchondral bone disease

in racing Thoroughbreds. We also have many local speakers with vast experience and expertise to share including Dr Sam Franklin from the University of Adelaide and Dr Robin Bell from the University of Sydney.

We are really looking forward to Science Week in 2016 and we hope we will see you there.

***Tias Muurlink, Gareth Trope,  
Liz Walmsley and Laura Nath***





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## Avian Chapter

The Avian Chapter is very proud of our own Robert J Doneley, who was a most worthy recipient of a Meritorious Service Award this year. It is lovely that Bob's muck-in and get it done attitude has been recognised and rewarded. Well done, Bob!

Given that examinations are held biennially, the coming year is now focussing on preparing Membership examinations in Caged and Aviary Bird and Poultry, and Fellowship examinations in Avian Health. We're also taking the time to forward plan some initiatives that have been languishing. We continue to strive toward offering a Membership Examination Training Day for eligible candidates. The idea being that examination technique is something that candidates may improve upon to better canvas their knowledge. Up until this point, we have been somewhat stymied by timing and delivery options but we are pushing forward with some external assistance, and hope to have one up and running for 2017.

Our other major goal for this next year is to formalise the Mentorship program. We hope to have a guideline for candidates and mentors about the depth and breadth of support expected so that both parties are better prepared for the arrangement.

Lastly, we are once again hoping to participate in Science Week. Although a small chapter, we very much enjoy the synergy and enthusiasm of the College Annual Event.

*Deborah Monks*

*President, Avian Chapter*

## Unusual Pets Chapter

We are excited to announce that the College Council approved the formation of the Unusual Pets Chapter at the November meeting. The Unusual Pets Chapter will promote excellence in medicine and surgery of unusual pets, with emphasis on helping candidates prepare for the Membership in unusual pet medicine and surgery. The Chapter aims to eventually work towards providing a Fellowship level qualification.

The elected committee of the Chapter is as follows:

*President: Brendan Carmel*

*Secretary: James Haberfield*

*Treasurer: Lizzie Goldstraw*

The Chapter Examination Committee consists of Tristan Rich, Bree Talbot and Tegan Stephens.

Preparations are underway for the Unusual Pets Membership examination for 2017.

The committee would like to thank all the College staff who have helped with the formation of the Chapter, in particular Elaine Lowe and Mandy Burrows, and Deb Monks for her advice.

*Brendan Carmel, President*





# IMPORTANT DATES IN 2016

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**

Council nominations closed..... **20 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**

Scientific Meeting.....**7, 8 and 9 July**

AGM ..... **8 July**

Awards Dinner .....**9 July**

Medicine of Cats UK Oral Examinations..... **8 and 9 August**

## EDITOR'S NOTE

*Unfortunately the article that appeared in the September Courier related to Dr Deruddere's successfully gaining Fellowship in Small Animal Surgery was incomplete. We convey our apologies to Dr Deruddere for this error and publish the entire article below.*

Kirsten Deruddere graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2006 and spent her first three years working in a small animal practice east of Melbourne. Her strong interest in small animal surgery saw her take up a position as an intern at Advanced Vetcare in 2010. In 2011 she became a member of the surgical chapter of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists and the same year she began her residency in small animal surgery at Advanced Vetcare, Melbourne. Kirsten completed her residency in 2014 and became a Fellow of the College in small animal surgery this year. She will continue her work within the surgery team at Advanced Vetcare, seeing a varied caseload of orthopaedic, soft tissue and neurosurgery. Kirsten has a particular interest in reconstructive surgery.





# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the members of the College a joyous, relaxing and safe Christmas and a successful year ahead for 2016. 2015 has been a tremendous year for the College as we continue to enjoy strong support for the examination system and scientific conference and look forward to a very bright future.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all members of the College staff – Mr Kim Hudson Executive Officer, Ms Robyn Pettigrew Examinations Officer, Dr Mary Anne Hiscutt Assistant College Manager, and Miss

Sharon Tinsley Administration Officer for their hard work and support over the past year. Their efforts are gratefully acknowledged and it continues to be a pleasure working with them.

*Best Wishes,*

*Mrs Elaine Lowe, College Manager*





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