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EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome to the Autumn edition of the College Courier.

March has thrown a few curve balls at us, with COVID-19 heavily impacting the global social, economic, political and environmental stage, and subsequently College activities.

The content for the College Courier was finalised on 9 March and Council. Shortly after Council made the difficult decision to cancel Science Week and defer Fellowship and Membership examinations.

This edition still contains articles that mention Science Week as proceeding along with examinations as we are unable to obtain updates from contributors swiftly. We appreciate your understanding, with regards to this.

During these uncertain and gloomy times, we are on the hunt for some good news stories. We know our Members come from diverse and interesting backgrounds – and we want to hear from you! If you have an interesting story you would like featured in the College Courier please email marketing@anzcvs.org.au with the details.

Please take care and stay safe.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

March 30, 2020

Dr Zoe Lenard, President



The ANZCVS Council is very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Stephen Alderman as CEO to the ANZCVS. Stephen has a long background in the NFP sector, particularly working in organisations that are highly reliant on volunteers, and he has a track-record of helping these organisations flourish. Stephen is dynamic, creative and engaging, and I look forward to introducing him to you in coming months.

The rapidly escalating COVID-19 crisis is likely occupying a lot of your intellectual and emotional space.

The information flowing in from overseas countries seems quite unbelievable and in the realms of fiction, except that it is real. Australia and New Zealand balance on the edge and we will likely see similar carnage to that in Asia, Europe and America. The viral carnage is absolutely frightening, and the economic carnage is hard to even comprehend as we all adjust to massive changes in the way we live our lives.

Council has met several times (digitally) over the last few weeks to discuss this rapidly evolving situation and has decided to cancel the face to face meeting of Science Week for 2020. This conference represented a unique opportunity to gather all Chapter members together to discuss and share the latest findings in veterinary science. I will truly miss this event this year, however am pleased to advise that we are investigating delivering Science Week virtually, and will update you in due course on the progress of this.

Further to this, Council and the Board of Examiners had to make another very difficult decision regarding examinations. We unanimously decided to postpone Fellowship examinations until a later date this year, and defer all Membership examinations to 2021.

This was one of the most difficult decisions the College has had to make in our 50 years of existence. We explored all our possible options and deliberated intensively. Ultimately safety and wellbeing comes first and it was the right decision. Examinations are at the core of what we do and we are all disappointed that we are unable to deliver them as planned this year. We strongly hope to offer Fellowship examinations later this year and look forward to planning examinations for 2021.

I urge you all to stay safe, heed social distancing and look out for yourselves and those around you who need support. The flow on effects to the veterinary industry will be massive, and we are in for a rocky ride. At work and in my personal life I am trying to stay calm, support my clinical staff and family, and help the dogs and cats that are in my care, as safely as possible. I am so grateful that dogs and cats can't talk COVID – it is a welcome distraction to focus on them and their human-animal bond and remember why I became a vet. Take care of each other, whilst we work through this unbelievable situation.

On a positive note, the buoyant and gorgeous College community was well on display at the recent examiners workshop. Over 70 examiners, College staff, Board of Examiners and Council met in Brisbane in early February for this event. This weekend meeting brings examiners from a variety of disciplines together to help construct the 2020 exams, both with the expertise of the Board of Examiners and Dr Liz Norman BVSc, MVM, MANZCVS who provided practical guidance into improving the construction of exams.

The Board of Examiners also provided examiners with advice about dealing with candidates in the oral exams (a highly useful and entertaining role play). These activities are well supported by Chapters and examiners and the participants report favourably that they enjoy the opportunity to get together to construct exams and that the workshop improves their exam quality.

It is heartening to see the members of our community embracing the opportunity to create quality exams, which is our reason for existing. I never fail to be inspired by the dedicated volunteer workforce that is the important social fabric of our College – the Board of Examiners, the examiners and Chapter Subject Examination Committees, and Council. Bringing so many together in one large room for a weekend emphasizes the collaboration and cooperation that occurs in our diverse College.

At the workshop I met Leanne Wicker, senior veterinarian at Healesville Sanctuary Zoos Victoria. Leanne has been at the coalface in treating Australian wildlife injured in the devastating 2020 bushfires so prevalent across eastern Victoria. It was amazing to hear some of her stories about treating burned koalas, the fascinating physiological responses of this Australian icon (which I hadn't previously considered, predominantly occupying the professional world of dogs and cats) and her reflections on the media and society's approach to wildlife after the fires. I'm sure I would not have had the opportunity to interact with Leanne if it were not through the College, another great reason to be involved with your Chapter and the greater College community.

The ANZCVS acknowledges the dreadful impact that the fire season has had on so many communities and on our profession, noting that several members (and those enrolled in exams) were severely impacted by the fires. If you feel you need support from the College, get in touch. We have had several members in the affected regions discuss starting a Membership support group – if you are keen to be involved or know more, let the office staff know and we can put you in touch with like-minded Members in your area.

➔ EXAMINATIONS REPORT

EXAMINERS WORKSHOP

The seventh Examiners Workshop was held on 8 and 9 of February at the Brisbane Airport Conference Centre.

50 examiners from 15 disciplines attended to develop their skills in assessment through training, discussion and mentoring. This Workshop helps build a robust and defensible examination system for all candidates across a multitude of disciplines within the College.

The Examiners Workshop has grown in recent years, with more and more examiners interested in attending each year. Past feedback has indicated the invaluable opportunity to ensure timely development of high-quality examination components. Examiners over the years have rated the top reasons for attending as being the opportunity to work with fellow examiners in their subject with protected time to develop their subject examination.



The Board of Examiners was pleased to invite the Director of Teaching and Learning, College of Sciences, Massey University, Dr Liz Norman, back to present topics on assessment such as blueprinting and drafting questions, question clarity and grading criteria and marking schemes. Dr Norman has a unique combination of veterinary and educational expertise, her presentation slides can be viewed on the College [website](#).



WHAT DOES THE COLLEGE MEAN FOR YOU?



I count myself amongst a lucky few (>2500!) to have gained membership of this eminent scientific community, The Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists. I have always felt welcomed by the College and its members, even before I passed my first exams back in year 2000! I was mentored by College members who gave their time for my success. And having passed examinations, I was proud of my testamur.

I HAD FOUND MY TRIBE

The community I gathered with in those early days provided the identity of the excellent learning veterinarian I aspired to be. So many vets are lifelong learners, and the College provided the chance to move across disciplines, and I found myself (after sitting a second Membership) welcomed to more Chapters and groups.

The opportunities to share space with so many disciplines are a unique feature of the College, not found around the world. This fact should be celebrated. What becomes so valuable is the cross fertilisation of ideas and experiences within the College, through formal Chapter shared programs at Science Week. Many of the chats occurring over coffee breaks or a beverage at the end of the day, have led to planting the seed of ideas for collaborative research pathways, connecting across space and time the threads of innovative practice.

These threads and conversations are moving to the online space, into social media groups, allowing real time messaging, file sharing and video collaboration. The College year now moves well beyond the examination, credentialing and scientific presentations periods to a perennial, rolling lifecycle of engagement opportunities for members and stakeholders.

I was a latecomer to the College, but I didn't let years of experience dampen my enthusiasm! I have been given an opportunity to serve in a Chapter executive for many years, and then last year I was elected to join the College Council, serving as a director of the College, providing governance and leadership to the College.

I have observed a fair proportion of the college volunteer force include people in relatively early stages of their careers. This early engagement and commitment to excellence fosters strong bonds between colleagues and across disciplines that will reward you for years to come.



Of most importance in these roles are the activities taken aboard by the many volunteers who contribute and participate across the broad reach of our College. I have just spent a weekend at the Examination Development Workshop in Brisbane along with my fellow Councillors, Board of Examiners, College office staff and the many volunteers who jumped head first into the examiner roles, both membership and Fellowship, as well as Head Subject Examiners, guiding the work of their teams. To see so many of our colleagues working together, producing high quality exams, striving for excellence in all we do, was an inspiration to me.

At this same time, the Science Week convenors and contributors are putting the finishing touches on the many programs for this year's gathering at The Star, Broadbeach on 9th-11th July, 2020. Don't forget the growing number of pre and post Science Week programs add to the value received by attendees at this seminal event of the College.

I look forward to the run-up to this July, and wish all examination candidates every success in June & July. I look forward to welcoming and expanding the membership of our College.

Dr David Tabrett
BVSc MANZCVS GAICD

→ COUNCIL NOMINATIONS



Two places on Council are available for election this year, with nominations for these positions now open.

The College Council is the body that administers the College on behalf of the Membership. Your involvement is essential.

Dr Caroline Mansfield will retire from Council in July after serving nine years as a Councillor. We have been greatly appreciative of Caroline's support, leadership, integrity, dedication and hard work. We thank her for her valuable contribution to the College, and wish her all the best.

Dr Allen Bryce has indicated that he will stand for re-election to Council. Dr Bryce is the current Honorary Treasurer (New Zealand) and Honorary Secretary (New Zealand) and has been instrumental in establishing the New Zealand Network.

If you have an interest in the future and objectives of the College and a desire to make a significant contribution to the veterinary profession, we encourage you to nominate for Council.

Councillors are offered directorship training and extensive support from the College office and find the experience of serving on Council to be a most rewarding and enjoyable one. All financial Members and Fellows of the College are eligible for nomination and election for Council.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCILLORS

1. Councillors should hold copies of and be familiar with the current Constitution.
2. Councillors have an obligation to participate actively in College affairs and activities and to this end should familiarise themselves with the decisions of the Council and Board of Examiners by reading all Minutes, Policies, Memoranda and Reports distributed by the College Office. Councillors should respond to College issues raised in these documents.
3. Councillors should maintain an active interest in the affairs and activities of the College and its Chapters and provide an avenue of liaison and guidance.
4. Councillors have an obligation to attend in-person Council meetings and the Annual General Meeting where fares, accommodation and necessary meals are paid by the College.
5. Councillors should act as ambassadors for the College by promoting membership and fellowship.
6. Councillors have the same legal responsibilities as the directors of any company of limited liability.
7. All elected Councillors must be prepared to offer themselves for office.
8. Councillors will receive extensive support from College management staff, plus training in corporate governance.

HOW TO NOMINATE

To nominate for Council, please download and complete the online form available [here](#). Nominations close **24 May 2020**.

→ BOARD OF EXAMINER NOMINATIONS

The Board of Examiners is seeking a new Member or Fellow of the College to join the Board of Examiners. **In order to join the Board, you must have previously served as an examiner for the College**, and have an interest in examinations, assessment, education and the College generally. Expertise in assessment practice and/or managing training programs is highly desirable.

Interested persons must be available for Board of Examiners meetings, the examiners workshop and examination duties during the examination period in usually held in June and July each year, and must be enthusiastic and willing to contribute to Board activities. Successful applicants will be selected by Council following recommendation made by the BoE. It is desirable that within the Board there be representation from a wide breadth of subject backgrounds and working experiences, a mixture of Members and Fellows, a gender balance, and some representation from New Zealand.

Board of Examiners members join either the Training and Credentials Committee or the Examinations Committee. They are expected to attend College examinations to act as observers during the examinations, and to attend the Board meetings. There are at least two - three face to face meetings, one held in conjunction with the examiners workshop (usually within the first two weeks of February) and one on conclusion of the examinations, another if required, plus a number of conferencing meetings held during the year.

BoE members should be able to devote at least five-seven hours per week to duties associated with the Board of Examiners, additional time maybe required during peak examination reviewing time. Board members are valuable members of a progressive and dynamic team, ably supported by College staff.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply, download and complete application form online [here](#). Completed application forms should be forwarded to the College office either by email or post by **Thursday 9 April 2020**.

For further information please contact the Examinations Officer, Robyn Pettigrew at examinations@anzcvs.org.au or phone (07) 3423 2016.

→ MANDATORY INTENTION TO SIT DATE FOR FELLOWSHIP CANDIDATES

Closing date to register intention to sit for Fellowship examinations in 2021:

30 JUNE 2020

NO applications will be accepted after this date.

Fellowship Candidates wishing to sit Fellowship examinations in 2021 should note that it is mandatory to register their intention to sit with the College office before **30 June 2020**.

NO applications to sit the Fellowship examinations will be accepted after this date. Candidates who register an intention to sit, but do not comply with current credential guidelines will be able to withdraw their application before the 31 October.

Please note that the Credentials date of 31st October remains the same, and at this time all requirements outlined in the relevant subject guidelines must be completed.

Your intention to sit can registered by forwarding an email to:
examinations@anzcvs.org.au



ANZCVS COUNCIL FINANCE & RISK COMMITTEE

The Finance and Risk Committee (FRC) was established in 2017 to assist safeguarding high standards of corporate governance and management in the conduct of the financial business of the College.

Council's fiduciary role is to approve the business plan and budget, monitor organisational and financial performance, ensure sound financial management practices are in place, monitor risks and protect the College's assets. The FRC assists Council in discharging its responsibilities with respect to overseeing all aspects of financial management and reporting, control and audit functions and monitoring and reporting on risks.

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FRC

The FRC is not a policy-making body nor does it have substantive executive function. It assists Council in developing Council policy and monitoring organisation activity within the scope of its remit, and making recommendations to Council for resolution. The FRC meets face to face twice yearly, and usually via teleconference twice yearly. Email communication is used between meetings when FRC recommendations are required.

STRUCTURE & COMPOSITION OF THE FINANCE & RISK COMMITTEE

The minimum voting membership is the College Treasurer and Secretary. A third voting member is appointed by Council on the recommendation of the FRC drawn from the current membership with previous experience on Council, Council Committee or Chapter Committee but not a current Councillor.

At least one of the members of the Finance & Risk Committee must be able to demonstrate a significant relevant understanding of financial and risk governance; Council is able to appoint an external member if this expertise is not otherwise available on the committee. Mr Ken Crofts has extensive experience in the areas of finance, risk and governance, with a focus on not for profit organisations.

At least one of the members of the Finance & Risk Committee must have a significant relevant understanding of the veterinary industry.

Current members of the ANZCVS FRC:

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| Dr Bruce Smith | <i>College Treasurer</i> |
| Dr Amy Lane | <i>College Secretary</i> |
| Dr Glenn Edwards | <i>College Member</i> |
| Mr Ken Crofts | <i>Appointed by Council</i> |
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COLLEGE NEWS



Dr Rachel Tan
Project Officer



LAST CHANCE TO VIEW 2019 SCIENCE WEEK RECORDINGS

As Science Week 2020 approaches, please take the opportunity to watch content from Science Week 2019. At the end of June 2019, these videos will no longer be available. There were 94 lectures recorded across 18 different chapters. Videos from SW 2019 are available by login to the member portal anzcv.org.au/member-portal/

We will again be recording a selection of lectures during Science Week 2020. As Maintenance of Credentials requirements commence from July 1 for new Members and Fellows, the Science Week videos will be a great resource to fulfil the unstructured learning component.

SCIENCE WEEK RECOGNISED AS SPECIALTY LEVEL MEETING FOR ACVIM MAINTENANCE OF CREDENTIALS (MOC)

For those Associate Members and attendees of Science Week, the Large Animal Internal Medicine MOC Committee has added ANZCVS Science Week to their list of pre-approved Specialist Level Meetings. This brings it in line with similar prior recognition by the ACVIM Small Animal Internal Medicine MOC Guidelines. If Members wish the College to approach any other organisation to attain similar status for credential requirements, please contact us.



INSTITUTIONAL ACCREDITATION

The College recognises that Fellowship candidates in institutions recognised to have a track record of providing education and training facilities consistent with the requirements of a Fellowship Training Program would benefit from streamlining of the applications process.

Therefore, the College is developing a standardised form which these institutions (universities and private practices) could complete which would "accredit" them with the College as a pre-approved Fellowship Training

Program Institution. In addition, this would ensure that all requirements for Fellowship candidates are transparent and aid in review and processing of these applications.

The first iteration of this structured Institutional Fellowship Training Application Form has been completed and will be trialled shortly. The objective following this will be to expand these forms for use by Fellowship candidates in all categories of training programs.

If you have any questions or feedback on any of the above projects, please contact me via email at: po@anzcv.org.au



→ OBITUARIES



Vic and his Burmese cat



Vic at the operating microscope starting a kidney transplant

**VIC WAS A TRUE
GENEROUS GIANT
OF THE VETERINARY
PROFESSION**

VALE VICTOR HANS MENRATH

What follows is a shortened version of a eulogy delivered by Bob Menrath at his brother's funeral.

Vic's resilience, and his love of a challenge, continued to shine through. When he developed asthma and the suggestion was made that archery might improve his respiratory function, he embraced it with both hands. Not only did he overcome his asthma but also, he became New Zealand Junior Archery Champion after two years!

Vic went on to complete an agricultural degree at Lincoln College, Canterbury University in 1964, but his passion was always for veterinary science. Since there was no veterinary school in New Zealand, Vic realised that his future had to be in Australia. That meant raising the money through hard work and a bursary.

The hard work was not an issue, as right through school and University Vic had a number of holiday jobs ranging from farm labouring to working as a cleaner in an abattoir. Not only did these support him financially, they also taught him respect and understanding for those less fortunate in life who had to graft to survive. Bob believes that this aspect of his early life contributed to his humility and the compassionate way he practiced veterinary medicine.

The only thing better than a Burmese cat is two Burmese cats. Chocks on the left and Hope on the right.

Obtaining a bursary proved more of a challenge for Vic, but with characteristic aplomb he won a New Zealand Department of Agriculture Bursary to attend the Veterinary School at the University of Queensland (UQ).

More importantly, the full salary secured allowed him to marry his Christchurch teenage sweetheart, Helen, in the third year of his course.

Vic shone through veterinary school and graduated BVSc with honours in 1968. He immediately took up his 4-year bonded position with the Department of Agriculture in the far north of New Zealand. The working conditions and pay were excellent, but the role lacked the challenge and animal contact Vic craved. Consequently, after a year or so, he bought out of his contract to start work in Sydney at a brand-new state-of-the-art companion animal veterinary hospital built to international standards.

It was a tremendous learning curve for Vic and the practice helped him evolve his dream of owning and building a veterinary practice. Consequently, in 1972, he joined his older brother Bob in opening a veterinary practice in Sunnybank, Brisbane.

The practice proved a great success and within three years had extended to four sites and employed seven veterinarians. Despite the heavy workload and success, Vic still dreamed of building a fully equipped and staffed veterinary hospital that would introduce a new level of excellence in veterinary care: Kessels Road Veterinary Hospital came into existence in 1976.

The hospital with its four feeder clinics proved to be a spectacular success, but already Vic was looking for his next challenge. This came in the form of a developing interest in the practice of feline medicine.



The only thing better than a Burmese cat is two Burmese cats. Chocks on the left and Hope on the right.

Vic began seeing more and more cat cases and in 1978 decided that he was going to become the first Fellow in Feline Medicine in the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists (ANZCVS). He was determined that the veterinary profession recognise that cats were pathophysiologically distinct from dogs and that they should therefore be treated differently.

At the time, this view was not well accepted by many leading academic internists, but rather than deter Vic, it made him even more determined.

By the end of the 1978 Vic was running Australia's first feline only practice in Brisbane. By 1982 he had achieved his goal of Fellowship in Feline Medicine whilst managing an ever-growing case load at Creek Road Cat Clinic at Mount Gravatt. The practice continued to flourish under Vic's innovative eye and was the first to establish a Feline Renal Transplant unit in Australia.



Vic and Helen



Rhett Marshall with Vic

Despite success and satisfaction, Vic's passion for feline medicine remained unabated, especially his desire for more veterinarians to embrace and train in his beloved discipline. To this end Vic was a forceful advocate in ANZCVS for the Feline Chapter and served for many years as an examiner in Feline Medicine.

It is a direct result of his stance that feline medicine stand as a separate speciality that Australia has more feline specialist clinicians per capita than any country on the planet, and for this reason, Australia has and continues to punch above its weight in the discipline of feline clinical sciences.

His adjunct professorial appointment at the UQ Veterinary School meant that his enthusiasm and expertise was passed onto successive generations of young veterinarians, whilst his long-term association with the Centre for Veterinary Education at the University of Sydney allowed him access to the keenest feline physicians. The latter activity led to him being awarded the TG Hungerford Award for Excellence in Continuing Education in 2004.

Vic, and his brother Bob, were instrumental in establishing Provet Supplies Pty Ltd in 1982. This was a broad-based veterinary supply company, of which Vic was one of the five Founding Directors and on which Board he remained until the company was sold in 2010.

Always the man to ensure he was fully qualified for the role, Vic became a Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors in 1997 and in 1999 received an AICD Fellowship,



by completing a Diploma in Business Studies from the Sydney University School of Business.

Despite all his commitments, Vic always found time for others, whether it be for his beloved family or junior colleagues in the practice, which included Annette Litster, Marcus Gunew, Rhett Marshall, Amy Lingard, Richard Gowan, Fran Musca to name just a few. Often referred to as the grandfather of feline medicine in Australia and New Zealand, his legacy will live on through all that he has touched and influenced. Vic was a true generous giant of the veterinary profession who cared passionately about his patients and their owners.

TRIBUTE TO DAVE HANLON

BY ALLAN GUNN

David Hanlon was raised in Tasmania, and graduated from Murdoch University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery. He then completed a three year residency and Masters Degree in large animal reproduction at Massey University, New Zealand.

In 1996 he joined Matamata Veterinary Services. In 2001 he became a Diplomate of the American College of Theriogenologists via the alternate route under supervision of the practice D'sACT, and became a registered specialist in reproduction. In 2002 he was invited to lecture in equine reproduction at Cornell University and was the resident veterinarian at Cornell's Equine Research Park.

David became a partner at Matamata Veterinary Services where he provided specialist equine reproduction services. He became an adjunct Associate Professor in Theriogenology at both North Carolina State University and Louisiana State University.

**HE WAS A LOYAL,
AND AMAZINGLY
SUPPORTIVE PERSON;
A PERFECT MENTOR,
COLLEAGUE AND
FRIEND.**

He was also an adjunct faculty member of Massey University. Under his, and his lovely wife Fiona Hollinshead's guidance, the practice also trained Massey veterinary undergraduates, interns, and residents in theriogenology. At least two have attained DACT and specialist status.

Dave completed his PhD entitled "Reproductive performance and the transition period of Thoroughbred mares in New Zealand: Evidence and implications for future alternative management strategies." whilst in practice.

Undoubtedly a phenomenal achievement to obtain both DACT and PhD qualifications whilst in practice. He was continually involved in research projects with collaborators, and was a valued contributor to industry pharmaceutical developments such as the 'Cue Mare'. He regularly contributed to CPD courses, presented at conferences, and regularly published in the scientific and lay literature, as well as being an expert witness to legal cases around the world.

Dave has also been President, and an active committee member, of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists. Importantly he was an integral player in revitalising the regressing reproduction chapter.

This is undoubtedly an impressive CV. But, in reality this is nothing without mentioning Dave Hanlon the person. Dave was the Father, no Dad, of Will, Harry and Oscar, and the loving husband of Fiona Hollinshead.



Dave had a wonderful sense of humour and an infectious snigger in his laugh. He was undoubtedly a very intelligent man, but was never arrogant and always willing to listen to others points of view; as long as they were genuine. Whilst it might be easy to say that he didn't suffer fools, it is probably more correct to say that he did not tolerate foolishness and ignorance. Arrogance and narcissism were his top dislikes, and he would expertly avoid further unnecessary contact with people illustrating those traits. But, never in a nasty way and always with appropriate respect.

He was a loyal, and amazingly supportive person; a perfect mentor, colleague and friend. We both cannot remember how we met, but we have known each other since my move to Australia in 2001. He has encouraged me and supported my development despite living in another country. And, I am not the only one to benefit from his

expertise and his personable nature. There are many more people that are better off both as professionals, and more importantly as people, for having known Dave. When discussing Dave's impact with a colleague, we agreed that we can take comfort in that he leaves us a legacy.

He and Fiona agonised about becoming academics in Fort Collins; it was certainly the right move. As has been shown by the community support after the accident, and only having been in their new location for just over six months. He was a very likeable and respected human being. Unfortunately too many students' will now miss out on his pragmatic, sensible, fun-loving and scientific approach to theriogenology.

Dave was taken from us on 20th January 2020 in a tragic fatal car accident in Wyoming while on a family holiday trip from their new home in Fort Collins Colorado.

Rest in peace colleague, mentor, supporter, and most importantly good friend. There are many people missing you Dave, and we are going to continue to do so. To his family, please accept our condolences. May your sorrow and loss be compensated by knowing you were blessed to have known and loved a truly fantastic and humble person.

➔ NEW CHAPTER



COLLEGE WELCOMES NEW CHAPTER: PIG HEALTH AND PRODUCTION

We are very pleased to announce the formation of a new chapter of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Science (ANZCVS) – the Pig Health and Production Chapter.

Membership of the ANZCVS in Pig Medicine has been offered as an examination subject for many years, but it is only now that a chapter has been formed for those with an interest in Pig Health and Production.

With the formation of the chapter we encourage College members and fellows with an interest in pigs to join.

We are hoping to attract a diverse range of talents, possibly including pathologists, epidemiologists, pharmacologists and those with an interest in farm animal production.

The annual membership fee has been set at \$25 and is payable by ticking the box in your normal membership renewal notice.

Our aims include providing opportunities for further education in pig health and production, and to be a source of top level information in this area.

We are in the process of forming a Standards Committee and an Examination Committee, and we are aiming to offer an examination in 2021.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Alan Sharrock, who has been a driving force in the formation of the chapter, together with Mary Anne Hiscutt and Robyn Pettigrew of the College.

*Rowan Wilson
Chapter President*

➔ NZ REPORT

Dr Allen Bryce



THE NEW ZEALAND NETWORK OF THE COLLEGE

The New Zealand Network of the College is now up and running. The purpose of the Network is to enhance engagement of New Zealand members with the College and with each other.

Initially, all College members, and candidates enrolled for membership examinations, who reside in New Zealand are members of the Network. As the Network gets on its feet, it is expected to be self-managing, and self-sustaining financially, so a (small) annual membership fee will be charged, similar to Chapter membership.

An interim committee has been formed to get the Network running, comprised of Wayne Ricketts, Allen Bryce, Charlotte Cantley, Janine van Dam and Michelle Dicken. The interim committee will be replaced by an elected committee in 2020.

The committee will consult further with New Zealand members on how the network should run and what activities it should organise. The first meeting of the Network will be at the World Veterinary Association Congress, which is held in conjunction with this year's NZVA annual conference, in Auckland on 6-8 April 2020. The first meeting will be over a casual (provided) breakfast on the morning of Tuesday 7th April.

The interim committee plans a second meeting in the North Island, and two in the South Island, later in the year or early next year, and will start organising these soon.

A Facebook page has been set up to facilitate communication. Network members can use the page to communicate with the committee, or to seek advice or raise points for discussion among members.

Within 24 hours of the group being established, it had over 40 members and the committee had received positive feedback. The more New Zealand members join and use the group, the more valuable it will become.

Members who don't use Facebook will be kept informed by email, and are encouraged to get involved in the Network by attending meetings or liaising with the committee members by email or phone.

JOIN THE DISCUSSION

Search in Facebook for the [ANZCVS New Zealand Network](#) group and keep an eye out for ongoing updates via email.



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AVIAN MEDICINE AND SURGERY CHAPTER

The Avian Medicine and Surgery Chapter recently held our AGM at The Association of Avian Veterinarians Australasian Chapters annual conference in Melbourne, Victoria.

It was a well-attended conference and a smooth and seamless AGM, chaired by Dr Deborah Monks as the stand-in convener. The AGM saw the departure of the previous president Dr Bob Doneley who has served the ANZCVS (Avian) Chapter in many different roles, for many years and the membership would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Dr Doneley for his hard work and dedication over the years.

The new committee contains many fresh-faced volunteers and we are thankful to see so many people putting up their hands to help with

College examinations and the running of the chapter. This year we have a record 17 candidates undertaking their membership examinations and one candidate sitting their fellowship examinations; we look forward to hopefully welcoming these new members to our chapter and wish them the best of luck for their exam preparation.

There is a push to get some outstanding talks locked in for the Avian stream at College Science Week and we would like to encourage all the membership to consider presenting cutting edge research, novel treatment topics or any other clinical research that you've produced in the last year. We would love to build our presence at Science Week and target the presentations to the very top-end of the avian medicine and surgery field in Australia. These presentations are a great way to share knowledge and build the profession both here and abroad and it would be great to see as many members there as possible come July.



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ANIMAL WELFARE CHAPTER – COURIER MARCH 2020

2020 Science Week, 9-11 July

The program for Science Week 2020 has been finalised and submitted to the College, and this will be released in March. We are looking forward to another interesting 3 days of presentations. This year we are sharing sessions with 3 other chapters. On Thursday morning we will combine with Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia, on Friday morning with the Cattle Chapter and on Saturday morning with the Veterinary Behaviour Chapter. Highlights will be hearing from Polly Taylor about pain welfare and ethics in veterinary practice, presentations on animals in tourism, management of heat stress in cattle, presentations on live animal exports, and a range of presentations linking behaviour and welfare in a number of species. We hope to see as many members as possible in July!

Membership Examinations

A total of 12 candidates will sit membership this year, not 11 as indicated in the last Courier, which is believed to be a record number. This means that there will be two full days of oral examinations in early July. Head Subject Examiner Di Evans and Subject Examiner Anne Fawcett attended the College Examiners Workshop in early February, which was extremely valuable.

Fellowship Candidates

Work continues regarding our three fellowship candidates in terms of sorting our training programs etc. We greatly appreciate the effort by the candidates and supervisors, as expanding our Fellowship members is an important goal for the Chapter. Further updates will be provided in the near future.

Chapter Banner

A banner covering several different species (including a kiwi!) to convey the diversity of animals pertaining to the animal welfare chapter has been produced. Sincere appreciation goes to Thy and Libby from the College Office for their work on this.



David Bayvel Award

Dr David Bayvel, who died in 2015, was one of the world's pre-eminent experts in the fields of animal welfare and veterinary science. David believed that veterinarians should have a leadership role as advocates for animals. He had a long and illustrious career with the New Zealand Government, the OIE, and lastly as Chief Veterinary Advisor for World Animal Protection.

He made an outstanding worldwide contribution to animal welfare, receiving several prestigious awards and being an inspiration to veterinarians globally. It is fitting that an Award has been established in his name.

The Award will be presented to the winner at the Science Week where they will have the opportunity to provide a presentation about their work. The prize for the Award recipient is \$950 and a trophy.

Nominations are accepted by AW Chapter Members with the Closing Date of April 1st. For further information or to send nominations, email to secretaryanimalwelfare@anzcvs.org.au

EPIDEMIOLOGY CHAPTER

The Epidemiology Chapter has seen a busy start to 2020, with preparations for Science Week and a number of new initiatives underway.

As abstract submissions for Science Week continue to roll in, the Epidemiology Chapter are looking forward to another stimulating program covering a broad range of topics. We encourage potential speakers on any epidemiology-related topic, including those who are not currently Chapter members/fellows, to submit their abstract. Make sure to get yours in through the College's online portal by the deadline of 07:00 AEST 14 April 2020.

Science Week 2020 will see an increase in the number of shared sessions with the Veterinary Public Health Chapter on topics of common interest, including African Swine Fever, Q fever and Leptospirosis. A shared session with the Cattle Chapter will delve deeper into the practical, field interpretation of diagnostic tests – useful for both practitioners doing this work and epidemiologists providing advice!

The Epidemiology Chapter pre-conference workshop is also making a return in 2020. The topic is Study Design, with the workshop suitable for anyone from across the College to attend. Further information and registration details will be made available very soon. We look forward to welcoming participants from many different chapters (including Epidemiology, of course!) who share a common need to design quality studies suitable for publication.

The Chapter recently embarked on several new initiatives aimed at promoting a collegial atmosphere and fostering interest in the discipline. After seeking feedback at the AGM and in consultation with veterinary schools and the College, the format for the Epidemiology Chapter student prize has been revised. Previously a certificate and a small cash prize were awarded to a student from each veterinary school. However, for a number of universities this no longer met their minimum prize value, and it also did not necessarily encourage further interest in the discipline. The Chapter therefore proposed replacement of the cash prize with a voucher to cover attendance at Science Week, including registration and sponsored social events. Recipients will have two years to attend, or if this is unlikely they can choose an alternative prize of two-years subscription to the journal Transboundary and Emerging Diseases. The feedback from the universities has been very positive and it will be exciting to see the uptake of this proposal over the next few years. Hopefully we will see more College memberships in epidemiology, and new faces in the Epidemiology Chapter sessions at Science Week!

The Chapter's online community continues to grow through the official ANZCVS Epidemiology Chapter Facebook group. All members are encouraged to join and share upcoming events and opportunities that may be of interest. In February the Chapter also hosted an online information session to facilitate the organisation of study groups for future candidates preparing for membership examination in 2021. Anyone with feedback or further ideas on how to promote information sharing and a positive Chapter community is encouraged to contact the Chapter President Corissa Miller on presidentepi@anzcv.org.au

We look forward to seeing you all at Science Week on the Gold Coast!

Sincerely,

*Epidemiology Chapter Executive and
Science Week Convenors*

FELINE CHAPTER

Preparations are underway for the feline stream at College Science Week 2020, and we are really excited to be presenting a huge three days of feline-focused content again. The biennial Feline Medicine Masterclass promises to be a huge day – we are fortunate to have the internationally renowned neurologist Clare Rusbridge updating us on some unusual feline neurology syndromes.

Additionally, clinical pathologist Brett Stone will give us a crash course in feline cytology, oncologist Penny Brown will give us the lowdown on lymphoma and Brad Gavaghan will be updating us on assessing diastolic function in cats. This is followed by some exciting collaborations with the Surgery and Oncology chapters during the Thursday and Friday sessions of College Science Week, as well as our usual combined abstract session with the Small Animal Medicine Chapter.

We are also busy preparing for another round of Membership and Fellowship examinations, and hope that we will be able to welcome some new members to our chapter soon!

Don't forget to apply for our Research and Travel grants, for which applications close on **March 31st 2020**. Details can be viewed on our Chapter Repository.

We hope that all of our valued members had a chance to rest and recoup over the holiday period, and wish everyone a happy new year. We look forward to seeing some of you at College Science Week this year!

*Kath Briscoe (President)
Rachel Korman (Treasurer)
Keshe Chow (Secretary)*



ONCOLOGY CHAPTER

The Oncology Chapter has been busy developing the Fellowship exams for 2020. There are 2 candidates sitting this year. We wish them luck in their studies.

The Science Week coordinators, Penny Brown and Kathleen O'Connell, have also been working hard to organise the Oncology Chapter program and are excited to be bringing Dr Kathleen Cooney to present. Kathleen has extensive experience and passion for end of life care and will be presenting topics around palliative and hospice care, euthanasia and compassion fatigue. Our program will also have combined sessions with the Surgery and Feline chapters, and our current interns/residents present on cutting edge and emerging therapies.

A monthly virtual journal club (via zoom) has also been operating for nearly 12 months. The idea was driven initially by Dr Claire Cannon, but ongoing meetings has required many members' input. This type of collaboration is especially useful for all interns and residents, and we welcome input from other residents and interns from related specialities. Please email presidentvetonco@anzcv.org.au if you would like to be involved.

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OPHTHALMOLOGY CHAPTER

Well what a year 2020 is shaping up to be, so busy already and it's only March. For all of us in the Ophthalmology Chapter, 2020 will hold a special place in the ophthalmology calendar as never again will we have such an opportunity to celebrate the clinicians and research that strives to offer 'perfect vision' for our patients!

The ANZCVS Ophthalmology Chapter will host two scientific meetings this year which include College Science Week, in July, and our interim meeting in October.

At College Science week the Ophthalmology Chapter is teaming up with the Behaviour Chapter to cover interesting topics such as refractive error and vision disturbances and their effects on behaviour, stress minimisation and its impact on the ophthalmic exam as well as the effects of behavioural medications on ophthalmology parameters.

We can't wait for this interesting collaboration and look forward to approaching vision and vision assessment with a more holistic approach. We will also host Dr Krishna Tumuluri BSC(Med) MBBS(Hons) MPH FRANZCO a physician ophthalmologist who subspecialises in eyelid, lacrimal and orbital surgery.

As keynote speaker he will present on the surgical management of eyelid malpositions (ptosis, ectropion and entropion surgery), skin cancers in the region of the eyelids and management of orbital lesions and tumours.

We look forward to Dr Tumuluri providing us with some insights into the work of a human oculoplastics specialist and the interesting parallels with our veterinary patients.

Later in the year we will have another wonderful program on offer with our interim meeting, which will be held in the gorgeous Margaret River at the Pullman Bunker Bay Resort, 2-3rd October. This meeting is sure to tick all the boxes as we are joined by Dr Ivan Schwab, who is a Professor of Ophthalmology and the Director of the Cornea Service at UC Davis Medical Center.

Dr Schwab has a special interest in comparative optics and ocular physiology and has authored multiple books including the must have Evolution's Witness: How Eyes Evolved, in 2011. His captivating talks will be mirrored by the ever-amazing night life of WA as we visit Cape Naturaliste Lighthouse and Sugarloaf Rock.

For any information on our 2020 program or other Ophthalmology Chapter business, please contact the secretaries Dr Kate Hindley and Dr Jessica Nevile at secretaryophthalmology@anzcv.org.au

SMALL ANIMAL MEDICINE CHAPTER

I hope that the year has started well for everyone. The year 2020 will be a full year for many. Those that are particularly busy include our membership and fellowship candidates who will be heavily into their examination preparations at this time.



We wish them the very best in those preparations. We would like to thank those that are involved in mentorship of candidates for assisting in their preparations. In addition to the candidates, the examiners and others involved with delivering the examinations are also very hardworking and committed to the process. We thank them for their ongoing efforts.

Organisation for Science Week 2020 continues with Drs Kate Heading and Linda Fleeman fine tuning the program for our chapter. We hope to see you all at the full 3-day Small Animal Medicine Chapter programme which includes keynote speaker Dr Clare Rusbridge, Professor in Veterinary Neurology at the University of Surrey.

We are looking forward to the planned in depth half-day session in collaboration with the Radiology and Small Animal Surgery Chapters that will focus on all aspects of Chiari-like Malformation and secondary syringomyelia in dogs. Make sure that Science Week is in your diary for 9 – 11 July 2020! It is going to be amazing!

All the best,

*Fleur James
President*

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UNUSUAL PETS CHAPTER

2019 was a fantastic year for our chapter with nine candidates successfully passing their membership examinations. We would like to congratulate Dr Linda-Jane Bowden, Dr Olivia Clarke, Dr Martin Earles, Dr Jaclyn Gatt, Dr Elizabeth Jiang, Dr Sasha Miles, Dr Belinda Oppenheimer, Dr Emma Sciacca and Dr Kimberley Tozer on their achievement. A huge thank you to our examination team for all their hard work in co-ordinating and putting together the examinations.

2019 also saw the first time an optional membership training program was offered to candidates with the majority sitting choosing to take part. The idea of the program was to help prepare candidates for the process of the examinations as well as to act as a support platform for any questions that they had in addition to their own individual mentors. It was well received and we will be continuing to run this again in 2021 when our main examinations are next run.

We have had a change of President in 2020 and would like to acknowledge and immensely thank Dr Brendan Carmel for everything he has contributed to our Chapter since its formation; we wouldn't be in the position we are today without Brendan's continued dedication and effort.

2020 is a non-examination year for us however we have two candidates that are sitting supplementary examinations and we wish them all the best.



Dr Brendan Carmel

VETERINARY ANAESTHESIA AND ANALGESIA

The VAA Chapter is preparing a fabulous, fascinating and full programme for Science Week 2020!

Our theme this year is Pain & Welfare, and we are excited to announce we have world-renowned veterinary anaesthetist and animal welfare expert, Dr Polly Taylor, joining us from the UK.

Polly will be covering some interesting and thought-provoking topics with lectures during combined sessions with the Animal Welfare and Medicine and Management of Laboratory Animals Chapters including the ethics of clinical decision-making in veterinary medicine, laboratory animal welfare and the potential issue of over-treatment in veterinary practice.

Once again, we will have a full abstract session with speaker prizes so any residents, interns or post-graduate students out there with an anaesthesia or analgesia related project - send in an abstract!

The chapter has a working group looking at anaesthesia monitoring guidelines and regulations across Australia and New Zealand and there will be a morning session looking at the findings.

This year we have a post-conference workshop on Anaesthesia Monitoring in General Practice for both vets and nurses. Dr Margie McEwen will be running the workshop using a simulator platform which will make for an interactive and fun day.

Think about cases you might want to go over – more details and registration information will be out soon so watch this space!

Cheers, Heidi

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