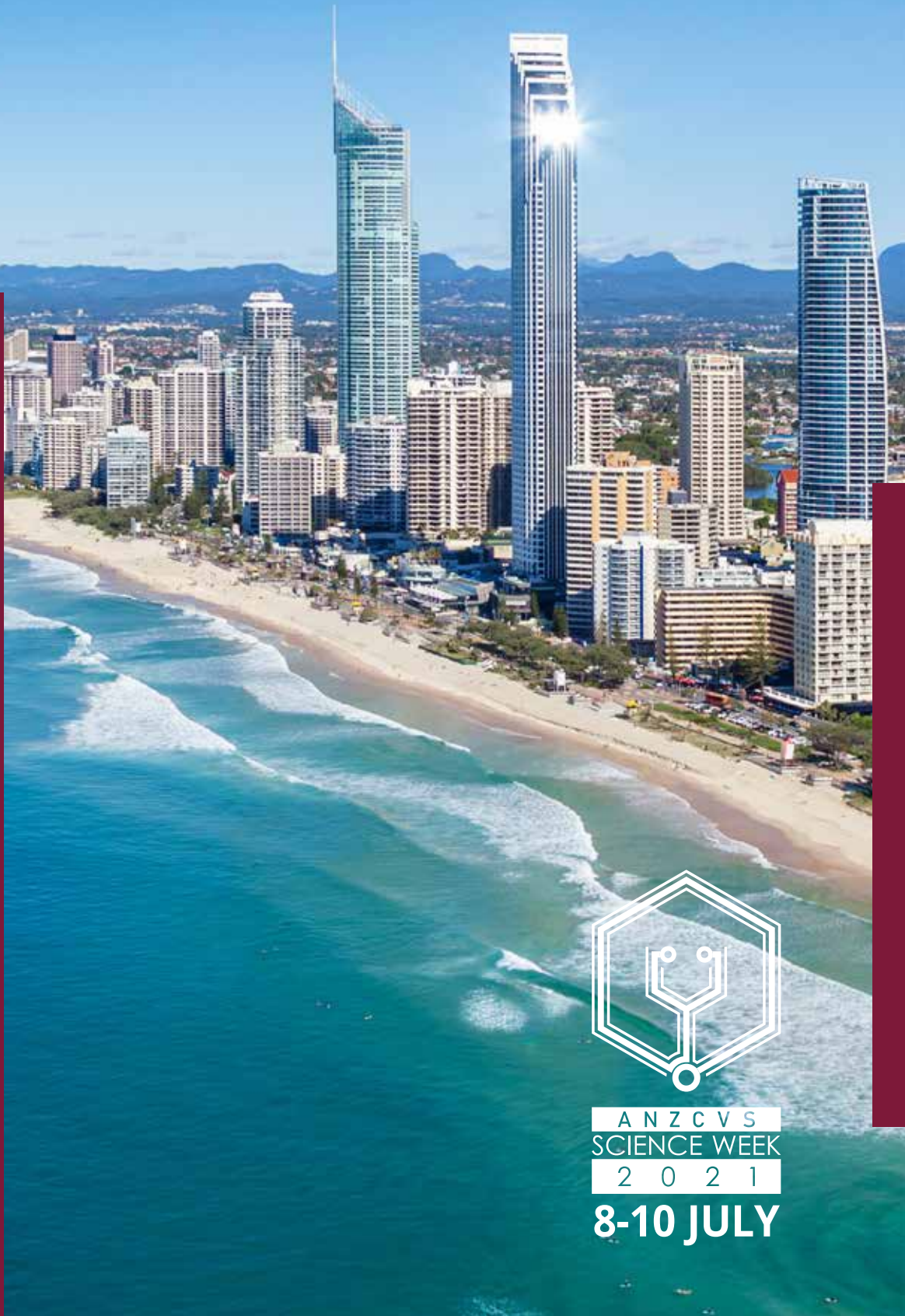




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# EDITOR'S DESK



Welcome to the June edition of the College Courier. Examinations are underway and planning for Science Week and fiftieth anniversary celebrations continue. In this edition we continue to feature reflections on the College and its history. We welcome members to share their stories with us by emailing [cm@anzcvs.org.au](mailto:cm@anzcvs.org.au)

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr Zoe Lenard, President



As I write this column, the ANZCVS is mid-way through exams.

It's been a hairy ride (and it's not over as I write this). The deferral of 2020 Membership exams resulted in a huge cohort of over 500 candidates this year. Membership written exams were delivered in early June around Australia and New Zealand, and internationally in Singapore, Malaysia and Europe, managing the challenges of Covid (including lock-downs in international venues).

The Victorian lock down in the week of exams threw a spanner into our system; exams in that state were deferred by one week. A massive effort from the Office team and Chief Examiner has created a plan (at time of writing) to continue to run Victorian exams. I sincerely hope that for the 70-odd Victorian candidates, the plan comes off.

Acknowledging that the Victorian Membership written exams have yet been delivered, the successful delivery of the remaining Membership exams to so many candidates this year is a massive achievement. The practical and oral components of the exams will continue to roll out in coming weeks.

2021 Fellowship written exams were successfully administered around Australia and New Zealand, even during the Victorian lockdown. The ability to run the Victorian exams, even during lockdown, was a result of outstanding collaboration of many College members pulling together. We are very grateful to Advanced Vetcare (Sam Snelling and his team) for providing a safe venue to conduct the Fellowship written exams and helping minimise candidate stress.

If there is a better example of the College community coming together to

support each other in a time of need, I have yet to find it. Victorian candidates, often distressed about the possibility of another deferral, were cooperative, respectful and supportive of our hard-working office team, who were solution-focussed.

College CEO, Stephen Alderman, has been a visionary leader, enabling the BoE and staff make it work. Chief Examiner Peter Bennett spent many hours working with Mary Anne Hiscutt, Robyn Pettigrew and the team to come up with effective contingency plans in a landscape of moving goalposts. It fills me with pride to see such a "can-do" attitude from our community. What a team!

My presidency is shortly coming to an end. It's been a three-year journey, and one that I have immensely enjoyed. I learnt a great deal about teamwork, governance, strategy and running effective meetings; I've seen Council make the transition from management to a strategic body that plans effectively.

This evolution embedded an effective, skilled and humble CEO, as well as stretched our staff into different roles. We stopped doing what we always did and started to ask ourselves "why". This led to a more member-focussed and responsive organisation who will hopefully continue to enact meaningful change going forward.

During my Presidency we shifted Science Week to the Star with a doubling of capacity in 2019, then managed the "black swan" disaster of Covid in 2020, cancelling traditional SW 2020 and deferring Membership exams, without suffering crippling financial penalties.





Council supported the BoE and examiners to still offer Fellowship in 2020 using a distributed model, the only successful vet specialist exams in world that I am aware of. A successful pivot allowed an online version of SW to be delivered in August 2020. Council committed early this year to providing a face-to-face 2021 Science Week, 8-10 July 2021, register [here](#), to foster the fabric of our community. Council provided the mandate for getting Membership and Fellowship exams run this year, in more challenging circumstances than ever.

Clever and successful organisations look to disruption to make improvements, and we have embraced this disruption.

Council developed a new, strategic plan (2020-2025) and redefined our College values. A seemingly simple task (it wasn't!), the refocussing on values has been fundamental to getting our strategy right.

One of my last actions as President will be to present to Council our first, external review of examinations in 14 years. This review allows us to continue to refine the exams process and implement an effective online examinations strategy, embracing the change created by Covid to ensure quality and fidelity in certification, our core business.

This has been meaty and challenging work. All Councillors have been

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responsible for decisions engaging with risks not previously seen in our history. The volume of work has been high, and Council's achievements are a testament to the support of each Councillor. I particularly want to thank Bruce Smith (Treasurer) and Amy Lane (President-elect) for their support of me in the last year. It's been a delight to work with Stephen Alderman, and see him settle into the role of CEO over the past 18 months.

Treasurer Bruce Smith leaves Council in July. Bruce has been the Honorary Treasurer for his 6-year term, showing dignified leadership and dedication to this role. He founded the Finance and Risk Committee, and actively and clearly engaged with Chapters and members about financial process like none of his predecessors.

He was the driving force for improving College finances during a time of immense transition for the College. His legacy is a significant improvement in financial oversight and governance, with much better transparency and real-time data. His careful insights helped Council decide to diversify its portfolio and buy AVA house in 2019 and he has consistently championed an improved relationship with Chapters, allowing a streamlining of their finances.

Bruce brings a firm and fair perspective in leadership; he's very much one to pick up the phone and talk through an issue. He has been a terrific mentor, and his insights typically contain pearls that are helpful in my College work, my professional career and my dealings with people in general. I would sincerely like to thank him for his service. We truly have been very lucky to have him in such an engaged role for his entire term.

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# CEO REPORT

Stephen Alderman, CEO



To say we have been navigating some pretty significant obstacles leading into the examination period would be an understatement. However, everyone is facing challenges, and I want to shine

a light on some of the many quiet achievements in our midst.

Council were unanimous that we ensure broad access to Science Week

regardless of any uncertainty. We are reaffirming the importance we place on this unique event dedicated to the Chapters, Members and the wider veterinary sector.

2021 Examinations had the largest number of people apply for examination places in the history of the College, around a 100% increase.

The College put all options on the table when it came to creating a plan for examination certainty. Ultimately, this required one of the most significant logistical efforts the College has ever faced, moving from one central examination location to over 100 sites throughout the world for written and practicals. The number of locations pushes beyond 600 if we include remote oral examinations as well.

Fifty years: this year marks a half-century since the foundation of the College in 1971. Although this is a major milestone to be celebrated in its own right, I am grateful that we can respect and acknowledge great past traditions and successes while embracing change, becoming the agile and flexible organisation we needed during this very trying time in society.

The areas highlighted and many more reinforce the resilience and determination of our community. However, underlying the successes of the past and future are people, you. There is a commitment of time, knowledge and experience you afford the College that is beyond a value I can easily express. I will simply offer my sincere thanks and gratitude as we continue to work together.

## EMERGENCY AND CRITICAL CARE SYMPOSIUM

2 - 3 AUGUST 2021



**TOPIC:** Emergency and Critical Care  
**LOCATION:** Live virtual event and on-demand for 3 months  
**DATE:** Monday August 2 - Tuesday August 3 2021  
**COST:** \$90 for 1 day, \$160 for 2 days

### MONDAY AUGUST 2nd

Time	Speaker	Topic
9:00	Mara Hickey	Trauma in cats – Are they small dogs?
10:00	Sarah Bigby	Analgesia in the ICU
11:00	Christine Thomson	Canine seizures – core concepts and case examples
13:00	Rhian Cope	Illegal baiting of dogs: a cornucopia of potential poisonings
14:00	Rhian Cope	What's new in companion animal poisoning
15:00	Ellie Leister	Lung protective ventilation - Where are we now?

### TUESDAY AUGUST 3rd

Time	Speaker	Topic
9:00	Kate Hopper	Fluid composition and effects
10:00	Kate Hopper	Lactate - An advanced review
11:00	TBA	Abstracts
13:00	Corinn Boyd	Recent developments in fluid therapy
14:00	Claire Sharp Corinn Boyd	Year in Review
15:00	TBA	Abstracts



# ➔ EXAMINATIONS REPORT

Dr Peter Bennett, Chief Examiner



I am writing this as the largest cohort of candidates undertakes their examinations at Fellowship and Membership levels, with close to 500 in total.

This has been a massive undertaking by the examiners, the College office staff and the Board of Examiners. We faced challenges with the ongoing pandemic and then had Victoria go into lockdown the week prior to the written examinations, in addition to lockdowns in Singapore and Malaysia.

While this did not affect those sitting in other states and territories, the restrictions forced a revision of the examinations in Victoria. The collegiality of the members of the College was immediately evident with numerous calls and emails to the College office with offers of help.

The written examinations have been completed now in all areas, with the Membership examinations in Victoria being held a week later to enable suitable venues to be found and invigilators identified for the examination.

Most of the candidates in Victoria were able to complete the examinations in the modified format. The Board and College would like to specifically recognise the contribution of the management and staff of Advanced VetCare who enabled the Fellowship examinations to proceed on the planned dates. A very special thank you must be extended to Dr Laura Brockley for her work in running around Melbourne to collect and distribute

the papers and other documents to the dispersed venues for the written papers.

Medicine of Cats UK was deferred last year, and the oral examinations were completed over the past weekend and we have the Fellowship orals and practicals in the coming weekend.

This will be followed by six days over two weekends of Membership orals. I would like to commend all the College office staff for the herculean effort in continuing to manage the complex organisation of the examinations.

This has occurred under the leadership of Stephen Alderman, Mary Anne Hiscutt and Robyn Pettigrew. The College and Board would like to thank the large number of examiners for their time and effort in preparing, marking, and running the oral examinations across the broad range of subjects on offer. A big thank you is extended to those who have volunteered to act as observers for the oral and practical examinations. Without the contributions of this large group of people the examinations would not be possible.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks and appreciation to the members of the Board of Examiners for their tireless work in the examination process, with a special mention for the Assistant Chief Examiner – Examinations, Sharanne Raidal.

This has again been a tumultuous year and the changes imposed by the pandemic have, and continue to, through challenges, often at short notice.

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# IN APPRECIATION OF OUR EXAMINERS - *THANK YOU*

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## MEMBERSHIP EXAMINERS

Charlotte	Westwood	Animal Nutrition (Ruminant)
Claire	Flanagan	Animal Nutrition (Ruminant)
Carolynne	Joone	Animal Reproduction
Michael	McGowan	Animal Reproduction
Di	Evans	Animal Welfare
Anne	Quain	Animal Welfare
Dawn	Mills	Avian Health (Poultry)
Ambrosio (Soy)	Rubite	Avian Health (Poultry)
Rena	MacFarlane	Avian Medicine and Surgery
Liam	Flanagan	Avian Medicine and Surgery
Hamish	Baron	Avian Medicine and Surgery
Daniella	Hsu	Avian Medicine and Surgery
Andrew	Easton	Equine Dentistry
Rachel	Stone	Equine Dentistry
Alistair	Brown	Medicine and Management of Aquaculture Species
Roger	Chong	Medicine and Management of Aquaculture Species
Joanne	Bannister	Medicine and Management of Aquaculture Species
Jenny	Kingham	Medicine and Management of Laboratory Animals
Irma	Encomienda-Villaflor	Medicine and Management of Laboratory Animals
Anne	Fowler	Medicine and Surgery of Unusual Pets
Tristan	Rich	Medicine and Surgery of Unusual Pets
Stephanie	Shaw	Medicine of Australasian Wildlife
Leanne	Wicker	Medicine of Australasian Wildlife
Lara	Boland	Medicine of Cats
Cicilia	Muller	Medicine of Cats
Keshuan	Chow	Medicine of Cats
Susan	Jih	Medicine of Cats
Katrina	Cheng	Medicine of Cats
Elise	Robertson	Medicine of Cats UK
Stephanie	Sorrell (nee Lalor)	Medicine of Cats UK
Samantha	Taylor	Medicine of Cats UK
Jim	Littlewood	Medicine of Cats UK
John	House	Medicine of Dairy Cattle



## MEMBERSHIP EXAMINERS

Zoe	Vogels	Medicine of Dairy Cattle
Caroline	Spelta	Medicine of Horses
Alexia	Wishart	Medicine of Horses
Kym	Abbott	Medicine of Sheep
Tom	Clune	Medicine of Sheep
Stephanie	Shaw	Medicine of Zoo Animals
Leanne	Wicker	Medicine of Zoo Animals
Trish	Holyoake	Pig Production and Health
Kit	Parke	Pig Production and Health
Rodney	Salter	Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery
Wayne	Fitzgerald	Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery
Joanna	White	Small Animal Medicine
Guy	Wolfenden	Small Animal Medicine
Abigail	Brough	Small Animal Medicine
Lindsay	Evans	Small Animal Medicine
Susie	Ciaravolo	Small Animal Medicine
Robyn	Jarrett	Small Animal Medicine
Felicity	Smither	Small Animal Medicine
Jana	Leshinsky	Small Animal Medicine
Gemma	Coulter	Small Animal Medicine
Joyce	Chow	Small Animal Medicine
Wayne	Shipham	Small Animal Medicine
Madeleine	Roberts	Small Animal Medicine
Joanna	Whitney	Small Animal Medicine
Rebecca	Weight	Small Animal Surgery
Lincoln	Chau	Small Animal Surgery
Natalie	Slade	Small Animal Surgery
Elizabeth	Hoffman	Small Animal Surgery
Chris	Franklin	Small Animal Surgery
Jana Maree	Kolichis	Small Animal Surgery
Nadia	Wong	Small Animal Surgery
Ben	Porter	Small Animal Surgery
Tesh	Smalle	Small Animal Surgery
David	McCormick	Small Animal Surgery
Luke	Ellis	Small Animal Surgery
Kadie	O'Byrne	Small Animal Surgery
Teng-Xiang	Khoo	Small Animal Surgery
Cormac	O'Brolchain	Small Animal Surgery
Timothy	Pearson	Small Animal Surgery
Jason	Beck	Small Animal Surgery
Dion	Woodborne	Small Animal Surgery

## MEMBERSHIP EXAMINERS

Cate	Steel	Surgery of Horses
Tias	Muurlink	Surgery of Horses
Frank	Condon	Surgery of Horses
Eleanor	Holden	Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia
Louise	Bass	Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia
Hildegriet	Haitjema	Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia
Scott	Cumming	Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia
Jacqui	Ley	Veterinary Behaviour
Chalette	Brown	Veterinary Behaviour
Isabelle	Resch	Veterinary Behaviour
Fiona	Warton	Veterinary Behaviour
Trudi	McAlees	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Sunishka Desilva	Hughes	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Hui Mei	Ong	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Vibeke	Russell	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Wey Yen	Loh	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Susan	Varga	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
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Oriana	Leong	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
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Samantha	Livingstone	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
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Naomi	Hansen	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Caroline	Romeo	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Ivan	Moses	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Jenny-Ann	Toribio	Veterinary Epidemiology
Simon	Firestone	Veterinary Epidemiology
Anke	Wiethoelter	Veterinary Epidemiology
Brendan	Cowled	Veterinary Epidemiology
Rachel	Iglesias	Veterinary Epidemiology
John	Munday	Veterinary Pathology
Emma	Croser	Veterinary Pathology
Helen	Peam	Veterinary Pathology
Patrick	Shearer	Veterinary Pathology
Pauline	Calvert	Veterinary Pharmacology
Vivian	Song	Veterinary Pharmacology
Mick	Ruppin	Veterinary Practice (Equine)
Simon	Robinson	Veterinary Practice (Equine)
John	Mallyon	Veterinary Practice (Small Animal)
Georgia	Ladmore	Veterinary Practice (Small Animal)

## MEMBERSHIP EXAMINERS

Michael	Reichel	Veterinary Public Health
Bruce	Gummow	Veterinary Public Health
Cathy	Beck	Veterinary Radiology (Large Animal)
Ben	Mason	Veterinary Radiology (Large Animal)
Jane	Day	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
Katrina	Garrett	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
Paul	Crocker	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
David	Neck	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
Kathleen	Chow	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
Shanaka	Sarathchandra	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)

## FELLOWSHIP EXAMINERS

Debbie	Monks	Avian Medicine and Surgery
Shane	Raidal	Avian Medicine and Surgery
Lucy	Cudmore	Equine Medicine
Rosemary	Cuming	Equine Medicine
Olivier	Simon	Equine Surgery
Steven	Zedler	Equine Surgery
Kath	Briscoe	Feline Medicine
Sarah	Helmond	Feline Medicine
Ryan	Cattin	Small Animal Medicine
Mellora	Sharman	Small Animal Medicine
Tunbi	Idowu	Small Animal Medicine
Tommy	Fluen	Small Animal Medicine
Andrew	Worth	Small Animal Surgery
Soo	Kuan	Small Animal Surgery
David	Hall	Small Animal Surgery
Joycelyn	Tran	Small Animal Surgery
Guy	Yates	Small Animal Surgery
Samuel	Snelling	Small Animal Surgery
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Ellie	Leister	Veterinary Emergency Medicine & Critical Care
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Michael	Ward	Veterinary Epidemiology
Simon	Hurn	Veterinary Ophthalmology
Kellam	Bayley	Veterinary Ophthalmology
Belinda	Hooper	Veterinary Radiology
Marikka (Mika)	Frances	Veterinary Radiology





# UPDATE PROJECT OFFICER

Dr Rachel Tan, Project Officer



## MAINTENANCE OF CREDENTIALS

The introduction of Maintenance of Credentials (MOC) requirements will commence after the July 2021 examination period. This has been delayed by one year due to the worldwide impact of the COVID pandemic.

The MOC requirements will apply to all Members and Fellows who are awarded their qualifications from 2021 onwards. Existing Members may choose to participate in MOC on a voluntary basis. Compulsory MOC will be introduced for all Fellows from 2023, including retrospective inclusion.

The MOC program should allow the individual to reflect on their personal knowledge and performance, commit to a process of improvement and re-evaluation, and promote engagement within their professional organisation.

The overall result is to improve quality of the profession, which can be externally promoted and align with accrediting body requirements. The complete details about MOC can be found at Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists ([anzcvs.org.au](http://anzcvs.org.au)).

MOC requirements consist of a designated number of hours per 5-year period which can be achieved through relevant practice in the discipline, ongoing learning, and active involvement in the College. At the end of each 5-year period, Members and Fellow will be categorised as follows:

- **Legacy MOC:** Existing Members who have not elected to participate in the MOC program
- **Active MOC:** Members and Fellows who have completed MOC requirements
- **Inactive MOC:** New Members and Fellows that have not elected to participate or fulfil MOC requirements

It is important to note that active/inactive status is not currently linked to general or specialist registration in Australia or New Zealand. In addition, if you do not wish to participate in the MOC program, you do NOT lose your post nominals at any time unless you cease to be a financial member of the College.

The decision on whether to maintain an active status with the College is a personal one and may be dependent on your assessment on whether an "active" MOC status will impact on your professional life.

The College is currently finalising development of a web-based portal to record MOC requirements and will keep members updated when it is available for use.

If you have any questions or feedback on any of the above projects, please contact me via email at [po@anzcvs.org.au](mailto:po@anzcvs.org.au).



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## Call for Scientific Abstracts

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### Small Animal Surgery Chapter Session

7:30pm Thursday August 12<sup>th</sup>

#### KEY DATES

Call for Abstracts Opens: 6 May 2021

Abstract Submission Deadline: 04 July 2021

Notification of Review Outcome: 19 July 2021

Abstract Session: Thursday 12 August 19:30-22:00 AEST  
(Zoom videoconferencing)

Abstracts are to be submitted to Dr Maurine Thomson at [majthomson@optusnet.com.au](mailto:majthomson@optusnet.com.au). The presenting author MUST be the author who submits the abstract.

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### Emergency and Critical Care Symposium

11:00-12:00 and 15:00-16:00 Tuesday August 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### KEY DATES

Call for Abstracts Opens: 1 June 2021

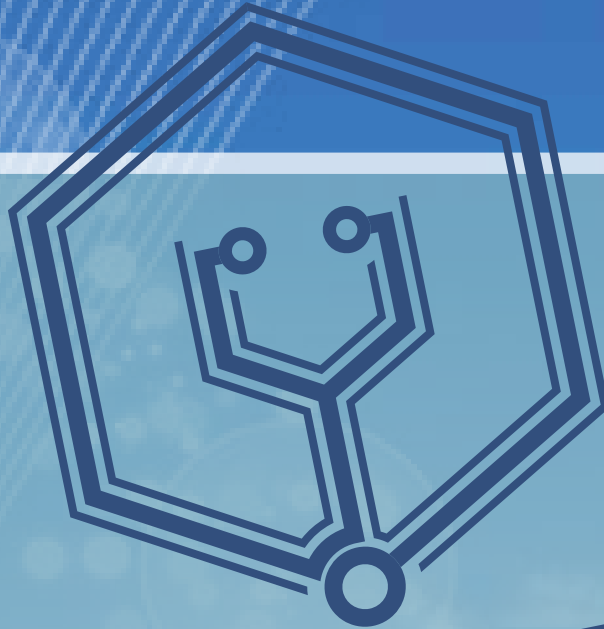
Abstract Submission Deadline: 18 July 2021

Notification of Review Outcome: 1 August 2021

Abstract Session: Thursday 12 August 19:30-22:00 AEST  
(Zoom videoconferencing)

Abstracts are to be submitted to Dr Claire Sharp at [C.Sharp@murdoch.edu.au](mailto:C.Sharp@murdoch.edu.au). The presenting author MUST be the author who submits the abstract.

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# SCIENCE WEEK 2021

IN-PERSON & ONLINE

8-10 July 2021  
The Star, Gold Coast

[www.vetscienceweek.com.au](http://www.vetscienceweek.com.au)



The College is looking forward to hosting in-person and virtual attendees for Science Week this year. The hybrid format is to accommodate those speakers and members who cannot attend in-person and allow registrants to view content for three months after the event.

The following Chapters are presenting a program at Science Week:

- **In-person:** Animal Reproduction, Cattle, Small Animal Medicine and Feline, Veterinary Behaviour, Veterinary Oncology, Veterinary Pharmacology, Veterinary Sports

Medicine and Rehabilitation, Unusual Pets, Zoo and Wildlife Medicine

- **Online:** Equine, Veterinary Epidemiology

In addition, to the above Chapters, a College Stream has been added throughout the Science Week Program to provide multi-disciplinary content that will be applicable to advanced practitioners across all Chapters.

Lectures will include topics on wellness, medicine, surgery, critical care and anaesthesia. An updated program guide with content is available

on the Science Week website: Science Week ([anzcvs.org.au](http://anzcvs.org.au))

We would like to thank all our speakers who have taken additional valuable time to pre-record their content for virtual registrants. There will be over 160 lectures available to attendees. Only a small portion (12 lectures from the behaviour stream) will not be available for virtual attendees but it is expected that slideshows from these sessions will be made available shortly after the event.

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# HISTORY OF SCIENCE WEEK

by Dr Geoff Robins

When I arrived in Sydney in 1973 to work at the St George Animal Hospital the College was still relatively young.

There was an undercurrent of disquiet amongst colleagues that "grandfather" memberships had been awarded to so many people. Obviously time is a great healer – many colleagues sat membership examination including myself in Small Animal Surgery in 1979.

The exam consisted of a three hour written paper sat in January and then about one month later a one hour oral examination in Melbourne and later in Sydney. The awards ceremony was conducted as part of the AVA Annual Conference in May.

However sitting for fellowship was rare and quite unstructured. I sat mine in 1982 in Small Animal Orthopaedics, a subject that no longer exists.

The official recognition of the status of specialist was introduced in the late 80s. Although this wasn't a College initiative, it meant that the rules and regulations governing Fellowship training and examination had to be altered to bring them into line with ACRVS guidelines.

This in turn led to a significant increase in the number of candidates wishing to sit for Membership and Fellowship examinations. This created a huge increase in administration, which initially was entirely handled by Elaine Lowe, as the office manager and then with the able assistance of Dr Phil Thomas, as the newly appointed executive officer.

The January/February examination nexus didn't suit candidates wishing

to sit equine related subjects. During my period as Chief Examiner (1989-92) I conducted a survey of all candidates and it was clear that mid-year examinations were preferable. In addition I changed the membership written exams to two two-hour papers thus allowing the candidates a better chance to display their knowledge!

These changes resulted in the awards ceremony being out of sync with the AVA conference. The oral examinations continued to be held in Sydney and while the marks and results were collated by the hard working examiners and the office staff, a mini-conference held followed by the awards ceremony.

The 2000 Sydney Olympic Games meant that a new venue for the examinations had to be found. Elaine Lowe found that the Gold Coast International Hotel (later called the QT) were more than happy to accede to all our needs for both the oral examinations and multiple conference spaces. So that really marked the beginning of College Science Week as

we know it now - an event that is now central to the College Calendar, with the conference component a major success under the leadership of Dr Terry King and now, the Science Week Committee.

However none of this would have happened without the positive support and encouragement of Elaine and the staff of the College office. Fundamental to this was the superb organisational skills of Elaine that allowed for the examination process to be completed on Thursday and the results collated and ratified by Council by Friday and the awards ceremony held on Saturday.

The processes that Elaine has put in place will ensure that Science Week will continue to be the focus of College Activities for years to come.

Personally as an Assistant Chief Examiner, then Chief Examiner and finally President of the College I was profoundly grateful for Elaine's support and her encyclopaedic memory. She and Brian Woolcock had what the London taxi drivers call "The Knowledge" and their wise counsel was always helpful.

## HOW THINGS HAVE CHANGED

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I graduated from Cambridge University in 1992 and after completing a large animal internship at University College Dublin I headed to New Zealand for an equine residency at Massey University. One of my Massey supervisors, Dr Hilary Burbidge who is a FANZCVS opened my eyes to the value of

ANZCVS membership and encouraged me to sit my membership exams during my residency programme. It was a busy three years, but I managed to achieve ANZCVS membership in both equine surgery and radiology and completed an MVSc on osteoarthritis in the fetlock joints of wild Kaimanawa horses before leaving Massey. My memberships set me up perfectly for my career in equine practice



As we celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the College, we will be sharing Member stories in each College Courier as we reflect on the rich history of the College and what membership means to members.

and fuelled my interest in continuing education.

After a short stint in veterinary industry, I embarked upon my current role as CPD academic director for the NZVA in 2015 and recently completed a PGCert in Veterinary Education at the Royal Veterinary College which focused strongly on the benefits of reflective practice and enabled me to meet the criteria for UK fellowship of the higher education academy (FHEA). I have recently joined the ANZCVS council and am on the committee of the College's NZ Network, which aims to provide collegiality and support for NZ college members.

The veterinary profession has changed dramatically over the last 50 years. An obvious difference is the remarkable swing from a male- to a female-dominated profession, and veterinary class sizes have more than doubled.

In New Zealand there is one vet school, Massey University; in 1970 two women graduated out of a class of 38 (5%) and in 2020 a staggering 94 women graduated from a class of 118 (80%). Interestingly the intake into the veterinary science course currently reflects the proportions of men to women who apply in NZ.

I now have a special interest in Continuing Veterinary Education. In the 1970s this was an unfamiliar term and further education was completely optional for vets. Things changed in 2011 when the Veterinary Council of New Zealand brought in compulsory continuing professional development (CPD) for the annual practicing certificate using the traditional points recording system. We are about to experience another change in the CPD requirements for NZ vets. Evidence for CPD will move away from the previous points system to reflective recording with an emphasis on CPD planning and review. When CPD became

a requirement for registration, the interest and value of running courses / workshops increased exponentially and things changed rapidly in the veterinary education space.

There has been a massive growth in CPD providers over the last few years from local to national, international, and now there is an extensive amount of virtual CPD available on-line.

Advances in technology have positively affected many areas of veterinary practice. Now most veterinary clinics are fully computerised with high tech vet management systems which have transformed the day to day running of clinics. Diagnostics including imaging, in clinic /on farm analysers and anaesthesia equipment have been revolutionised by new technologies.

Access to the internet has made animal health information very accessible to the public. This has influenced client's expectations which have increased over time and has influenced the drive for veterinary specialisation. But perhaps the concept of specialisation started as a move from a truly mixed animal GP vet in the 1970's to companion animal, large animal or equine focused vets and has since progressed to species-specific and now discipline-specific specialties.

Specialist status gained through ANZCVS Fellowships, and through American and European boards is highly regarded, and referral clinics are in a growth phase in NZ.

Vets, who are often perfectionists, are now keener than ever to become better skilled in one area rather than a jack of all trades. There are many benefits to gaining ANZCVS examination-based membership in one of the 27-chapter disciplines. Membership is highly valued as a mark of achievement in the veterinary profession in Australia and New Zealand and the extra knowledge, skills, credibility, and recognition it provides supports career development.

Membership offers a perfect halfway house to fellowship specialisation. It enables vets to focus on their specific areas of interest and provides sense of purpose, value and belonging through collegiality with the chapters and at Science Week, a highlight of the college year.

I would like to acknowledge past ANZCVS presidents Boyd Jones, Stuart Burrough and Gavin Shepard who all played an important role in the development of the ANZCVS NZ Network. The purpose of the network is to increase NZ member engagement and a survey showed overwhelming support from NZ members for its establishment. The NZ network held its first face to face meeting in Wellington last year and the second meeting was held in Christchurch in April 2021.

Who knows what the future has in store for us, but one thing is for sure things will continue to change ... and that's exciting!



*Pictures: Lotte in NZ equine practice 1997-2011*

# ➔ CHAPTERS

## ANIMAL WELFARE CHAPTER

### 2021 Science Week 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> July

This year's Science Week is shaping up to be a great program. This will be the first time that our science program will be delivered online (is being done through Eventbrite). We hope this will encourage more chapter and college members to attend. Day One will be an animal welfare focus on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July followed by the Animal Welfare Chapter AGM. Then joint sessions with Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia, and Medicine and Management of Laboratory Animals will be delivered online on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/anzcvs-scientific-series-for-animal-welfare-w-anaesthesia-and-lab-animals-tickets-157739845123>

Sincere thanks to Shari Cohen, our scientific convenor who has done an amazing job in pulling this all together!

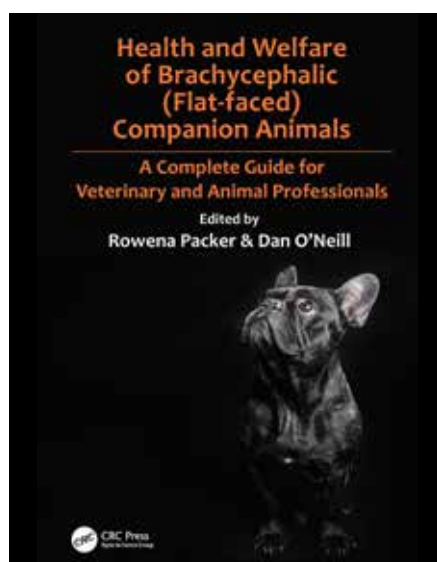
### New honorary life member

Congratulations to Emeritus Professor Kevin Stafford who was awarded honorary life membership of the College recently. Kevin, who has recently retired from Massey University, has made a valued and significant contribution to our chapter and we sincerely thank him for this.

### Discount code for new book on brachycephaly

A 20% discount is being offered on a new book on brachycephaly which

comprises of 20 chapters covering diverse topics including welfare, social, epidemiological and genetics perspectives as well as clinical aspects including diagnosis, treatment and prevention.



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*Di Evans, President*

## FELINE CHAPTER

Over the past few months, the Feline Chapter has been hard at work curating a stellar program of continuing education for College Science Week 2021.

The two-day program will span a myriad of topics including cardiology, oncology, clinical pathology, behaviour, and updates on infectious diseases such as FIP and retroviruses. While there are limits on physical attendees due to social distancing policies, the full program will be available online.

Special thanks must be given to Dr Chantal Celindano who has been instrumental in pulling together the science week program – it should be a fantastic few days of feline-focused learning!

The next twelve months will also see some changes to the Chapter Executive, with Dr Kath Briscoe stepping down as Chapter President and Dr Rachel Korman moving into the role.

Dr Briscoe played such an important role during her tenure as president and, on behalf of the entire chapter, we would like to thank her for the many years of hard work and dedication. We would also like to warmly welcome Dr Korman as incoming president.

Feline medicine examinations are running this year in both Australia and the United Kingdom. We wish all of the candidates the very best for their examinations; regardless of the outcome, you are all heroes for putting in the time, effort, and dedication required to prepare these exams! We hope to be soon welcoming some new members to the chapter.

Plans are also continuing to launch a Feline Chapter journal club in the latter half of the year – watch this space!

Lastly, with the re-shuffling of roles in the chapter executive we are looking



for a new treasurer. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in contributing to the chapter we would love to hear from you!

Thank you to our members for your ongoing support, enthusiasm, and energy.

*The Chapter Executive:*

*Katherine Briscoe*

*Rachel Korman*

*Keshuan Chow*

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## MEDICINE AND MANAGEMENT OF LABORATORY ANIMALS CHAPTER

This year Science Week will be held 8-10 July however, concerns were raised by MMLA Chapter members there was no guarantee that speakers would be able to get to the Gold Coast for the face-face meeting.

As a result, an on-line program will be presented. This will be over two days 22 July and 23 July 2021. The first day will include joint sessions between the Animal Welfare, Anaesthesia and MMLA Chapters. The second day will include the MMLA AGM and follow up with joint sessions with the Animal Welfare Chapter. There will be a small registration fee and open all college members and the general community. Once the program, speakers and registration details are confirmed, a notice will be sent to all members.

The "journal club" has met twice this year and the meetings for 2021 are August 27 and October 15. Zoom invitations will be sent to all MMLA Chapter members and include examination candidates.

Congratulations to Dr Elizabeth Dodemaide who has been appointed by the executive committee as an assistant examiner. This role will officially commence in July 2021 after the 2021 examinations.

The AGM will include elections for members of the executive committee. Nominations can be received for all

the positions on the executive and at this time the President and Treasurer positions will be vacant. Please give some thought to contributing to your chapter.

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*Yvette Ellen (Secretary)*

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## ONCOLOGY CHAPTER

Congratulations to all the candidates who have sat their fellowship and membership examinations in all disciplines. It has been a busy time for the College and we are all very grateful for the dedication and skill they have shown in delivering these exams during such challenging times (including lockdowns in Melbourne and overseas).

We are excited (and hopeful) for an in-person Science week program next month which Drs Kathleen O'Connell and Penny Brown have worked hard to put together. The Oncology Chapter will have presentations on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July, covering topics including immunotherapy (cancer vaccines, adoptive T cell therapy), oncolytic viral therapy and new or emerging therapies (Tigilanol Tiglate, Monepantel, BH3 mimetics).

We thank Penny and Kathleen once again for their ongoing efforts in organising this for our Chapter and we look forward the opportunity of getting together face-to-face (unless of course the situation with the pandemic changes).

Our AGM is planned as an online Zoom event during the last week of July (dates and times to be confirmed). If you have any agenda items you would like to discuss please contact Dr Sandra Nguyen by the end of June (30 days prior) at [secretaryvetonco@anzcvs.org.au](mailto:secretaryvetonco@anzcvs.org.au).

Finally, a last reminder for those who are interested in signing up for the US Veterinary Cancer Society's 2020 online virtual conference. Registrations remain open until October 2021 with all

content accessible via recorded video sessions. Any ANZCVS Oncology Chapter members who are not VCS members, are entitled to a \$100 discount with proof of registration within our chapter.

Prior to registering, send proof of your membership to VCS ([vetcancersociety@yahoo.com](mailto:vetcancersociety@yahoo.com)) and a special code will be emailed providing you with the discount (see <http://vetcancersociety.org/conference/registrations/> for full details).

Currently, VCS are determining whether or not the 2022 meeting will be in person or online.

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

Warm regards,

Laura Brockley

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## OPHTHALMOLOGY CHAPTER

The past year has been an eventful one for the Ophthalmology Chapter. The Margaret River Interim Meeting has been postponed until Autumn 2022. The Chapter are in the process of organising an interim meeting and DSEK wet lab in November of this year. Unfortunately, the Ophthalmology Chapter will not be participating in Science Week 2021, but we look forward to presenting a great program at Science Week 2022.

It is with great sadness that the Ophthalmology Chapter mourns the loss of Dr Rowan Blogg, who recently passed away. Dr Blogg was widely considered to be the "Grandfather of Ophthalmology" here in Australia. A tribute to Dr Blogg, written by Dr Robin Stanley, follows below:

*My condolences to the Blogg family, I was fortunate enough to get my Ophthalmology training with Rowan. He certainly was the pioneer in Australian Veterinary Ophthalmology.*



*I remember starting at Malvern Vet Hospital in late 1984, thinking I would be a surgeon. I knew Dr Blogg worked there but was really keen on working with the surgeon there, but on my first day by 11am I thought that Ophthalmology was very cool. I was impressed that after many years in practice Dr Blogg was super keen and what impressed me the most was his vast knowledge that he was very keen to share. Rowan was also one of the pioneers of Continuing Veterinary Education here in Australia.*

*I was also super impressed with Dr Blogg's surgical skills, every time I see a limbal melanocytoma I remember one that he dissected off Descemet's membrane. I remember seeing practice with Doug Slatter in Los Angeles and he told me that Rowan was one of the best surgeons he had even seen, me too.*

*Dr Blogg made an enormous contribution to general practice with his series of books - The Eye in Veterinary Practice.*

*I fondly remember his love of music - to this day I also love Suspicious Minds by Elvis Presley, and Africa by Toto, I also fondly remember many lunches with Rowan and John Stirling.*

*Thanks, Rowan for your enormous contribution to our speciality, and thank you for giving me an opportunity.*

*Rest in Peace*

*Robin*



day, which is 5:30pm on Thursday the 8<sup>th</sup> of July. Those on the Gold Coast can attend in person at The Star, and everyone else can attend via the Zoom link which will be provided to chapter members.

As this is my last College Courier contribution, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the chapter Executive Committee, particularly Gail and Richard, our examiners and the science week committee for all of the hard work in the past year. It is thanks to these people that the wheels of our chapter continue to turn. I also welcome Mac as the new President for next year!

Finally, good luck to our candidates currently undertaking and preparing for membership examination. I hope we are welcoming you as new members soon.

*Melody de Laat*

in any aspect of the VPH discipline continue to be a strong focus of the Chapter. In this regard it is pleasing to note that candidates for College membership continue to prepare for examination both in this year and future years.

To this end the Chapter has organised an online study group for candidates preparing to sit the College membership in VPH in 2022. About 18 prospective candidates scattered across Australia and New Zealand, will participate in online discussions for one hour every fortnight starting in July 2021 in order to work through the syllabus outlined in the Membership Guidelines.

Some of the group have also participated in six months of preparation for the 2021 examinations. Should you intend to sit, or know of anyone thinking of sitting, the VPH examinations in 2022, then contact one of the tutors of the study group: Mike Nunn ([mjpnunn@bigpond.com.au](mailto:mjpnunn@bigpond.com.au)) in Australia or Kevin Crews ([Kevin.Crews@ospri.co.nz](mailto:Kevin.Crews@ospri.co.nz)) in New Zealand.

At this time of year, our thoughts need to turn to arrangements for the Chapter's Annual General Meeting. Planning has commenced for a fully online Zoom meeting to be preceded by a short scientific session. The date of Saturday, 17 July has been selected with formal notice of meeting to be provided in the near future to members. The AGM papers will include nomination forms for office bearers and members are urged to actively consider their availability to serve the Chapter in the next year of its operations.

## PHARMACOLOGY CHAPTER

The Pharmacology Chapter is looking forward to our "in-person" one-day program at Science Week in July. For those of you that can't make it to the Gold Coast, I encourage you to consider registering for the online version of the event.

The day has a varied program that promises to deliver a mix of clinical sessions, updates on the therapeutic approach to common diseases, wildlife "know-how" and some research frontiers. Something for everyone! Our AGM will take place at the end of the

## VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH CHAPTER

The VPH Chapter continues to work, through its Executive and broader membership, with the aim of furthering awareness of the discipline and the importance of its contributions to public health outcomes, especially in relation to pandemic animal and human diseases. The on-going COVID-19 situation is providing an increased public awareness of the importance of both emerging and endemic zoonotic diseases.

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