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Welcome to the final College Courier for 2022! We've had an extremely busy year with a memorable Science Week and the successful roll out of our online examinations. We have welcomed and congratulated many new Members to the College and look to next year candidates, wishing them every success with their studies. May you and your loved ones have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We'll see you in 2023!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr Amy Lane, President



Corporate governance can be defined as the system by which companies are controlled. The ANZCVS is a not-for-profit, public company limited by guarantee, and as such, is subject to the Corporations Act and administered to by ASIC. The Council of the College is the elected Board of Directors, who are tasked with overseeing the governance of the organisation.

The essential functions of corporate governance for the ANZCVS include:

- Defining and monitoring the strategic direction of the organisation and thus driving performance
- Defining policies and procedures to ensure the College operates within the legal and social requirements of its environment
- Establishing control and accountability systems within the College's operations to conform to the legal requirements and the expectations of members;
- Reviewing and monitoring management and College performance

There is continual evolution of the Council, as new members are elected, and Councillors step down after their term(s) of appointment. As such, it is imperative that there is not a reliance on institutional knowledge of an individual, and that roles, responsibilities, policies and processes are clearly defined.

One of the strategic focus areas of the current Council is Governance. A Governance Working Group was established by Councillor David Tabrett two years ago, with its initial aim to review current College governance documents but have a

finite end. However, the stewardship of the College is of high importance to Council, and as such, the Governance Working Group has been established as a more permanent subcommittee of the Council, and renamed the Governance Committee, to be in line with the other Council subcommittees. David has stepped down from the Committee due to his role as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance and Risk Committee, and I thank him for instituting this work. Councillor Carolyn Guy has been elected Chair of the Governance Committee and has already begun to progress its ongoing work.

The Council could not effectively undertake its strategic oversight role, though, without having a strong management team to deliver on the operational and management duties. Stephen Alderman was employed in February 2020 and has been a calm yet astute CEO, leading the office team through the shifting tides of COVID. His three year contract has been extended an additional two years to allow him to oversee delivery of the projects that have commenced under his watch. Dr Mary Anne Hiscutt continues to manage the office diligently and effectively, and is the longest serving staff member, having joined the ANZCVS office in August 2014. Jenny Burnett joined the College in November 2021 as the Examinations Officer and assisted in the delivery of the first online written examinations in 2022, with the assistance of Jill Meatheringham. Rhonda Hodge and Sharyn Logan, as administration officers, continue their work in the general operations of the College, including member engagement.

Dr Rachel Tan completes the current office team as the Project Officer and has made terrific headway on the Examination Evolution and Support project, a significant strategic goal of Council. As a Council (Board of Directors) who are located distant from the operations of the organisation, it can be difficult to ensure that the business and organisation are being managed effectively. However, when Council had the opportunity to meet with these relatively new staff face-to-face in June this year, it was clear that there was a good relationship between them and they all shared the same passion for the organisation as we, the members, do.

As the year rapidly draws to a close, I feel proud of where the College is placed today, and to look back over the year to acknowledge all the achievements. Time does not stand still and there is more work to be executed in the new year. Council is committed to ensuring that the ANZCVS continues to deliver certifying examinations that are of world-class standard, but in a way that is sustainable into the future.

They are also committed to help deliver an engaging and relevant conference, College Science Week, which will be held in the Gold Coast Exhibition and Conference Centre in 2023. This is a larger venue that will accommodate the increasing number of Chapters that wish to present high-quality content, and a larger cohort of industry exhibitors who also wish to interact with our stellar conference delegates.

Season's Greetings to you all, Amy





CEO REPORT

Stephen Alderman, CEO



As 2022 comes to a close, I want to thank the many Member volunteers assisting us throughout the year.

You contribute thousands of hours to the College community enabling the continued evolution of Examinations and Science Week, and we are very grateful.

Examination applications have now closed for 2023, and we currently have over 350 Candidates across 25 subjects.

Our recent Examinations workshop was very well attended, and it was great to see how well everyone participated in the breakout sessions. Thank you to our presenters for the

day, Dr Jen Carter, Dr Sharanne Raidal and Dr Cathy Beck.

We are busy updating and refining the online examination platform for the 2023 examination cycle. Thank you to the candidates, examiners and observers who provided their valuable feedback.

Examinations will begin on the 6th of June, 2023. The list of key dates is available on the ANZCVS website under "Examination Information."

Science Week is moving to the Gold Coast Convention and Entertainment centre, which is very exciting and provides additional space and features to Chapters and Trade Exhibitors. I hope to see many of you there.

Our Science Week Committee is looking for a new Program Coordinator as Wendy Goodwin adds the role of President of the VAA Chapter to her very busy schedule. Wendy has been a pivotal contributor to the Science Week Committee over several years, and the Committee will greatly miss her experience, knowledge and support. The Science Week Program Coordinator role will be advertised shortly.

Although there remain many areas of uncertainty in society as the year closes, our College community continues to thrive. This is due to the commitment and resilience of our community that sustains and advances the College.



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NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR COLLEGE AWARDS

THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND
COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SCIENTISTS
IS CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE
COLLEGE AWARDS FOR 2023.

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

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

The **Fellowship Training Scholarship** (value \$10,254) will be awarded to a Member of the College who is enrolled in an approved Australian and New Zealand College residency training program and seeks financial assistance to complete any aspect of the training program.

A **Fellowship Research Grant** (value \$3,000) will be awarded to a Member of the College who is enrolled in an approved Australian and New Zealand College residency training program and performing research as part of this training program. The aim of the grant is to support either the research itself or analysis of results (e.g. statistical consultation).

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

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

The **Membership Travel Grant** is to reward a newly active member of the College who is not enrolled in a formal residency training program to attend an international veterinary conference or event that will be of benefit to the both the individual, as well as the Chapter to which they belong.



The closing date for all Awards is 28 February 2023. Nominations should comply with the relevant criteria (available on the website <https://www.anzcv.org.au/awards/>, and should be forwarded to the [College office](#). For assistance, please contact Dr Allen Bryce, Chair of the College Awards Committee, by directing your enquiry through the College office.

CLOSING DATE FOR ALL AWARDS 28 FEBRUARY 2023



EXAMINATIONS REPORT

Dr Jennifer Carter Chief Examiner



As the year draws to a close, I would like to take a few moments to thank all of our College office staff, Council members, Board of Examiners members, and examiners and observers for their incredible contributions to the College examinations process in 2022. It was an exciting year with a huge number of candidates and the introduction of our electronic examination system, and we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you!

On Sunday, 27 November we held our second annual virtual Examiner's Workshop. We decided to stick with the virtual format as the feedback from last year was positive and, by not requiring travel, it is more inclusive to examiners

both in Australia and New Zealand and around the world. We also invited chapter members who were interested in the examinations process as well as Subject Examinations Committee members to participate. Jen Carter, Sharanne Raidal, and Cathy Beck presented on exam blueprint creation, writing higher order questions, writing high quality marking rubrics, and writing higher order multiple choice questions. This year each presentation was supported by small group breakout rooms with application tasks for each topic. The breakout rooms generated robust conversation and collaboration and the groups came back together to ask questions and offer review and critique to each other back in the main room. Attendance was strong

throughout the day and lots of great questions were brought to the table.

We hope that everyone has a wonderful and restful holiday period, and we look forward to "seeing" examining teams again in the virtual space in late January or early February for our facilitated exam revision sessions.

Season's Greetings to everyone – see you in 2023!

RENEWALS

2023 COLLEGE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members will receive an email invoice for their College subscription on 1 March 2023.

Members will be able to renew online via their Member Portal.

Don't forget to update your contact details and review your Chapter subscriptions when renewing.



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PROJECT OFFICER UPDATE

Dr Rachel Tan, Project Officer



SCIENCE WEEK 2022

SAVE THE DATE for Science Week 2023 at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre (GCEC) on Thursday July 27th to Saturday July 29th with pre-conference day options. A promotional video of the GCEC location is at <https://vimeo.com/user115353739/sw23v1>

Based on Member feedback, there will be two dinners on the Friday and Saturday night of Science Week. The Conference Dinner will be an informal social event on Friday July 28th to celebrate the collegiality and friendships within our diverse organisation. There will be tables with food service and

beverages. For those Chapters, organisations or groups of friends, full tables can be booked/sponsored for this event, otherwise free-seating arrangements are available.

On Saturday night, the College will hold an Awards Dinner. This formal event will be an opportunity for colleagues, friends and family to celebrate recipients of Membership and Fellowship as well as the College and Chapter prizes. Corporate/table bookings will also be available in addition to free-seating.

More information on both dinners as well as the Science Week program will be available in the coming months.

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EXAMINATION EVOLUTION & SUPPORT

ANZCVS has been certifying at Membership and Fellowship level for close to 50 years and has considerable experience in administering quality exams.

As part of a culture of continuous review, in 2021, two independent external examination reviewers were engaged who confirmed that the current system is of high quality.

They commended the College's commitment to assessment policies, practice of high transparency and clear culture of continuous improvement.

The ANZCVS has established an Examination Evolution and Support Project to review and implement changes suggested by these reviews. This is comprised of President Amy Lane, CEO Stephen Alderman, Chief Examiner Jennifer Carter, Assistant Chief Examiner Lydia Hambrook, Councillors Cathy Beck and Zoe Lenard, Examinations Manager Mary Anne Hiscutt and Project Manager Rachel Tan.

One of the objectives of the EES Project relates to Multiple Choice Questions. Specifically:

- Long term objective: Provide a management plan for 50% of papers to be MCQ (target 2030)
- Short term objective (target 2024)

- ✓ Enlist large or volunteer Chapters for development of a question bank that may be independent of use in examinations – range of 15-20 questions per paper
- ✓ Initiate pathway for MCQ submission from Members/Fellows and Candidates
- ✓ Produce plan to establish training, review and feedback on MCQ development



- ✓ Engage consultants and/or working groups in April/May 2023 to assist BoE rework MCQs that are not yet set at higher order level

The College is currently in the process of recruiting of volunteer Membership subjects to be involved in the training for MCQ writing to develop questions for MCQ banking. If you would like more information on the process or are interested in participating, please contact the members of your Chapter Executive to register your support.

Interested Chapters will be compiling a list of teams who will be contacted as a group and allocated ANZCVS email addresses and passwords if they already do not have one. This will allow access to group resources, training and submission portals. Submitted questions will be reviewed by subject matter experts and feedback provided with the view to establishing an MCQ Bank for the Subject.

CHAPTER RESOURCE PORTAL INFORMATION

The College can construct SharePoint websites that can act as Resource Portals for Chapters. This can allow Chapters to have central pages for Members and Candidates to communicate information, store information and hold community discussion.

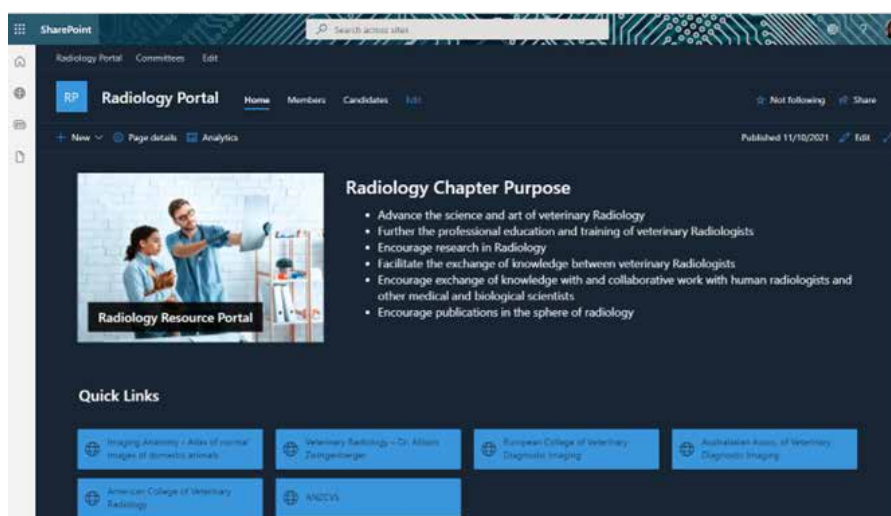
An example of a home page of a Chapter portal is displayed below.

Please find below 4 video links about the platform and its functionality:

- Platform Overview: <https://vimeo.com/646220190/d3f6e750c5>
- Customising the Platform: <https://vimeo.com/64622038/da81f0d932>
- Yammer Demo – suitable as discussion forum: <https://vimeo.com/646221644/06c78b1997>
- Adding Teams to create a Journal Club: <https://vimeo.com/646222449/232da6fbb2>

If you are interested in assisting your Chapter in the administration of a portal or have an idea how this might work well for a Subject/event, please submit it to your Chapter executive members for consideration.

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





Member Benefits

New Members Info

ANZCVS has a vision to have our members recognised for veterinary excellence, and for shaping the future of the profession through certification and support of vibrant, engaged and collaborative communities of practice.

Our purpose is to advance professional qualifications and education across the veterinary sector, for the benefit of society.

As you may already be aware, The College has a proud history spanning over 50 years of bringing together members of the Veterinary profession into an organisation whose values are:

RESPECT

We recognise and value the contribution each person makes to the College, including diversity of thought and opinion.

INTEGRITY

Being open, honest and transparent at all times, ensuring a community of trust.

ACCOUNTABILITY

We take ownership of our actions, decisions and outcomes.

LEADERSHIP

Is recognised as a collective responsibility, not just the role of select individuals.

STEWARDSHIP

Sustainable management of people, finances and other resources committed to our care.

COMMUNITY

We pride ourselves on shared purpose, goals and mutual support.

To align itself with the standards set by international veterinary organisations, the College has a multi-level Maintenance of Credentials (MOC) program. The MOC requirements have been specifically developed with consideration of the breadth of disciplines and professional commitments and lifestyle of its Members. They will 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.

The MOC was implemented on 1 July 2021. For further information, please visit the College Website at:

<https://www.anzcv.org.au/maintenance-of-credentials>

Benefits

As a Member you are provided with a Microsoft Office 365 account which includes:

- An ANZCVS College email address Microsoft 365 Office mobile apps Install on 5 /pc/Macs + 5 Tablets + 5 phones
- Office for the web (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook)
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Further benefits will be published on the Website in 2023.

If you require further information please contact

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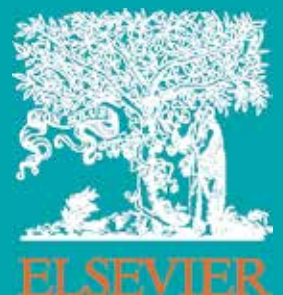
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ANIMAL REPRODUCTION CHAPTER

Hello ANZCVS colleagues

Spring and summer are always busy times for Theriogenologists as most of our patients have delivered their spring time offspring and we are looking to assisting them in conceiving for their next deliveries.

It has been an interesting time for all of us here in the east of Australia, and the wet weather looks to be continuing for at least a wee while yet.

The Thoroughbred foaling season will be drawing to a close, and breeding will likely be finished for most mares before Christmas. Other breeders will continue on to early next year. Then the selling season starts for the offspring from last year. The seasonal calving cows, and the ewes, will also mostly have finished having their offspring, which will hopefully have survived the wet conditions and are now thriving on the pastures that have grown with the rain. Cattle vets will be working with clients to have bulls and cows ready for the imminent breeding season.

Our small animal colleagues will continue working away at ensuring we have pets for the future, especially those undertaking the welfare friendly trans cervical insemination of female canines. Our Science Week committee is working away at developing a program for the SW23, which is likely to include collaboration with other chapters including the animal welfare chapter on aspects of welfare and reproduction.

For those in the Reproduction Chapter, thanks to Xavier Schneider, who we now welcome as a Diplomate ACT (congratulations to Xavier), we have a discussion list to enhance discussions on all things reproduction. Those who have not joined the list, please contact Xavier to register (Xavier.Schneider@qldvetspecialists.com.au) and join in the vibrant discussions.

May everyone have a safe, pleasant and not too busy Christmas period.

Reproduction chapter committee.

ANIMAL WELFARE CHAPTER

2023 Science Week

Preparations are well underway for a brilliant program for Science Week 2023. Aably led by our convenor Michelle Clatworthy, the chapter executive and members have provided great ideas for topics and speakers including an international line-up. Although not finalized, at this stage we are working on joint sessions with Veterinary Reproduction, Veterinary Behaviour, Medicine and Management of Laboratory Animals and Veterinary Public Health. So there is no shortage of diverse and interesting topics to be explored!

2023 Study Guide Review

The Chapter has commenced a review of the membership study guide under the guidance of Nita Harding, Chair, Subject Standards Committee. Thanks also to SSC members Rosemary Elliott

and Tanya Stephens for contribution in the review process. Animal welfare is an evolving and challenging discipline and so the new guide will be an important step towards preparing future candidates for their animal welfare journey throughout their careers. Next membership examinations will be held in 2024.

BENCHMARKING SURVEY ON THE 3RS IN RESEARCH AND TEACHING

An invitation is extended to those involved in research and teaching with animal industry in the last 24 months as either an academic, AEC member, animal care staff/manager, ethics administrator/manager, or veterinarian/AWO (18+yrs) to complete a benchmarking survey (~15 min). The results will be used to develop and advance application of the 3Rs, animal welfare and research/teaching outcomes.

Participants are asked to answer questions as best as possible if unsure of any answers and can enter the draw for a \$75.00 voucher.

Link here and QR Code below.



More information contact Dr. Shari Cohen; email: shari.cohen@unimelb.edu.au HREC: 23675



EMERGENCY AND CRITICAL CARE CHAPTER

Dear members and fellows of the ECC Chapter. My name is Dr Sarah Purcell and I am a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care. I am your new elected president of the ECC Chapter. Firstly, I would like to thank Dr Courtney Reddrop for his contribution to the chapter as president for the past three years. I wish Courtney well as he works towards completing his residency in ECC.

Firstly, Congratulations to our newest Fellow of the ECC Chapter, Dr Leah Wright, a wonderful achievement. In 2022 we had 49 candidates sit membership exams of which 16 passed. We welcome Dr Maxime Boulay, Dr Antonia Brown, Dr Jennifer Bytheway, Dr Lucy Crawford, Dr Alexander Hibbard, Dr Mathew Hollindale, Dr Kathryn Mephram, Dr Sachin Naidoo, Dr Caitlyn Page, Dr Sophie Plasto, Dr Li En Liana Tay, Dr Winny Wai Ying Tsang, Dr Uki Uetsu, Dr Saskia van Schie, Dr Nikita Vanwonderghem and Dr Andrew Wester as the newest members of our chapter. Congratulations!

Science Week 2022 was a success, and it was lovely to see everyone once again in person.

We have an exciting three day program coming together for SW 2023. We are excited to announce our first keynote speaker, Dr Christine Rutter,

clinical assistant professor and head of the ICU at Texas A&M. Dr Rutter will be talking to us about smoke inhalation and burns, heatstroke and advances in oxygen administration, and more! We will finalise our program for 2023 soon. We are also finalising plans for a pre-conference RECOVER workshop. Watch this space for more details.

I would lastly like to take the time to introduce the executive team for the ECC Chapter. We are busy getting a handle on things and are keen to get feedback from our members. If you have any ideas of how we can deliver a better experience for you, please let us know. The webpage will soon be updated. If there are any members who have a keen interest in administrating the chapter website, this position remains open.

We hope all our members have a wonderful Christmas and New Years with friends and family and we look forward to seeing you in 2023.

President



Hi my name is Sarah Purcell and I am the new president of the ECC chapter. I have been an emergency vet since 2010, completing a residency at Murdoch University in 2014, and passing ACVECC boards in 2016. I have assisted in various roles for the College ECC Chapter including as membership examiner and Science Week Convenor. I currently work at both the University of Queensland and the Animal Referral Hospital in Brisbane. I have two small children who keep me very busy, as well as

a Golden Retriever called Lola and a DSH called Evey. I love to go trail running, triathlon and cross-fit.

Secretary



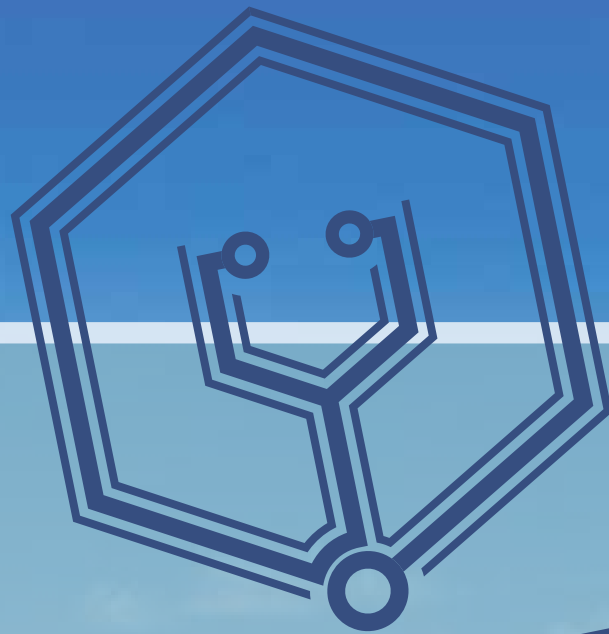
Hi my name is Ella Yarsley and I am the current ECC chapter secretary. I'm a first year ECC resident in Perth and have been working in ECC since graduation in 2016. I have recently adopted a 1yo Italian Greyhound - Fig, who has taken over my heart and house. Away from work, I like climbing, painting and serially snoozing my alarm.

Treasurer



My name is Natsuko Drury, and I am the current ECC chapter Treasurer! I entered the world of ER/ECC in 2006 and still loving my work. I work as an ER vet and manager in Newcastle's busy 24/7 Emergency & referral hospital.

Recently my activities off the floor have included training to be a coach, studying veterinary business and leadership, practicing my violin and volunteering at the kids schools.



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SCIENCE WEEK 2023

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EPIDEMIOLOGY CHAPTER REPORT

On behalf of the College, the Epidemiology Chapter is hosting the 17th International Symposium on Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics in Sydney, 11-15 November 2024. With less than two years now until the event, planning has increased pace.

The Local Organising Committee is being led by Michael Ward (Chair), Marta Hernandez-Jover (Co-Chair) and Simon Firestone (Treasurer) and consists of four subcommittees: Scientific Program (Petra Mueller and Mark Stevenson), Social Program (Jane Heller and Charles Caraguel), Workshops (Victoria Brookes and Jennifer Manyweathers) and Sponsorship (Peter Black and Skye Fruean).

All of these chairs and co-chairs are College members. A website has been launched with preliminary information (<https://isvee17.com.au>), and we are using the logo below. Michael Ward.



EQUINE CHAPTER

Dear Members,

The Equine Chapter Executive and Science Week Convenors would like to

invite you to Science Week on the Gold Coast 27-29 July 2023. We hope to repeat the Randlab sponsored chapter Whale watch tour and the BOVA chapter dinner as initiated in 2022. To encourage members with limited resources we will be offering a chapter sponsored \$300 discount on Science Week registration for anyone who passed their membership or fellowship exams in the last three years or any member who has a taxable income <\$60,000/year.

If you are interested in speaking or moderating at Science Week please contact our Science Week convenors Jessica Wise or Steve Zedler on convenorequine@anzcvs.org.au

As usual there will be a research abstract session and also research posters. We would be delighted if you could mark your calendars and join us for three days of quality education and comradery at YOUR conference!

The ANZCVS cardiology workshop is scheduled for February 8 and 9 2023, with international experts Drs Colin Schwartzwald and Katherine Mitchell providing lectures and hands on labs on echo, ECG, emergency cases. Places are limited – two remaining, with significant discounts for residents and any current financial chapter member.

Contact jessica.wise@uq.edu.au

Thank-you to Dr Josie Hale who presented our first equine chapter members webinar in October on the medical management of back pain in the horse. For ANZCVS members this webinar is now available on the ANZCVS website, in the equine chapter repository.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our hard working

examiners who are preparing for the 2023 membership exams in Veterinary Practice (Equine) and Medicine of Horses. Thanks also to Tias Muurlink, Ben Ahern, Amy Williamson and Danielle Crosby for reviewing the Equine Surgery Fellowship guidelines and Darien Feary, Leanne Begg and Lucy Cudmore for updating the Equine Medicine Fellowship guidelines. Your dedication to our profession and the ongoing education of young veterinarians is much appreciated.

Please encourage your talented friends and colleagues in equine practice to consider preparing to take membership exams in 2024: Equine Practice and Surgery of Horses.

The University of Queensland also holds an open equine medicine journal club on Tuesday mornings 8:30-9:30am with articles emailed prior to the weekend and welcome anyone who wants to receive the articles and attend when their schedule allows.

We aim to provide continuing education, collegial discussions and collaboration. If anyone needs additional information on Science week, membership exams, UQ journal club or career mentorship please have them contact Allison at presidentequine@anzcvs.org.au or any of the executive.

*Yours Sincerely,
Equine Chapter Executive and Science Week Convenors (Allison, Lucy, Eddie, Nick, Dani, Christina, Stacey, Josie, Jessica and Steve)*

MEDICINE AND MANAGEMENT OF LABORATORY ANIMALS

Wow, December already! 2022 is quickly coming to an end and despite the Chapter not holding an exam this year, we have been busy.

The Journal Club has continued with three meetings this year – these are a great opportunity to learn from your colleagues and gain some CE while

WE AIM TO PROVIDE CONTINUING EDUCATION, COLLEGIAL DISCUSSIONS AND COLLABORATION.

you are at it. Journal Club is open to all MMLA members and colleagues who have submitted an EOI with the College to complete the MMLA exams in the future. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 2023, and we invite you to join us for some fun and robust discussions.

The Chapter Executive has met four times since July and has been planning for Science Week 2023. Dr Mandy Errington has been exploring options and opportunities. We hope to pull together an excellent program consisting of a themed pre-conference workshop, lectures from members and guest speakers, and a day partnership with the Animal Welfare Chapter.

Special thanks go out to Dr Yvette Ellen and Dr Jenny Kingham for assisting with Science Week development. Science Week 2023 is shaping up to be an exciting learning and networking opportunity. We encourage all members to come to the Gold Coast (26th - 28th July) and join the MMLA Chapter's in-person-only event.

Lastly, the Chapter has been involved in discussions regarding the October release of the report from the NSW inquiry into the use of primates and other animals in medical research ([link here](#)). The report ([link here](#)) included two recommendations that directly involve a "qualified" veterinarian. The MMLA Chapter is working with the Australia New Zealand Laboratory Animal Association (ANZLAA) and the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) to begin discussions on what this might look like. Additional discussions will take place in the coming year, which may include other Chapters within ANZCVS so stay tuned for further updates.

*Have a safe holiday season and a fantastic start to the new year! 2023 is looking to be a great year, and it is exciting to see us all come together after several years of COVID isolation. Take care, everyone!
Cheers,
Dr Emily Barrick*



SMALL ANIMAL MEDICINE CHAPTER

The end of 2022 is fast approaching, and Christmas is on our doorstep. From all of us on the executive committee we wish all our members a safe and happy holiday, I know it's been a big year for many and a well deserved break is needed. A few exciting things ahead for the chapter:

- Our examination teams are filled once again. Thanks so much for everyone giving up their times in these roles. We also wish all the candidates for 2023 all the best as they start the long and grueling study preparation.
- The Chapter is excited to announce two scholarship grants for 2023. The grants will be offered to a member of the college not in a training program

and another within a training program (residency). Each grant offers up to \$3000 to assist with accommodation, flights etc. to engage our members in national and international conferences. We hope this can be a great opportunity for those awarded. Keep your eyes peeled for emails regarding these applications soon.

- Science week preparation is underway and we look forward to some very exciting speakers and activities. We are hoping this will be the biggest science week the Chapter has ever presented. Thanks again to the committee for all their hard work on this!

As always, my friends, have fun, keep learning, and reach out if you need anything. Merry Christmas to you all and see you in the new year!

Your President, Luke



SURGERY CHAPTER

Dear Fellow Surgeons,

I trust this finds everyone safe and well.

The Surgery Chapter Committee has been working hard over the past few months on a number of projects including revision of the Membership and Fellowship Guidelines.

We have also finalised the Science Week programme and are pleased to announce that Professor Antonio Pozzi and Professor Dan Lewis will be headlining the programme. We will also have a collaborative session with our colleagues from the Radiology Chapter. We hope to have a very successful Science Week and urge all Members to attend.

The programme to date is this:

- Wednesday 26th July – Members Day involving local and overseas speakers
- Wednesday 26th July – Specialists and Residents Day involving

local and overseas speakers in a separate lecture room

- Thursday 27th – Main programme with orthopaedics focus
- Friday 28th – Main programme with orthopaedics focus
- Saturday 29th July – Main Programme with soft tissue focus and collaborative session with the Radiology Chapter.
- Saturday 29th July – Residents Presentations will be held in an additional lecture room

We will post the finalised programme in the next Courier.

The Chapter AGM will be held via Zoom in early July 2023 – details to follow.

I will not be continuing on as Chapter President due to ill health however Dr Abbie Tipler has indicated she would stand for the role.

If anyone else is interested in any positions within the Chapter Executive please contact me.

Again I urge all new and current Members to be active within your Chapter:

- Volunteer to be an examiner
- Volunteer to be a committee member
- Help with Science Week – as a speaker or session chair

If you would like to be involved, please do not hesitate to contact me: paemoses@hotmail.com

On a personal note I am retiring from clinical practice at the end of November 2022 due to my health, I wish to thank all Chapter Members for their support and friendship over my career.

Regards

Philip Moses, Chapter President

VETERINARY BEHAVIOUR CHAPTER

Dear Colleagues,

As the busy-ness of the end of the year increases, we'd like to take

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this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and enjoyable festive season. Hopefully you will all get some time to relax and unwind with friends and family. Please find chapter updates below:

Submission to the Independent Review of Veterinary Education in Australasia:

The Behaviour Chapter has made a submission to the Independent Review of Veterinary Education in Australasia. We have brought to the attention of the panel how important education in Veterinary Behaviour and Psychiatry is and that improvements in veterinary undergraduate courses need to be made in order for this to be addressed.

Call for Abstracts for ANZCVS Science Week 2023

Dr Ashleigh Hargreaves is in the process of putting together a fantastic programme for Science Week 2023. I encourage all of those interested in presenting to submit their abstract and remember there is an award for "Rising Stars" - first time presenters at Science Week (See the Chapter Repository for more info)

Information for abstract request

Please submit abstracts to Dr Ashleigh Hargreaves by 16th January 2023 by email to: swconvenorvetbehaviour@anzcvs.org.au

There are limited one-hour positions. Ash would like to encourage 30 mins slots (20 min presentation 8 mins questions, 2 mins to swap rooms if needed).

Speakers are entitled to complimentary registration for the day they are presenting.

Best wishes to all our Veterinary Colleagues for 2023!

Veterinary Behaviour Chapter Executive



VETERINARY PRACTICE SMALL ANIMAL

Our chapter is growing - we've welcomed new members from our latest examinations (as well as eager members of other chapters), celebrated our inaugural Science Week attendance, and are now planning for 2023!

Science Week 2022 brought a fantastic line up of topics and speakers about the growing issues that brachycephalics are bringing to Veterinary Practice. It has been exciting to see our members enthused by Science Week and showing off new surgical adventures in our Chapter group.

Special thanks are extended to our outgoing Science Week convenor, Philip Moses, and a big welcome to Ange Hodgson for taking on this role

for 2023. As a fledgling chapter, we are trying to start the chapter with the vision of how we want it to prosper.

We are planning a program in conjunction with the Rehabilitation Chapter on the topic of Osteoarthritis in Small Animals. Book your CPD leave now! With enhanced vet care, this is another aspect of practice that is rapidly expanding. The chapter has been generously sponsored by Royal Canin and we are grateful for their continued support for 2023.

Our examinations are shaping up for more new members in 2023, with nine eager candidates keen to join our ranks. Our examination team met to start preparing in earnest for our next examination period in 2023.

We're a collaborative bunch, just like we are in practice. If you've got an idea or feedback, please reach out!

Dr Georgia Ladmore

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