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Editor's Note

Welcome to the September 2023 edition, and for 167 of you, this will be your first College Courier! We extend a warm welcome to our new Members that successfully passed their Membership Exams (pg. 10). There are also 12 new Fellows to the College. After years of blood, sweat and tears, it is an admirable

achievement to be proud of. Please take the time to read a couple of the new Fellows' bios on pg. 18.

Holding Science Week at the GCCEC was an enormous success, seeing close to 900 people pass through the doors.

With 2024 exam applications now open, the office is back to business as usual and all eyes focused on the next round.

Courier Editor's Team!



CEO REPORT

Our college community has recently been busy with exams and Vet Science Week. Volunteer support and contributions were critical to both events, and I want to express my gratitude to everyone involved.

Congratulations to all who passed their 2023 exams! The list of new members and fellows is included in this edition of the Courier. It's great to see our community growing every year.

Vet Science Week was hugely successful, featuring 140 insightful sessions, 8 pre-conference workshops, and the prestigious Awards Dinner. This unique veterinary event continues to grow, bringing together passionate and diverse speakers across a diverse range of topics and disciplines. The engaging and collegiate atmosphere created is something we should all take immense pride in.

The examination evolution and support project (EES) is currently focused on establishing processes and guidance for developing Multiple Choice Questions for future examinations, and I encourage any members wishing to participate to contact

our Project Officer Rachel Tan at po@anzcvs.org.au. You will find details of this project in Rachel Tan's Project Officer update later in this edition.

Have you considered a role in examinations? The Board of Examiners is offering an online workshop this November, providing you with a chance to learn more about the various roles available and how they may be of interest to you both now and in the future. Attending these workshops are a great learning opportunity to discover, update or refine examining skills, which can often prove useful in other areas of your career. You can register your interest by emailing examinations@anzcvs.org.au, and we will include you in workshop updates and invites.

Our team in the office is always happy to assist with your enquiries, and I encourage members to involve us in any initiatives you are considering. We can often provide additional support and options for your Chapter to consider.

Stephen Alderman, CEO

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

David Tabrett, President



Dear College members,

It is my great honour & privilege to be nominated to lead our governing body, College Council, and handed the responsibility of College President. I want to thank Dr Amy Lane, our past-President for her leadership and counsel through the last two years.

As part of our annual calendar of events, it is customary to announce the structure of our new College Council.

Firstly, I want to thank Dr Allen Bryce who leaves College Council this year. Allen has served as Honorary Secretary and Awards Convenor for the past few years, and provided sage advice to Council, and to me on many occasions. Allen continues to play an important role contributing to the growth of the New Zealand Network within the College.

I would like to welcome Dr Wendy Goodwin to the College Council, following her election this year. Wendy has served as Science Week Convenor in the past, particularly through the challenges of the Covid disrupted events.

The roles & members of Council in 2023-24 are:

President:	Dr David Tabrett
Hon. Secretary:	Dr Wendy Goodwin
Hon. Treasurer:	Dr Carolyn Guy
Chief Examiner & Councillor:	Dr Jennifer Carter
Awards Convenor & Councillor:	Dr Glenn Edwards
Councillors:	Dr Cathy Beck Dr Amy Lane

I guess it's timely I provide some background as to how I came to be here in this role, my history and vision for our profession. I graduated from

University of Queensland in 1989 and moved to the Hunter Valley in 1990. Since then, I have largely worked in the same region including Newcastle, starting in mixed practice then small animal & exotic practice, and for the last twenty years, I have worked solely in emergency practice.

My first experience of College was through Science Week, probably 1992 or 1993, back in Camperdown, Sydney, held at what is now Rydges Camperdown in Missenden Road. I recall a very engaging lecture in a smallish room by Dr Richard Malik, challenging us all on how we think about mycobacterium in felines.

I entered the College as a Member in Small Animal Medicine in 2000, then sat further Memberships in Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care in 2005. I contributed to the Chapter of Veterinary Anaesthesia, Emergency and Critical Care as Treasurer, and then when the Chapter dissolved, and two new Chapters were born, in Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia, and Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care, I continued as Treasurer in VECC.

In addition to a role in the Chapter executive, I volunteered to assist new candidates as a mentor in VECC for a few years. I also assisted in delivery of pre-conference workshops in RECOVER CPR, and Focussed Ultrasound in the Emergency Room, during Science Week at the Gold Coast. This was a great experience to



Our challenge for Council, staff, volunteers, and all members is to consider how we can ensure this organisation can sustainably deliver our services in credentialling and education, harnessing the vitality of our profession...

connect with new members. A bonus was I drove the shuttle bus to our venue!

I joined College Council in 2019 and saw some rapid changes as College Council shifted from an operational to strategic focus under the leadership of Dr Zoe Lenard. A change of this nature is not just a shift in self-appointed mission for Council but requires a mindset transformation to understand how the College can create value for members in the years to come.

After the retirement of Dr Bruce Smith from College Council, I was honoured to assume the role of Honorary Treasurer for the past three years, a role which includes sitting as Chair of the Finance & Risk Committee. I also had the opportunity to connect with Chapters through reviews of their budgets, a direct reflection of their efforts to connect and deliver value for their members.

I have consistently found the most engaging part of College is to participate in Science Week. The breadth of subjects, speakers and participants is unique within the veterinary educational sphere. No chapter is insular. In fact, the dynamism that Science Week nurtures is the collaborative cross-pollination between Chapters, that is seen with shared lecture streams, and gives rise to shared research agenda. This year, I enjoyed a refresher on equine fluid therapy, learning about tuberculosis clearing in wild cattle in the Northern Territory, NSAID pharmacokinetics in sheep, challenging feline fracture fixation, an update on seizure management in small animals, and so much more!

This connection with our College started when I participated in Science Week back in the early 1990s right through to this year when we saw nearly 900 delegates attend a vibrant growing conference in our largest facility space to date. Our challenge for Council, staff, volunteers, and all members is to consider how we can ensure this organisation can sustainably deliver our services in credentialling and education, harnessing the vitality of our profession, and to do so for the next thirty years.

David Tabrett, President

EXAMINATIONS REPORT

Dr Jennifer Carter,
Chief Examiner



Happy September everyone!

This report finds us reflecting on the 2023 examinations cycle and looking forward to next year. The College delivered Membership and Fellowship exams to over 300 candidates across 17 Membership and 6 Fellowship subjects. While the majority of candidates reside in the Australasian region, this included several international candidates as well. The latter is important to highlight as this necessitated the College Office liaising across not only many venues, but many time zones as well. The office staff including Stephen Alderman, Mary Anne Hiscutt, Jenny Burnett and Jill Meatheringham, worked tirelessly in the background to ensure another year of successful examination delivery and deserve a round of applause from all of our College membership. I would also like to acknowledge the hardwork and dedication of all of our volunteer-based examiner teams. We are all very appreciative of your efforts and you should feel very proud of the examinations you produced. Lastly, I want to thank my colleagues in the Board of Examiners and, in particular, the Assistant Chief Examiners, Linda Abraham and Lydia Hambrook, for their herculean efforts across the year.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend College Science Week this year due to a work commitment, however I understand that it was a fantastic meeting and I want to thank Lydia Hambrook for representing the Board of Examiners in reporting on the 2023 examinations at the AGM.

There are three updates to bring to the membership this month:

The first is to welcome two new members to the Board of Examiners – Drs Rachael Llewellyn and Susan Beths. Rachael and Susan both have strong backgrounds in assessment in veterinary medicine and will bring valuable skills to our team. They represent an expansion in the number of Board members in direct response to the increase in the workload of the Board and we are very excited to welcome them.

The second update is surrounding the 2024 examination cycle. I know, we have barely finished 2023, but it is never too early to start thinking about the 2024 exams! The Board of Examiners will be holding a live virtual examinations “training” day again in November this year. We have run the November training days for the last two years and have found that they are quite successful in providing strong foundational knowledge to examination teams and, being virtual, are accessible by Chapter SECs and other interested individuals as well. Further information including the date and time will be forthcoming soon.

Finally, I wanted to update the membership on the decision to no longer provide copies of every exam on the College website, effective this year. All content currently in place will remain as examples for candidates of the format and scope of the exams.

Jennifer Carter, Chief Examiner

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PROJECT OFFICER REPORT

Dr Rachel Tan, Project Officer



Science Week 2023

Thanks to all who attended; our Members, speakers, sponsors and exhibitors who were instrumental in making Vet Science Week 2023 a great success in our new venue. The move to the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre (GCCEC) has been a fantastic opportunity to grow and develop Science Week. We hope to see you again on the Gold Coast next year!

Science Week proceedings for 2023 are now available to all members [here](#). The link allows you to view or download the proceedings. Please use the bookmark function of Adobe Acrobat to locate the session proceedings by number from the Index.

If you haven't already, we would be grateful if you could complete the [post-conference survey](#) to provide your feedback and to allow us to continue improving the conference each year. Thank you in advance for your comments, suggestions, and feedback from this year's event. Preparations are already underway for the 2024 event!



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Welcome to the College!

Title	First Name	Last Name	Subject
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Dr	Laura-Anne	Dennis	Animal Reproduction
Dr	Sara	Pitts	Animal Reproduction
Dr	Clayton	Smith	Animal Reproduction
Dr	Marnie	Treseder	Animal Reproduction
Dr	Luke	Bradley	Medicine and Surgery of Unusual Pets
Dr	Patrick	Jones	Medicine and Surgery of Unusual Pets
Dr	Kezia	Lockhart	Medicine and Surgery of Unusual Pets
Dr	Olivia	Patterson	Medicine and Surgery of Unusual Pets
Dr	Rebekah	Burns	Medicine of Dairy Cattle
Dr	Emma	Cairney	Medicine of Dairy Cattle
Dr	Adrian	Coghill	Medicine of Dairy Cattle
Dr	Rory	Dean	Medicine of Dairy Cattle
Dr	Karley	DeFrees	Medicine of Dairy Cattle
Dr	Dinithi	Hapukotuwa	Medicine of Dairy Cattle
Dr	Briar	Hayes	Medicine of Dairy Cattle
Dr	Stephanie	Collins	Medicine of Horses
Dr	Samantha	Dixon	Medicine of Horses
Dr	Elizabeth	James-Jenks	Medicine of Horses
Dr	Ellen	Leadbitter	Medicine of Horses

Title	First Name	Last Name	Subject
Dr	Kate	Wedemeyer	Medicine of Horses
Dr	Frances	Collett	Medicine of Sheep
Dr	Mary	McQuillan	Medicine of Sheep
Dr	Kristine	Rayner	Medicine of Sheep
Dr	Molly	Dunstan	Pig Health and Production
Dr	Gregory	Tuckett	Pig Health and Production
Dr	Bianca	Bishop	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Chiara	Brozler	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Curtis	Croucamp	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Jessica	Diery	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Olivia	Donohue	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Tamara	Elsmore	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Casey	Gordon	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Alison	Hamlett	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Jia-wen (Wen)	Lim	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Yan Ting (Zoe)	Liu	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Emily	Madden	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Helen	Mather	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Sarah	Nicholls	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Amy	Norman	Small Animal Medicine

Title	First Name	Last Name	Subject
Dr	Kelsey	Renner	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Helen	Roberts	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Vanessa	Sim	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Qiao	Tan	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	See Mun	Tsang	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Fei	Tsoi	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Jonathan	Wood	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Candice	Yeo	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Kate	Anderson	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	John	Barrett	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Ailsa	Carter	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Chi Kit	Justin Chan	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Chun Hin	Chan	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Jackson	Chuo	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Matthew	Coombs	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Gustav	Dippenaar	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Elita	Frazer	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Luke	Frichot	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Joyce	Hung	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Philippa	Jawando-Williams	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Stephanie	Lane	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Becky	Leung	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Stephen	Mansour	Small Animal Surgery

Title	First Name	Last Name	Subject
Dr	Thomas	Marks	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Keely	McGregor	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Faustina	Niap	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Danae	Noitakis	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Mohamed	Sherif Elsherbini	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Si Chia	Teoh	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Justin	Ward	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Yvonne	Winn	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Kai Chun Francis	Wong	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Viola	Wynne-Hoelscher	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Joy	Ziea	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Benjamin	Chen	Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia
Dr	Darcie	Kinnaird	Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia
Dr	Saxon	Klem	Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia
Dr	Shaun	Pratt	Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia
Dr	Kieran	Smith	Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia
Dr	Daphne Ee Lian	Ang	Veterinary Behaviour
Dr	Pooja	Bahal	Veterinary Behaviour
Dr	Liam	Brown	Veterinary Behaviour
Dr	Si Ying Erika	Chan	Veterinary Behaviour
Dr	Natasha	Cocker	Veterinary Behaviour
Dr	Elizabeth	Davis	Veterinary Behaviour
Dr	Peta Anne	Macarthur	Veterinary Behaviour

New Members continued ...

Title	First Name	Last Name	Subject
Dr	Chantelle	McGowan	Veterinary Behaviour
Dr	Caitlin	McQuarrie	Veterinary Behaviour
Dr	Tessa	Poot	Veterinary Behaviour
Dr	Claire	Rhodes	Veterinary Behaviour
Dr	Emma	Ruck	Veterinary Behaviour
Dr	Bronwyn	Sharman	Veterinary Behaviour
Dr	Karen	Smith	Veterinary Behaviour
Dr	Kara	Altman	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Katherine	Budge	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Timothy	Conolly	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Katelyn	Craig	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Paul	Cunningham	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Heminee	Dave	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Carine	du Toit	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Nicole Shan Yin	Fan	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	William	Fitzgerald	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Daniela	Harris	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Denise	Hong	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Catriona	Hope	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Ben	Huang	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Carmen	Lau	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Clara	Lauinger	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care

Title	First Name	Last Name	Subject
Dr	Stephanie	Leggett	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Eric	Lengyel	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Aaron	Levin	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Vanessa Shi Xian	Lian	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Chi Lam Debbie	Liu	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Suzanna	Mauger	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Joanna	Mockford	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Ciaran	O'Carroll	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Yolandé	Oosthuizen	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Hannah	Parrish	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Georgia	Priest	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Hannah	Radvan	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Perri	Rea	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Tea	Strekozov	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Alexandra	Swan	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Gwendolyn	Thornton	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Si Man Allison	Tso	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Adam	Whitelock	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Emma	Wilkie	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Salvador	Wolf	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Hing Wai Elizabeth	Wong	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Kai Yan	Yuen	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care

Title	First Name	Last Name	Subject
Dr	Yanzhi	Zhang	Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
Dr	Emily	Ainsworth	Veterinary Epidemiology
Dr	Peter	Atkinson	Veterinary Epidemiology
Dr	Aashima	Auplish	Veterinary Epidemiology
Dr	Amy	Burroughs	Veterinary Epidemiology
Dr	Sarah	Hall	Veterinary Epidemiology
Dr	Caitlin	Hargan	Veterinary Epidemiology
Dr	Leigh	de Clifford	Veterinary Practice (Equine)
Dr	Jessica	Koelmeyer	Veterinary Practice (Equine)
Dr	Cillian	Coleman	Veterinary Practice (Small Animal)
Dr	Gloria	Ebeyer	Veterinary Practice (Small Animal)
Dr	Rory	Finch	Veterinary Practice (Small Animal)
Dr	Tessa	Jones	Veterinary Practice (Small Animal)
Dr	Elena	Ong	Veterinary Practice (Small Animal)
Dr	Justin	Burns	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
Dr	Charlotte	Gibson	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
Dr	Amy	Graham	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
Dr	Shuting	Jin	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
Dr	Mark	Johnson	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
Dr	Seng Fong	Lau	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
Dr	Calvin	Lee	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
Dr	Lisa	Muscat	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)

Title	First Name	Last Name	Subject
Dr	Hannah	Nagel	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
Dr	Jonathan	Olijnyk	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
Dr	Peter	Rourke	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
Dr	Isa-belle	Tan	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
Dr	Patricia	Thong	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
Dr	Pascal	Urlings	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
Dr	Carly	Whittaker	Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)
Dr	Brodie	Argue	Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (Equine)
Dr	Emma	Cox	Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (Equine)
Dr	Jill	Elsbury	Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (Equine)
Dr	Celine	Lee	Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (Equine)
Dr	Ashleigh	Morrice-West	Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (Equine)
Dr	Marie Therese	Ritson	Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (Equine)
Dr	Ran	Shan	Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (Equine)
Dr	Annabelle	Trainor	Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (Equine)



NEW FELLOWS 2023

Congratulations to all our new Fellows!

Title	First Name	Last Name	Subject
Dr	Guy	Wolfenden	Small Animal Medicine
Dr	Craig	Thomson	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Ross	McGregor	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Eben	Martin	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Paul	Jenkins	Small Animal Surgery
Dr	Zoe	Anastassiadis	Veterinary Ophthalmology
Dr	Sarah	Coall	Veterinary Ophthalmology
Dr	Yvette	Crowe	Veterinary Ophthalmology
Dr	Lily Hin Tin	Hung	Veterinary Radiology
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MOST COMMENDABLE PAPERS 2022

AVJ Emerging leptospirosis in urban Sydney dogs: a case series (2017–2020)

Authors: C. Griebisch, N. Kirkwood, M.P. Ward, W. So, L. Weerakoon, S. Donahoe, J.M. Norris.

NZVJ Evaluation of analgesic interaction between morphine, maropitant and dexmedetomidine in dogs undergoing ovariohysterectomy.

Authors: S.R. Karna, P. Chambers, P. Singh, N. Lopez-Villalobos, K. Kongara.

International Journal: Treatment of racehorse superficial digital flexor tendonitis: A comparison of stem cell treatments to controlled exercise rehabilitation in 213 cases.

Authors: R.O. Salz, C.R.B. Elliott, T. Zuffa, E.D. Bennet, B.J. Ahern.

MEMBERSHIP TRAVEL GRANT

Dr Yoko Clinch



NEW FELLOW BIOS

Zoe Anastassiadis

(Veterinary Ophthalmology)



Zoe graduated from the University of Adelaide in 2013 with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. She initially worked in small and mixed animal practice before completing a small animal rotating internship at the University of Queensland in 2017. Zoe obtained Membership in Small Animal Medicine in 2019. She commenced a residency in Veterinary Ophthalmology at Veterinary Ophthalmic Referrals in 2019 under the supervision of Dr Tony Read and obtained Fellowship in 2023.

Sarah Coall

(Veterinary Ophthalmology)



Sarah graduated from the University of Liverpool, UK in 2012 with distinction. She has been in Sydney, Australia ever since and following 3 years in general practice, she moved into referral practice. After 3 years working as an Emergency and Critical care clinician and obtaining memberships in the subject, Sarah started the long road to speciality with an Ophthalmology specific Internship. Sarah became double boarded in 2023 by passing both Australian and European Ophthalmology boards. Sarah is committed to ensuring clients are well informed and comfortable via her approachability and communication style. She enjoys lecturing and teaching students as well as sharing her knowledge with general practitioners. She is excited to contribute to the college in the future.

Lily Hung

(Radiology)



Lily grew up in Hong Kong and Canada and obtained a bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Toronto in 2011. Initially, she was in keen pursuit of clinical Psychology, however, had a change of mind and decided to pursue Veterinary Medicine instead. Since her graduation from Murdoch in 2016, Lily's career involved a one-year rotating internship in Perth followed by a Residency in Veterinary Radiology. With a keen interest in teaching, Lily is hoping to contribute to future Resident training and the ANZCVS college.

Paul Jenkins

(Small Animal Surgery)

Dr Paul Jenkins graduated from University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science in 2010. Initially, he started in mixed practice in Tamworth NSW for just over 3 years. Then moved to a small animal referral hospital in the same town. During this time, Paul completed a post graduate certificate and Master of Small Animal Practice through Murdoch University in 2015. In 2016, Paul achieved membership to the surgery chapter of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists. In 2017, Paul started his rotating internship at Small Animal Specialist Hospital in North Ryde and began his residency in Small Animal Surgery in the same year. Paul now lives on the Central Coast NSW with his young family, enjoying a sea change and family life. He looks forward to paying forward all the support that he received through his Fellowship journey.



Jennifer Kan

(Veterinary Radiology)

Jennifer graduated from Murdoch University with a Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Biology and a Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine and Surgery. She then worked as a general practitioner in small animal practices in Perth and Singapore, and achieved membership in Small Animal Radiology. Following this, she started a mobile ultrasound company in Singapore and completed the International Veterinary Ultrasound Society Certification. In 2019, she obtained a diagnostic imaging residency at U-Vet Werribee Animal Hospital, and attained fellowship in Veterinary Radiology in 2023.



New Fellows Continued ...



Eben Martin

(Small Animal Surgery)

Eben graduated from the University of Melbourne in 2010 with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science, before commencing work as a new graduate at Bundoora Veterinary Clinic in Melbourne, the same clinic which he would become part owner of in 2015. Eben spent time in the UK both working as a veterinarian and playing his beloved sport, cricket, before deciding in

2016 it was time to hit the books again, gaining his membership in Emergency Critical Care. Even though Eben enjoyed the fast pace of emergency work, he was not a fan of night shift, and ultimately his passion always lay with surgery, and in 2018 he commenced a surgical internship at Western Australian Veterinary Emergency and Specialty in Perth. That year he also obtained his membership in Small Animal Surgery. The following year he commenced a 3-year surgical residency, before obtaining his fellowship of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists in Small Animal Surgery in 2023. Currently, Eben travels between Perth and Melbourne working as a small animal surgeon.



Ross McGregor

(Small Animal Surgery)

Dr. Ross McGregor graduated with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science from the Faculty of Veterinary Science Onderstepoort, University of Pretoria in 1989. He initially worked in small animal and equine practice in South Africa and the United Kingdom. In 2002 he moved to Australia with his family and in 2004 he achieved his membership in Small Animal Surgery. He then worked at the University Veterinary Teaching Hospital

Sydney, The University of Sydney for two years as a registrar in small animal surgery and then started his own small animal practice on Sydney's Northern beaches. He undertook a residency in Small Animal Surgery and joined Northside Veterinary Specialist in Sydney in 2015 and continues to practice there today.

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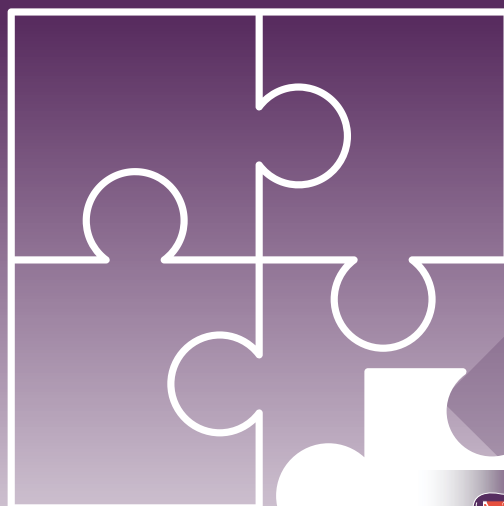
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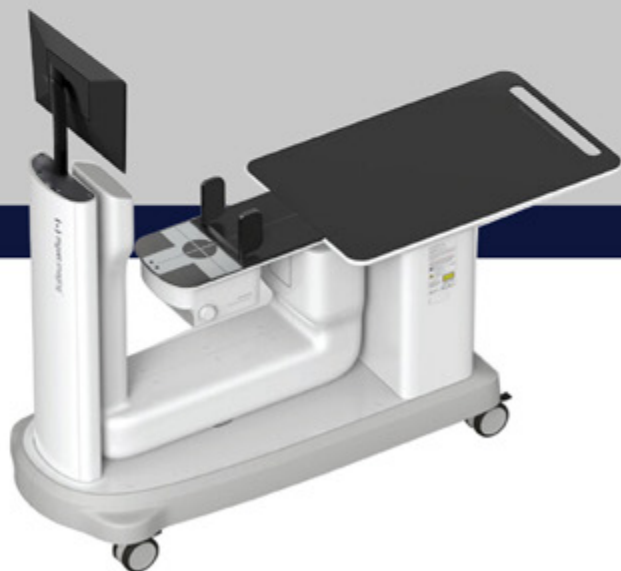
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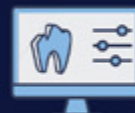
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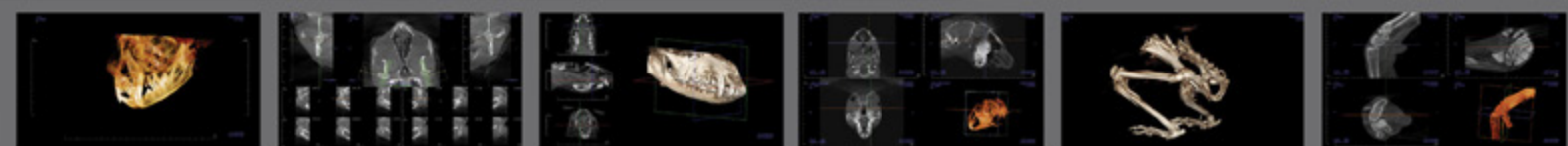
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CHAPTER REPORTS

ANIMAL WELFARE

This year's Science Week was a huge success with great attendances at our sessions, especially those done in collaboration with other chapters including Veterinary Behaviour, Animal Reproduction, Veterinary Public Health and Medicine and Management of Laboratory Animals. Great presenters and good discussion!

The Chapter has also awarded two recipients, Georgia Moloney and Charlotte Johnston, the 2023 Animal Welfare Veterinary Student Publication Award for papers that have been published in the past two years. The topics of the papers were the role of social media in facilitating the exotic pet trade and examining the use of scientific evidence in Australian animal welfare policy with lamb marking as the case study. The Award provides travel assistance to attend Science Week 2024 to present their papers. Well done, Georgia and Charlotte!



The Chapter is looking forward to receiving candidates for 2024 Membership Examinations and is currently setting up mentors to provide support for exam preparation.

For information: Summary Report has just been released by the Aquatic Life Institute on Benefits of Aquatic Animal Welfare for Sustainable Development Goals

Dr Dianne Evans
President

AVIAN MEDICINE AND SURGERY

2023 was a difficult year for the Avian chapter, with the passing of one of our Fellows, Dr Alex Mastakov. Dr Mastakov passed away after a battle with an aggressive cancer and his passing leaves a big hole in our tightknit avian group. He was passionate about avian medicine and surgery, a dedicated clinician and a freethinker that liked to push the boundaries of what was possible. He had many dreams to improve the way we practice and his presence from our community will be missed.

Alex was due to examine the Fellowship examinations in 2023 and because of his passing these examinations were rescheduled until early September 2023, with an overseas examiner, Dr Tom Tully, appointed at short notice to assist Dr Melinda Cowan and Dr Deborah Monks in delivering examinations in 2023. This has been a huge task to ensure we were able to

deliver robust and fair examinations, despite all the upheaval, I'd like to extend my thanks to Deb, Melinda and Tom for their massive efforts over the last six months. The continuation of the Fellowship examination process, with our very small pool of potential examiners is an ongoing challenge that our Chapter has been working with the ANZCVS College to try and resolve. It is a topic that will need to be explored more deeply in the coming years as we rely so heavily on the volunteer goodwill of so few, a cycle which is not sustainable or fair to the individuals consistently giving their time. The delivery of Fellowship and Membership examinations is one of the cornerstone duties of our Chapter, and we will meet with the College later this year to try and establish a sustainable solution to allow us to continue this process.

You will see that in the agenda of this year's AGM which was sent out via email on August 30th, I have included proposed changes to our Chapter Constitution. Please read these carefully and be prepared to vote on the proposed changes. The Constitution had not been updated since 2018 and was still being labelled "Avian Health" with several archaic inclusions that really need a revamp! It will be great to bring our constitution into the 21st century with your assistance at the AGM.

Alongside the review of the constitution, we have completed our review of the Avian Fellowship Guidelines, these have been submitted to the College and have been reviewed and accepted. This was also a massive task, undertaking a review of the proposed reading list and learning outcomes, with a few tweaks and adjustments, I am very happy with where we have ended up. Thank you to the Fellows who contributed to the review of these guidelines. We will complete the review of the Membership guidelines in 2024 to ensure both sets of guidelines are updated and help to guide our candidates and examiners moving forward.

It has been a busy and challenging year for our Chapter, and I really want to pass on my heartfelt thanks to all those members who have contributed to help keep things moving in the right direction. Some of you have done more of the heavy lifting and your efforts are really appreciated. I'll look forward to catching up with many of you in Wellington for the AAVAC and Sydney for UPAV and a chance to recharge the batteries, heading into a new year.

**Kind regards,
Hamish**



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DERMATOLOGY

With a great Science Week behind us the Dermatology Chapter is looking forward to the 10th World Congress of Veterinary Dermatology being held in Boston in 2024! As a result of the World Congress there will be no Dermatology stream at Science Week next year but luckily we all learnt a lot from our wonderful speakers this year! Our quarterly Chapter Journal Club also continues to provide an opportunity to discuss the art and science of dermatology with our colleagues and friends across Australia and New Zealand.

In the last couple of months we have also awarded our Chapter grants for 2023. The Dermatology Chapter has a number of grants on offer which aim to further the professional education and training of veterinarians with a special interest in dermatology, encourage high standards in all aspects of veterinary dermatology, and promote the development of related research. The Chapter is very pleased to announce the successful applicants for Chapter grants for 2023!

Book Grant:

Dr Alex Moore, Dr Tina Hsiao

Science Week Travel Grant:

Dr Alex Moore, Dr Courtney Ludwig,
Dr Amelia Ho

Resident Travel Grant:

Dr Courtney Ludwig

Research Grants:

Dr Letitia Grant, Dr Meng Siak

For 2024 there will be two Book Grants, two Resident Travel Grants and one Research Grant available and applications will open in late 2023. Stay tuned!

Jeylan Aslan
President

EPIDEMIOLOGY

Science Week 2023

Many thanks to our 2023 Science Week Convenor, Brent Jones. Through Brent's leadership, the Chapter has seen another collaboration with our friends in the Veterinary Public Health (VPH) Chapter during Science Week, including the first pre-conference workshop since the COVID-19 pandemic began, titled 'Molecular and genomic epidemiology of microbial pathogens', delivered by Professor Nigel French and Professor Ruth Zadoks. The three-day Science Week program included shared sessions themed 'Pandemic Preparedness', culminating in a panel discussion featuring leaders from across the One Health spectrum. Thanks to all presenters and attendees for a great week.



Membership Exams 2023

Congratulations to the following candidates who successfully passed their membership examinations in Epidemiology in 2023:

- Emily Ainsworth
- Peter Atkinson
- Aashima Auplish
- Amy Burroughs
- Sarah Hall
- Caitlin Hargan

Annual General Meeting

The Epidemiology Chapter held their AGM on Wednesday 16 August over Zoom. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Corissa Miller, who stepped down as Treasurer, a role she has fulfilled for the past 3 years. Corissa has been an amazing contributor to the Chapter, fulfilling several other office bearer roles in the past, including President and Science Week Convenor. Thank you also to Brent Jones, who is stepping back as lead Science Week Convenor to focus on his PhD. Both Corissa and Brent have kindly agreed to support incoming office bearers in a mentoring role.

Thank you to those members who are taking on new office bearer roles in 2023-24:

- Sarah Van Dyk - Treasurer
- Tiffany O'Connor - Science Week Convenor
- Amy Burroughs - Subject Examination Committee (Membership)
- Mary van Andel - Subject Examination Committee (Membership)

A full list of office bearers for 2023-24 can be found on the Chapter website.

Thanks,

Skye Fruean
President



EQUINE

Thank you to all members and fellows who attended Science Week this year and thank you to our 2023 Science Week Convenors, Dr. Jessica Wise and Dr. Steven Zedler. It's always a great time of year to be on the sunny Gold Coast and lovely to catch up with a lot of you in person. We would like to thank our two international keynote speakers, Dr Rana Bozorgmanesh and Dr David Levine who presented on a range of topics in the Equine Chapter and Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Chapter programmes. Dr Bozorgmanesh presented on fluid therapy, transfusion medicine, azotaemia in horse and Equine Acupuncture. Dr Levine presented on Standing CT and PET scanning, skin tumours, Transdermal CO2 and advances in treating tendon and ligament injuries. Thank you also to our local speakers Dr Leanne Begg, Dr Josie Hale, Dr Annabelle Trainor, Dr Brodie Argue and Dr Kirsten Neil. It was wonderful to also collaborate with both the Reproduction Chapter and Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation Chapters for some sessions at Science Week this year.

Six excellent research abstracts and two posters were presented as part of our Science Week Program. Congratulations to Dr. Brodie Argue who was awarded the Young Speaker Abstract Award for his presentation 'Repository Radiographic Lesions of the Forefeet Influence Future Racing

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Performance' and Alannah Norton who was the recipient of the Outstanding Abstract Award for her presentation 'Racing After Epiglottic Entrapment Surgery in Standardbreds and Thoroughbreds'. Congratulations to Jordan Flood for winning the most Outstanding Poster prize for her poster entitled 'Blood Culture Isolates From 1621 Critically Ill Neonatal Foals (2005-2022)'. Thank you to Randlab for sponsoring the abstract awards.

Thank you to BOVA who sponsored the Equine Chapter Dinner at Science Week this year. We were very spoiled with a delicious dinner and cocktails at Miss Money Penny's at Broadbeach!

The Equine Chapter also combined with the EVA for an abstract session at the Bain Fallon Memorial Lectures in 2023. Thank you to the members and fellows who co-chaired the sessions and assisted the EVA with grading the abstracts. Congratulations to Dr. Brianna Clark who was awarded the ANZCVS College Prize for the best abstract presentation. This prize awards Dr. Clark with free registration for Science Week 2024 as well as \$800 towards costs of travel to the conference where she will be invited to present an extended version of her successful abstract.

We are excited to welcome new members to the Equine Chapter after they successfully passed Membership examinations in 2023. Successful candidates in Medicine of Horses were Samantha Dixon, Elizabeth Stokes, Ellen Leadbitter and Kate Wedemeyer. Successful candidates in Equine Practice were Leigh de Clifford and Jessica Koelmeyer. Congratulations to you all! Samantha Dixon was awarded the Scone Equine Group Prize for the membership candidate with the highest score in the examinations. Congratulations Samantha and thank you to Scone Equine Group for their ongoing support of this award. Thank you also to our examiners for all their

hard work and time preparing for the 2023 membership examinations.

The Equine Chapter will offer membership examinations in Surgery of Horses in 2024. Applications are now open and will close on 31st October 2023.

The Equine Chapter has been running online webinars (free for all to attend) throughout the year. A special thank you to Dr Danielle Crosby and Dr Cristina Rosales for their roles in member engagement on the executive committee this year. They have done an amazing job organising these webinars and we have had some excellent presentations given by speakers on a diverse range of topics. Please follow the ANZCVS Equine Chapter page on Facebook for regular updates and information regarding upcoming webinars.

Stay tuned for some exciting updates regarding our Science Week 2024 Programme. A reminder also that the Equine Chapter offers subsidies (\$300 discount) to any successful Equine membership candidates to attend Science Week within the first 3 years of passing their examinations. We are also opening this offer to EVA young members, new graduates (graduated ≤ 3 years prior to Science Week) and members on low incomes. Please contact the Science week Convenors for more information.

Thank you to everyone on the Equine Chapter Executive Committee for their ongoing hard work and contribution. We are all dedicated to providing our chapter members and fellows with more exciting opportunities for further learning and collaboration.

We wish everyone all the best for the next few months during the busy Breeding Season!

Edwina Wilkes
President



MEDICINE & MANAGEMENT OF LABORATORY ANIMALS

The Chapter had another great year culminating at Science Week where several members were finally able to see each other in person again. The program was brilliantly organised by Dr Mandy Errington with Dr Julie Ferguson securing sponsorship. The program consisted of 19 presentations with a half day shared with the Animal Welfare and Animal Reproduction Chapter. There was also a fascinating virtual presentation by Dr Kathleen Pritchett-Corning from Harvard on “The Secret Life of Mice”. Attendance was fantastic and we almost exceeded our conference room capacity on the first day. We look forward to the next Science Week and what great things are in store for everyone.

The first day of Science Week culminated with the AGM and a Chapter dinner. The Chapter President (Dr Emily Barrick) and Secretary (Dr Yvette Ellen) remain the same and Dr Lorna Rasmussen has agreed to take on the Treasurer position. The chapter would like to thank Dr Julie Ferguson for her service and time she has given to the group throughout the years as she steps away from the Executive team. The Chapter President will head up the Journal Club with the next meeting to be held later this year. Current members and those expressing interest in joining by examination in 2024 are encouraged to join these meetings. The Membership Subject Examinations Committee will be chaired by Dr Julie Ferguson with Dr Jenny Kingham as the Head Examiner and Dr Elizabeth Dodemaide as the third member of the committee. Dr Mandy Errington, Dr Lorna Rasmussen and Dr Jodi Salinsky will share the role of Science Week Convenor. The Chapter would like to thank all those stepping off the Executive team and welcome all those coming on board!

We look forward to what the rest of the year and 2024 have to offer. It is with great hope that this little chapter can grow and welcome several new members following the 2024 examination round. Here's to another great year!

Dr Emily Barrick
President

FELINE

Spring has sprung and the Feline Chapter is already in planning mode for 2024! Currently, we're making big plans for a packed program of feline content at College Science Week 2024 – including a return of the popular Feline Masterclass after a several-year hiatus. The theme of the Masterclass will be Feline Oncology, and we are planning on bringing in a number of multi-disciplinary experts to update us on all the latest cutting-edge news in feline cancer care. Watch this space!

Speaking of cutting-edge news, we're pleased to present the link to Dr Sally Coggin's ACVIM abstract presentation on novel treatments for Feline Infectious Peritonitis. The Feline Chapter sponsored Dr Coggins via the Feline Chapter Travel Grant, which allowed her to present and disseminate her groundbreaking research. For a summary of what Sally has prepared, please [click here](#).

We also wish to thank everyone who made the feline stream at College Science Week 2024 such a success. Our inaugural chapter dinner sounded like it was a lot of fun. Thank you to Chantal Celindano, Natalie Lloyd, and all the speakers who contributed to a wonderful week of feline medicine.

As always, we welcome any and all feedback, and would love to hear from members who are keen to contribute to any of our many chapter activities! To get in touch, please contact secretaryfeline@anzcvs.org.au

Kind regards,

Dr Rachel Korman (president)
Dr Alison Jukes (treasurer)
Dr Keshuan Chow (secretary)

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OPHTHALMOLOGY

The Ophthalmology Chapter are pleased to congratulate our newest Fellows, Dr Sarah Richardson (who passed her exams in 2022), Dr Zoe Anastassiadis, Dr Sarah Coall and Dr Yvette Crowe who passed their fellowship exams in 2023! It is a remarkable achievement, and we are very proud of them all. Well done!

The Ophthalmology Executive Committee would also like to welcome our new President Dr Kate Hindley after Dr Jeff Smith stepped down from the role this year. A big thank you to Jeff for his stewardship over the years! Dr Sarah Richardson has joined Dr Matt Sanders in the post of Chapter Secretary after Dr Hayley Volk stepped down after a fabulous 4 year stint. Dr James White will be continuing his role as Treasurer. Special thanks to our fellowship examiners for 2023 - Dr Robin Stanley, Dr Mike Bernays and Dr Rachael Grundon. We really appreciate all the time and effort taken to get the exams organised and executed. We also thank Dr Jess Nevile and Dr Gladys Boo who will be joining the examinations team for 2024. Dr Yvette Crowe and Dr Zoe Anastassiadis

have taken over the role of Subjects Standards Committee, and Dr Jonathan Wood has also taken over the reins of the chapter website, so please contact him (or the secretary) if there is anything you think we should add to our page. A big thanks to everyone for all pitching in to Team Ophthalmology!

At this stage we are planning an interim meeting in October 2024, with guest speaker Dr Gus Aguirre - we will provide further updates and details as they come to hand.

At our AGM it was also proposed that an annual research grant for veterinary ophthalmology residents and interns be made available. Again, we will advertise this further once the details are confirmed, but we hope this will encourage further new and exciting research projects in our field!

Dr Matt Sanders & Dr Sarah Richardson
Ophthalmology Chapter Secretaries

SMALL RUMINANT

Spring is here and so are many lambs and kids. The Small Ruminant chapter president did a new YouTube video on how to help owners with kidding does in difficulty – [click here](#) or search for “Normal and abnormal kid positions & how to help at kidding” and “goatveto” to find it. Your clients may find it useful. Many of our chapter vets are busy disbudding goat kids of dairy or miniature breeds.

Spring is not looking good for worms and worm egg counts are rising as the summer and autumn had such large numbers of worms shedding eggs and larvae contaminated the pastures. It was good news therefore that a new \$11M project was announced by the Moredun Research Institute



(UK), University of Glasgow and University of New England research team to develop an effective scour worm vaccine against black scour worm (*Trichostrongylus colubriformis*) and brown stomach worm (*T. circumcincta*).

Summer is not looking good either as pastures dry off raising bush fire dangers. Goats may be of use here due to their ability to eat browse and grass. There are a few companies that provide this service using mobile electric netting such as [EcoGoats Qld](#) and [Herds for Hire](#).

Sandra Baxendell
President

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the volunteer team of examiners and committee members that make up our chapter, without you our chapter wouldn't function.

I would also like to include a special mention to the core examination team for 2023: Tristan, Olivia, Susan and Jaclyn. Completing the examinations is a mountainous and often thankless task, so on behalf of everyone in the chapter and our corner of the profession - thank you!

James Haberfield
President

UNUSUAL PETS

The Unusual Pets chapter is excited to welcome four new members to the group after they successfully passed their membership examinations. A huge congratulations to Dr Luke Bradley, Dr Kezia Lockhart, Dr Olivia Patterson and Dr Patrick Jones. We know too well the amount of effort, time and commitment sitting the examinations takes. We hope that you are now enjoying some relaxation, as well as taking time to celebrate and recognise your fantastic achievement.

VET PRACTICE - SMALL ANIMAL

Our chapter is growing- we've welcomed five 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 2024!

ScienceWeek2023 brought a warm collaboration with the Veterinary Sports and Rehabilitation chapter for an enthusiastic and educational line up of topics and speakers on all manner of things relating to geriatric small animal



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patients. It has been exciting and enthusing to roll the information from the conference into clinical practice. Furthermore, it was wholesome to network with our membership, especially at our Chapter dinner, generously sponsored by Royal Canin.

Special thanks are extended to Ange Hodgson for taking on the role of Science Week Convenor for 2023. Ange had big shoes to fill, ably assisted by outgoing Convenor Philip Moses AM.

We were proud to see our visionary, Philip Moses, being appointed a Member (AM) of the Order of Australia on the King's Birthday Honours list for outstanding contributions to the veterinary profession. This chapter is one of his visions, and we are proud to be seeing it in fruition. Similarly, the College Oration was an amusing and endearing account of the Philip we know.

Planning for Science Week 2024 is in full swing, with a focus on the other end of life stage - neonates. Book your CPD leave now! With increased demand for vet care, and breeder clients, this is another aspect of

practice that is expanding. The chapter has been generously sponsored by Royal Canin and Zoetis, and we are grateful for their continued support for 2024.

Our examinations are shaping up for more new members in 2024, with a new examiner added to the ranks, as well as the initiation of a study group to assist candidates with studying the material, and preparing for examinations. We have enthusiastic new members happy to mentor as well. Please reach out if this is something that you would like to partake in.

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
President

VETERINARY SPORTS MEDICINE AND REHABILITATION

I would like to start by congratulating and welcoming our newest members to the VSMR chapter: Drs Brodie Argue, Emma Cox, Jill Elsbury, Celine Lee, Ashleigh Morrice-West, Marie Theresa Ritson and Ran Shan. I know how much time and effort it takes to prepare for any membership exam and, given the VSMR-Equine exam was the first this Chapter has offered, the added stress of the unknown, not having had past exam papers or the ability to speak to past candidates available makes this achievement highly commendable! Thank you for taking on this challenge; we look forward to having you become active members of this Chapter and helping us grow this field in Australia, New Zealand and beyond.

I would also like to thank the incredible VSMR Subject Standards and Subject Exams team members: Drs Steve Fearnside, Gail Anderson, Janet Van Dyke, Michael Bell, Wendy Baltzer, Chris Elliott, Cate Steel, Sam Franklin, Ben Ahern, Kylie Huxford and Susan Jones. I know that a lot of time and effort has gone in to creating both, add to that time





constraints, pre-existing work commitments and the like and your immense commitment to this Chapter's development is gratefully appreciated. I think that the exam results speak to a fair process reflecting the guidelines you set out, and on behalf of the rest of this Chapter I extend our deepest gratitude for all your work. I would like to welcome our new Canine Subject Exam Committee members: Drs Barry Chernio, Jenna Webb, Rebecca Ainsworth, and myself, who will be starting work on next year's exam shortly.

I would also like to thank Dr Jane McNae for her tireless work in organising our Science Week Sponsorship as she is officially stepping down from this role. Our chapter wouldn't have been able to put on such a large and varied Science Week program with speakers from all over the world, as well as our first pre-conference workshop without her work and the generosity of our sponsors. Once again, I extend my sincerest gratitude to our sponsors as well. We look forward to continuing to work with you all in the coming years.

Finally, I would like to sincerely thank all our speakers for their presentations given in our Science Week 2023 lecture series. This year, not only did we have lectures shared between veterinary rehabilitation therapists and physiotherapists trained to treat animals, but we also shared talks with the Equine and Small Animal Practice Chapters and look forward to ongoing collaborative opportunities with these and other chapters moving forward to continue to improve patient outcomes. Planning is already underway for next year's lectures, watch this space!

In other exciting news, as of this year's AGM, our chapter has officially adopted terms of the office bearers' positions – so the onus for signing up to one of the roles is not so daunting. The term for each role will be 3 years, with overlap between turnover years for President, Secretary, Treasurer & Science Week Convenors to ensure continuity in our chapter evolution. We welcomed our President-elect Dr Sam Franklin, who will become President next year, followed by one year as Immediate Past President. Next year we will be seeking a new Treasurer, and the year following will be the change in the role of Secretary. Dr Jenna Webb has joined us this year as our Science Week Sponsorship coordinator. I would like to recognise and thank the members of our chapter's current executive committee: Dr Janet Van Dyke & Dr Michael Bell for their ongoing support and assistance in the growth of this chapter, it is very much appreciated. Again, we wouldn't be where we are without our amazing team of volunteers.

Dr Yoko Clinch,
President & Science Week Convenor

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VETERINARY BEHAVIOUR

We enjoyed a very successful Science Week in 2023 and our very first Residents' and Specialists' Day. Dr Ashleigh Hargreaves put in a huge amount of work, and we thank her for her fantastic contribution. I'd also like to thank all the speakers for their contributions to growing our collective knowledge and expertise in the field. It was wonderful to have collaboration with several other Chapters and to have had our international speaker, Dr Sarah Heath, present and share her knowledge.

The Veterinary Behaviour Chapter is currently developing a schedule of continuing education webinars to provide high-quality education to members and non-member colleagues world-wide. They will be scheduled to run every two months and will be delivered by specialists and residents. We encourage all who are interested in Veterinary Behaviour Medicine, Veterinary Psychiatry, Neuroscience, Multisystemic Disease, Chronic Disease Conditions and any other field of veterinary medicine to attend. We look forward to you joining us live or viewing recorded options. In addition, if there are any Chapters that would be interested in collaborating, or would like a particular topic covered, please feel free to get in touch via presidentvetbehaviour@anzcvs.org.au or secretaryvetbehaviour@anzcvs.org.au.

Dr Bronwen Bollaert
President

VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH

The Chapter ran a varied and interesting Science Week programme in July this year. Joint sessions were held with the Animal Welfare and Epidemiology Chapters.

Additionally, and a first for VPH was an all day pre-conference workshop with our

Epidemiology colleagues, Molecular and genomic epidemiology of microbial pathogens lead by Massey University's Distinguished Professor Nigel French and Professor Ruth Zadoks from Sydney University.

On the morning of the first day of the conference, and jointly with Epidemiology, attention was given future pandemic prevention. University of Queensland's Associate Professor Kirsty Short spoke about Pandemic proving our future, followed by Griffith University's Assoc Professor Alison Peel discussion on Pathogen spill over driven by rapid changes in bat ecology. Bringing a New Zealand perspective to the discussion, Professor Nigel French introduced the audience to Te Nihwa: the New Zealand Infectious Disease Research Platform. In her second contribution that morning, Associate Professor Kirsty Short discussed Bird flu in avian species: understanding the mechanism of the disease. To round up the morning discussion the three speakers participated in a panel discussion chaired by Griffith University's Dr Brent Jones.

In the second part of the day, VPH in collaboration with the Animal Welfare Chapter focused on the welfare of food animals. CSIRO's Dr Alison Small discussed the Welfare of livestock along the supply chain followed by Murdoch University's Associate Professor Teresa Collins on The journey not the arrival that matters: cattle welfare in long distance haulage. The final presentation for the day was once again by a New Zealand member, Dr Nikki Kells, a senior lecturer in animal welfare at Massey University on the Humane slaughter of Crustacea and the Crustastun Device.

The day ended with the Chapter's AGM and the election of Dr Kevin Crews as VPH president for 2023-24. Check out the Chapter's website for other committee member elected for the next 12 months.

On day two of the conference, VPH again joined Epidemiology colleagues in a day-long

presentation of 20-minute oral abstracts. Under the VPH umbrella, Associate Professor Jenny-Ann Toribio presented Pig welfare on small holder pig farms in Vietnam, Dr Simin Lee A systematic review of modelling against Lumpy Skin Disease: First outbreak, Dr Tabita Tan A systematic review of global Q Fever out breaks, Dr Anna Sri Australian veterinarians' attitude towards the use of high-important antibiotics followed by Dr Ri Scarborough Brave enough: Deciding to with hold antibiotic treatment in companion animals. The day wrapped with Dr Stephen Pages speaking on The pharmacology of antimicrobial stewardship.

Kevin Crews
President

SMALL ANIMAL MEDICINE

Dear Fellow Members,

Wow, what a Science Week that was! A huge number of international speakers and so much to learn and take away. Thank you to Dr. Mansfield for all her hard work over the past few years with CSW. We will have a new group of individuals stepping into this role and planning has already begun for 2024!

It was exciting to have a chapter dinner at CSW this year and all gather as a group. We are looking at making this a permanent addition for CSW. Please come along if you can.

The Chapter AGM was held at College Science Week, thank you to everyone who came along. It was my first to run as President, so nerves were high, to say the least. Some updates from the event:

- Guy Wolfenden has stepped down as treasurer after a 4-year commitment in the treasurer and secretary role, thank you Guy for all your hard work.
- Sonia McGill has now moved into this role and will hold this position for the next 2 years.
- Excitingly we welcome 2 new members into executive roles, Elizabeth Thrift as President-Elect, and Amy Lam as Secretary. We are excited to grow the chapter further with you two.
- We have filled membership examination, chair and HSE roles for now but we have an **urgent need to fill the Head Subject**



Examiner and Chair role, followed by the examiner roles in Fellowships. If anyone is interested, please email the exec team to get involved. We have sent a proposal to College Council putting forward, as a Chapter, reimbursement for individuals in these roles to give back to those who give their time and energy into these important roles.

As president, I am committed to improving the community aspect of our chapter and the education experiences for members at all levels. We have 2 exciting announcements for continuing education access for members. We have scheduled an exciting **Barossa Valley weekend in March 2024**. This will have a focus on cardiology with some amazing speakers. This is a chance to learn all about the cardiovascular system, drink some exquisite wine, eat some fabulous food and

connect as chapter members. To say thanks to our members this will be offered at a very discounted rate. Places are limited so you will need to get in quickly to secure your spot. In addition, we are excited to bring several online seminars/lectures from some exciting speakers in the year to come. **The first seminar is scheduled for October where we will welcome Andrew Mackin** to speak on the very relevant condition Immune-mediated polyarthritis. This is free to all members of the chapter. Keep an eye out for more information on these events in your emails.

Thanks again for everyone's ongoing input, involvement, and investment in the chapter. I'm excited to see what my second year in this role holds.

From your President
Luke Johnston

ANZCVS 2023 KEY DATES

- 1 Aug** ○ 2024 Examination applications open (Membership)
- 31 Oct** ○ 2024 Examination applications close (Membership)
- 31 Oct** ○ Fellowship Credentials due
- Dec/Jan** ○ Christmas Office closure
23 Dec 2023 - 7 Jan 2024
- 4 Jun - 7 Jul** ○ Examination period
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