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EDITOR'S DESK

Welcome to the newly refreshed College Courier! We are looking at revitalising how we communicate and engage with our members and hope you enjoy this new look College Courier.

We welcome member news contributions. Please email marketing@anzcvs.org.au if you would like your contribution to be considered for the next edition of the Courier.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTIONS

We are always looking for interesting and relevant photos to use within this publication. If you are a budding photographer and would like to submit a photo, please email marketing@anzcvs.org.au We will credit all photos used.

CORRECTION NOTICE

The College would like to apologise for incorrectly referencing the Veterinary Behaviour Chapter as Animal Behaviour in the Science Week update in the August 2018 edition of the College Courier.

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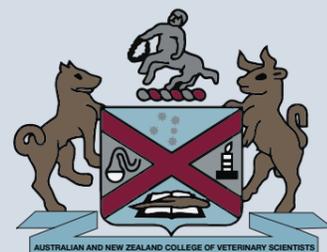
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➔ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dr Zoe Lenard, President



As the year draws to a close, I wanted to reflect on what the ANZCVS has achieved in 2018.

Two new Membership subjects will be examined in 2019, Membership in Veterinary Practice (Small Animal and Equine), and the number of enrolments in Membership examinations continues to be strong.

New Members provide our Chapters with greater resources and allow Chapters to be more creative with their programs for Science Week and engagement in other opportunities, including mentoring and examining.

The opportunities for cross pollination between disciplines increase and the College becomes a more robust organisation.

The Council completed a strategic review of governance and is in the process of appointing a new CEO for our organisation, who will nurture this growth in a sustainable way and allow us to improve our engagement with our Members, wherever they are geographically located.

Following a successful visit of Council to New Zealand in September, the ANZCVS is working with New Zealand organisations to provide a College

presence there, including options of starting a NZ Chapter and joining in NZ conferences.

Examinations

The business of examining (our core business) has been ably supported by a large volunteer workforce, most importantly headed by the Board of Examiners. Being on the BoE provides Members with an outstanding opportunity to improve examination

NEW MEMBERS PROVIDE OUR CHAPTERS WITH GREATER RESOURCES



NZ members enjoying the Christchurch cocktail function

quality and processes, as well as thinking strategically about what may change in the future. The large numbers of examiners and exam observers allow examinations to be conducted smoothly and professionally, and we are grateful for the support these volunteers provide in helping us to improve our profession. Opportunities for participating in examining, observing or working at a more strategic level on the Board of Examiners arise frequently, and if you feel you would like to get involved, get in touch with the Office examinations@anzcvs.org.au.



Read about Dr Tias Muurlink's time as Chief Examiner [here](#)

Former Chief Examiner, Dr Tias Muurlink, summarises it beautifully when he discusses how he has personally benefitted from being on the Board. You can read his full article [here](#).

"Initially I came onto the Board because I was grateful for the opportunities the College had given me ... I went on to Chair the TCC committee and then to lead the Board as Chief Examiner. During this time on the Board there was no doubt an increased time commitment, but there was great satisfaction in working with a great team of Board members as well as the office, Council members and other support staff of the College. It was also very gratifying to work with the large numbers of volunteers, ranging from examiners, reviewers and committee members to observers

and the many others who make up the College community. The ANZCVS is indeed a unique organisation within our profession and the amount of goodwill and generosity shown by so many has been astounding and gratifying to see and be part of."

Beyond 2018

New opportunities arising in 2019 include the exciting relocation to a new venue for Science Week, The Star at Broadbeach. The conference program has been renovated and will be more dynamic and more cross-disciplinary. Science Week coordinators Dr Terry King and Dr Wendy Goodwin, Marketing Coordinator Mrs Thy Boskovic, Assistant College Manager Ms Sharon Tinsley, ably lead by Councillor Dr Mandy Burrows have been working hard to completely

renovate the Science Week experience by delivering a more cohesive and cutting-edge conference experience.

In 2019, the ANZCVS office will be moving from its current location in Eight Mile Plains, where it has been co-located in AVA House. We will keep you up to date with the new office location but look forward to finding a new space that is more suited to our changing needs.

In the meantime, enjoy any holidays that you may get over the Christmas period (or enjoy your busy time of the year, if you work in emergency practice!) and may you have a safe and happy New Year.

Dr Zoe Lenard
ANZCVS President

COLLEGE NEWS



PROJECT OFFICER UPDATE

It has been a busy year with a number of projects being completed and new ones initiated. Thanks to all Members who have provided feedback and ongoing assistance.

Dr Rachel Tan,
Project Officer

EXAM WEEK SCHEDULE SURVEY

Over many years the College has received consistent feedback that candidates would prefer their written, oral and practical exams to be consolidated into a single time period.

Last month, an email was distributed to all current Members to formally survey your opinions. If you have not already done so, please provide feedback and advise of your preference by filling out this short four minute survey [here](#).

Please be aware that some anti-virus programs will automatically block survey

sites and you may need to override this setting to complete the survey.

A modification to the way that examinations are scheduled would represent a major change and would have a significant impact not only on candidates but also on examiners.

By completing the survey, you will be significantly contributing to any decision to changing the current scheduling.

No changes will be implemented for the 2019 examination period.

MAINTENANCE OF CREDENTIALS

Maintenance of Credentials (MOC) requirements have been implemented by many medical and veterinary organisations. They require members to participate in approved learning activities over a predetermined time.

The objectives of MOC requirements are to allow the individual to reflect on their personal knowledge and performance, commit to a process of improvement and re-evaluation, and promote engagement within their professional organisation. The overall result is to improve quality of care in the profession.

The ANZCVS currently has no MOC requirements. This is, in part, due to the fact Fellowship subjects cover a wide range of specialist disciplines, some of which are non-clinical, and that FANZCVS is not automatically linked to specialist registration. There is also no current requirement for Members to maintain subject knowledge to retain the use of Membership post-nominals (MANZCVS).





THE OVERALL RESULT IS TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF CARE IN THE PROFESSION.

Almost all North American and European veterinary specialist organisations have implemented MOC programs.

To align itself with the standards set by international veterinary organisations, the College will be implementing a multi-level MOC program. As both Membership and Fellowship require a significant financial and time commitment, we do not wish to be punitive in removing post-nominals from Members or Fellows that do not achieve accreditation.

Rather, we feel that Members and Fellows should be classified as active or inactive, depending on their achievement of these credentials.

Council is finalising details of the proposed MOC program, but it will include self-certification of active participation in the area of qualification,

demonstration of ongoing learning in their discipline and involvement in the College. These requirements will be evaluated over a 5-year period and will be pro-rata if needed for career breaks.

Careful consideration has been undertaken to design a program that achieves its objective of maintaining high standards of veterinary disciplines in clinical and non-clinical settings whilst accounting for the professional and personal implications that this will have on Members and Fellows.

Circulation of the proposed MOC outline will occur in early 2019, with implementation proposed to occur from July 2019.

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



Dr Wayne Ricketts,
NZ Council Representative

THE KIWI CONNECTION

During 2018, Council received a request from three former College Kiwi Presidents to consider if the College could provide a greater presence in New Zealand for New Zealand based members. At around 370 members Kiwis represent over 10% of the total membership and also more than 10% of the registered veterinarians in New Zealand. Kiwis are represented in all Chapters.



Members indicated they were very supportive of more engagement between the College and New Zealand members

Contemporaneously Council had already begun thinking about how the College might work more closely with the New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA), Massey University (the only university providing veterinary training in New Zealand) and the Veterinary Council of New Zealand.

To this end Council met with representatives of all three organisations at its September meeting in Auckland. The meetings were very fruitful and there was a general commitment to working more collaboratively in the future.

Council hosted two very successful cocktail parties for Kiwi members – one in Auckland following the Council meeting and the other soon after in Christchurch. Both were well attended, convivial and fun. Members indicated they were very supportive of more engagement between the College and New Zealand members.

Council agreed that it should investigate setting up a New Zealand branch. The Constitution does allow for setting up Australian and New Zealand branches. We have sent out a survey to New Zealand members in December to

gauge further feedback on the matter. If you haven't completed it, please do, we would love to hear from you. We hope to follow this up with a possible meeting for Kiwi members at Science Week 2019 – and hopefully the launch of a new Kiwi branch!

We have also had further discussions with NZVA about possible synergies with the new NZVA/Massey CPD pathway, a presence at each other's conferences, a possible combined NZVA/College stream at NZVA conferences and how we could provide more continuing education for New Zealand Fellows. Watch this space!

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR COLLEGE AWARDS 2019

The Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists seeks your assistance (and that of your staff and colleagues) in nominating members of the profession for the College Awards 2019.

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 \$9,140) 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 both the individual, as well as the Chapter to which they belong.

The closing date for all Awards is 28 February 2019.

Nominations should comply with the relevant criteria (available on our [website](#)) and should be forwarded to the College office via email or post.

For assistance please contact Dr Amy Lane, Chair of the College Awards Committee, by directing your enquiry through the College office.

EXAMINATIONS

WHY SERVE ON THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS?

Dr Tias Muurlink
Chief Examiner 2016 – 2018

The Australian and New Zealand veterinary profession needs and remains very dependent on the ANZCVS. Our profession benefits greatly from having the unique Membership examinations which allows those in practice, or on career paths to specialisation, an opportunity to motivate and be recognised for studying in their chosen discipline.

Our Fellowship examinations remain very important to allow candidates in Australia and New Zealand to become recognised as specialists in a wide variety of disciplines. Many veterinarians in our part of the world would not have the opportunity to pursue specialisation if Fellowship of the ANZCVS did not exist.

There is competition developing in this space but for now and for the foreseeable future the ANZCVS provides a unique and important service to our veterinary community by overseeing training programs and examining both at Membership and Fellowship level. The BOE is the group within the College that administers this important part of College business.

Initially I came onto the Board because I was grateful for the opportunities the College had given me. Having passed membership early in my



opportunities. It is no exaggeration I made many friends and contacts broadly across disciplines and on many levels that it is unlikely I would have in any other way.

Later I went on to Chair the TCC committee and then to lead the Board as Chief Examiner. During this time on the Board there was no doubt an increased time commitment, but there was great satisfaction in working with a great team of Board members as well as the office, Council members and other support staff of the College.

It was also very gratifying to work with the large numbers of volunteers, ranging from examiners, reviewers and committee members to observers and the many others who make up the College community. The ANZCVS is indeed a unique organisation within our profession and the amount of goodwill and generosity shown by so many has been astounding and gratifying to see and be part of.

On reflection, although in later years the larger time commitment to Board duties has seen relatively large impacts on my life outside of the College, I can still honestly say the College has given more to me than I have to the College.

I am very proud to have been serving the College and its members and candidates for over 10 years now and to have contributed towards the many improvements and developments that have occurred during this time.

I heartily recommend volunteering on the Board and feel sure the experience will benefit all those who chose to contribute.

career certainly benefited me greatly in motivation and confidence, and later passing the Fellowship exam allowed me to become more recognised in my field. After having examined a few times for the College, I thought the next step would be to get involved in the administration of training and examining. This would allow me to assist the group to improve and keep current the core business of the College.

This is exactly what participating in the BOE has allowed me to do. Initially I served on the Training and Credentials Committee (TCC) of the BOE. The complexities of the workings of the Board and the Committee did take some time to become comfortable with but over time I felt I was part of a team which was making significant improvements to the training programs, credentialing and examinations.

Attending meetings, the examination periods at the Gold Coast and Science Weeks allowed for lots of networking



COLLEGE SUBSCRIPTIONS

2019/2020 membership renewal notices will be distributed to members via email in early March 2019. This year was the first year that all member invoices were sent electronically and was well received by Members.

Please take the time to login to your profile via our website to make sure your contact details are current.

Further information regarding your membership subscription will be sent to you early next year. For more information about your membership subscription please email assistcm@anzcvs.org.au



Why I became an examiner...

I really enjoyed my experience of being an examiner for the ANZCVS Membership exams in Small Animal Medicine. For me personally, preparing the examination questions and the corresponding marking sheets was a great way to brush up on my own knowledge and fantastic for continuing professional development. Liaising and meeting a great team of committed vets before and during the oral exam period was an excellent way to build collegiality. Seeing the robust processes that the College has in place to ensure that examinations are run fairly and smoothly for all involved (but especially for the candidates) was encouraging to see, and I was impressed by the professionalism of everyone involved. Although it is a big time commitment, I would definitely do it again.

Dr Brendan Gammeter, MANZCVS (Small Animal Medicine)

I have examined for the ANZCVS college for the last three years and really enjoyed being involved. I genuinely believe in the Membership process that we have across New Zealand and Australia as it provides an excellent opportunity for Veterinarians in General Practice to increase their knowledge and skill. This process relies on having a team of dedicated (and friendly :)) examiners. Preparing an examination is a huge team effort and part of what I really enjoyed was working with other Vets and Veterinary Specialists from around Australia and New Zealand. I have made some really close friends along the way, and I met two of my closest resident study buddies via the examining process (also very close friends). There were lots of things I didn't know about examining e.g. you are allowed to smile! This is something I kept reminding my teammates of so that candidates could feel comfortable and less nervous. It was a great way to brush up my knowledge and I really valued the free entry to Science Week. Overall, I really enjoyed examining, and felt it was a great way to support vets.

Dr Abbie Tipler, MANZCVS (Small Animal Surgery)



SUBJECT STANDARDS COMMITTEE (SSC) AND SUBJECT EXAMINATIONS COMMITTEE (SEC) UPDATE

Each subject administered by a Chapter will have a Subject Standards Committee (SSC) and a Subject Examination Committee (SEC). These committees replace the previous Chapter Examination Committee (CEC) and integrate responsibilities previously upheld by the examiners and CEC.

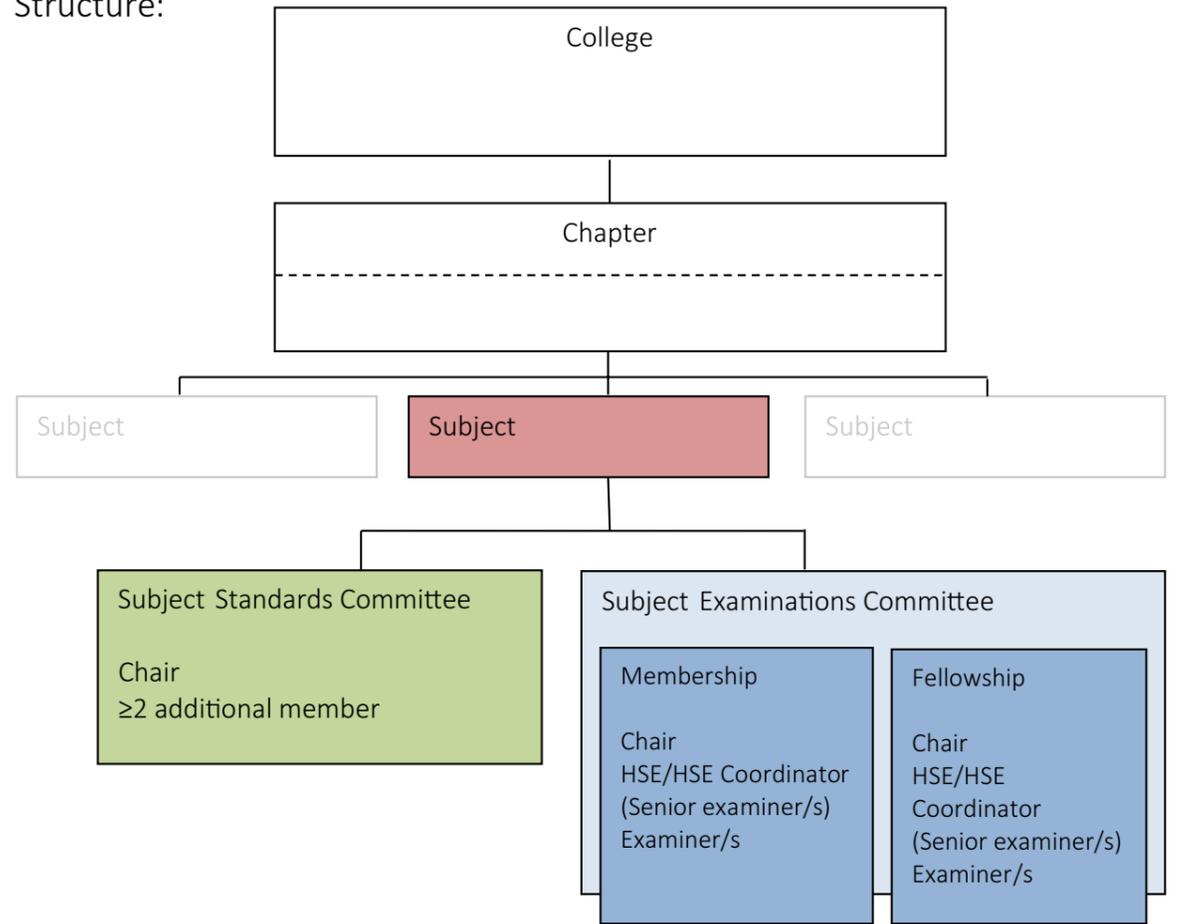
The move to this new structure will allow for:

- A better distribution of work amongst bigger groups
- A system of succession planning for mentoring
- Rotation of members involved
- Forward planning to ensure examiners are available for the following year

The structure below was implemented in July 2016. The Board of Examiners recognises that these structures may need to be modified to suit some smaller Chapters and variation from this structure will generally be possible if a reasonable case can be made by the Chapter and will be at the discretion of the Chief Examiner.

All Chapters must implement this new structure by July 2019. For more information please visit the SSC and SEC page of our [website](#).

Structure:



HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED IN EXAMINATIONS

1. Become an examiner
2. Become an observer
3. Become a member of the Board of Examiners

To express your interest and for more information, please contact Robyn Pettigrew examinations@anzcvs.org.au

➔ SCIENCE WEEK

Listed below is the amount disbursed to each Chapter:

Animal Welfare	\$5,106.15
Aquatic Animal	\$2,188.35
Avian	\$2,188.35
Cattle	\$8,753.40
Dentistry	\$4,376.70
Dermatology	\$8,753.40
Equine	\$7,294.50
Epidemiology	\$7,294.50
Feline	\$5,106.15
Medicine and Management of Laboratory Animals	\$1,094.17
Ophthalmology	\$8,023.95
Pathology	\$729.45
Pharmacology	\$7,294.50
Radiology	\$4,741.42
Small Animal Medicine	\$8,023.95
Surgery	\$7,659.22
Unusual Pets	\$729.45
Vet. Anaesthetics	\$5,470.87
Veterinary Behaviour	\$6,200.32
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	\$7,294.50
Veterinary Oncology	\$1,823.62
Veterinary Public Health	\$4,376.70
Zoo and Wildlife	\$5,106.15
TOTAL	\$119,629.77



Dr Zoe Lenard, President and Dr Bruce Smith, Treasurer

2018 COLLEGE SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO CHAPTERS

After another successful Science Week and the finalisation of all Science Week accounts, Council approved the disbursement of the 2018 College Scientific Conference surplus proceeds (less the amount of 30% retained by the College), to Chapters who participated in the Conference in October, 2018.

The surplus amount of funds disbursed to the Chapters was \$119,630.

SCIENCE WEEK CHAPTER DISBURSEMENT CALCULATION

Council would like to highlight to Members this significant financial contribution from the College to the Chapters that participated, and provide Members some understanding as to how this was calculated.

- Chapters that provide a program at Science Week are allocated points based on the highest number of registrants attending both morning and afternoon sessions. If a Chapter runs a combined program then the points are equally divided.

FUNDS RETAINED BY THE COLLEGE ARE USED TO DEVELOP COLLEGE-WIDE PROGRAMS

- The disbursement is divided by the total number of points of all Chapters combined to achieve a dollar (\$) unit value per point. This represents the profitability of the College Scientific Conference.

The Treasurer has evaluated the disbursement to Chapters for the previous four years.

Listed below is the dollar (\$) unit value per point for the previous four College Scientific Conferences:

2018	\$A729.45
2017	\$A664.30
2016	\$A685.50
2015	\$A577.00

In 2018, we had a record number of registrants attend the Science Week meeting which significantly increased profitability.

Funds retained by the College are used to develop College-wide programs (including but not limited to marketing, member engagement, updating IT infrastructure) and help to improve College services.

We look forward to the 2019 College Scientific Conference at The Star, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia from the 4 to 6 July, 2019 and encourage all Chapters to participate.

Chapters have an inducement to design a program with a broad appeal to maximise the potential number of registrants attending. By maximising attendance and minimising expenses, we will ensure that profitability is maintained and that we are able to continue to return a significant amount of profit to participating Chapters.

We invite any comments and/or feedback from College members regarding any aspect of conference planning and Chapter disbursement.

Get ready for Science Week 2019!

We are excited to launch Science Week 2019!

With a new venue and new look but same cutting-edge program, Science Week is shaping up to deliver an exciting and engaging event for Members and the veterinary profession.

Held at The Star, Gold Coast on 4, 5 and 6 July 2019, the College will be introducing:

- 2 stimulating plenary sessions
- A member convocation – a forum to discuss topical issues with members
- Early bird registration prices
- Centralised proceedings available to all delegates and members
- Conference app and delegate session tracking
- Conference website
- A larger industry trade exhibition

We will continue to update Members as we lead up to Science Week. The [conference website](#) is now live and will be updated with more information as we finalise the program and activities.

Delegate registrations will open in early March 2019 and exhibition and sponsorship opportunities are already open to interested industry.

Should you have any further queries or comments please email Thy Boskovic at marketing@anzcvcs.org.au

We look forward to welcoming you to Science Week next year.

SAVE THE DATE



Science Week 4 - 6 July 2019

The Star, Gold Coast

Australia and New Zealand's leading
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MEMBER OBITUARIES

Remembering
Dr Julia Nicholls OAM

It is with great sadness, but fond memories, that the Feline Chapter would like to pay tribute to Dr Julia Nicholls, who recently lost her battle with cancer.

In addition to being an active and enthusiastic member of our chapter (most recently attending the Feline Medicine Masterclass in July this year!) Dr Nicholls made an important and enduring contribution to feline clinical sciences over a long and productive career.

Julia made significant contributions to the health and welfare of cats, as well as the veterinary industry in general. First and foremost, she was an exceptionally able feline practitioner, with above average aptitude in medicine, surgery, anaesthesia and critical care of feline patients.

She was especially knowledgeable about cat breeding and diseases of the queen and kittens, well before this was a mainstream interest. She was known and liked by cat breeders, and by colleagues in general practice in Adelaide. She was particularly active in her roles as President of the Feline Health Research Fund, dedicating a huge amount of her time and energy towards advancing scientific knowledge in feline medicine. Dr Nicholls was President of the AVA and remained an active member of the AVA at the end of her term as President.

Towards the end of her career, she taught feline medicine to undergraduates at the new vet school at the University of Adelaide, providing them with a cogent approach to cases drawing on her many years of practice experience.

Julia was awarded the Order of Australia in 2007 for her services towards veterinary science. Moreover, Julia was a long-term member of the Feline Chapter and a former Examiner and Board member. Dr Nicholls' energy and enthusiasm for feline medicine will be sorely missed, and we extend our deepest condolences to her family, friends and colleagues.



Vale Dr Lloyd Whitten

Members and Fellows of the College will be saddened to learn of the death of Lloyd Whitten.

Lloyd was the President of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists from 1973 to 1974.

After graduating from the faculty of Veterinary Science at the University of Sydney Lloyd worked at CSIR in Sydney before moving to the Wallaceville Animal Research Station in New Zealand where he remained for most of his career.

He will be missed by his family and many friends.

CHAPTERS

ANIMAL WELFARE CHAPTER

The Animal Welfare Chapter has a diverse membership from all fields of veterinary science reflecting a wide ranging interest in the ethical use of animals, animal welfare, veterinary professional ethics and the law.

These wide interests are reflected in the Chapter's Science Week Program.

This year the excellent program was well received and well attended and there was even a full page congratulatory write up by Dr Anne Jackson, the Editor of the Australian Veterinary Journal in the AVJ.

Save the date for next year! The same Science Week team as 2018 led by Nita Harding from NZ with the Australian contingent of myself and Anne Fawcett has been working on an interesting and stimulating Science Week program for 2019. The Chapter will have shared sessions of interest with the Pharmacology, Lab Animal, Public Health and Epidemiology Chapters as well as presentations from our new Chapter members and a particular focus on production animals.

IT MAKES SENSE TO TEAM UP WITH OTHER CHAPTERS AS ANIMAL WELFARE IS SURELY A UNIVERSAL CONCERN FOR VETERINARIANS!

Pharmacology and Animal Welfare have much to share from new methods of pain relief, use of new compounds such as cannabis (will it be useful? and are there ethical and welfare concerns?) and ineffective therapies.

The use of ineffective therapies as an animal welfare and ethical concern has even caught the attention of human groups such as Friends of Science in Medicine and Science-based Medicine. The American Evidence Based Veterinary Medicine Association's Website Skeptvet is a good source of information on ineffective therapies and information on the use of Evidence Based Veterinary Medicine for best health and welfare outcomes available from groups such as RCVS Knowledge.

I've been enjoying a new book on ineffective therapies, 'No Way to Treat a Friend, Lifting the Lid on Complementary and Alternative Veterinary Medicine' by rural practitioner Niall Taylor and Alex Gough, a small animal specialist.

The book is excellently researched and a fascinating read with the added benefit of explaining cognitive biases and errors in thinking that also have an important application in human medicine. Ineffective therapies are not just CAVM and they are not unproven ones either. Ineffective therapies are ones which have been well and truly debunked or are implausible.

The production animal sessions will include a focus on access to water as a welfare issue. Provision of water is of course one of the 5 Freedoms but rarely addressed as a welfare issue on its own. The recent drought in



NSW has certainly drawn attention to this topic.

The other livestock topics will be on bobby calf welfare and sustainability of livestock production whilst maintaining good animal welfare. Veterinarians play a key role in feeding the world and ensuring that livestock production is not promoted at any cost and must include consideration of the welfare of animals as it is not considered sustainable if an animal's life is not worth living.

Whilst there is a debate about the role of livestock in contributing to climate change and concerns about animal welfare, livestock are a vital and renewable natural resource which in the developing world are a means for millions to escape absolute poverty. Although the Food Climate Research Network at the University of Oxford (fcrn.org.uk) 2017 publication *Grazed and Confused* and the FAO Report 'Livestock's long shadow' agree that a western diet cannot be sustained for the increasing world population they both assert that livestock farming is essential to sustainable food production. Livestock in developing countries contribute up to 80% of agricultural GDP and 600 million rural poor people rely on livestock for their livelihoods.

The FAO has just released the report 'Transforming the livestock sector through the Sustainable Development Goals' (www.fao.org). The focus has shifted from fostering sustainable livestock per se, to enhancing the sectors contribution to the SDG. The aim of the SDG is to do more to end poverty and hunger.

One in eight people in the world live in extreme poverty; 815 million are undernourished; 1.3 billion tonnes of food are wasted every year; six million children die before their fifth birthday.

Livestock provide the world with the means of increasing the direct consumption of animal-based food providing readily absorbable and bioavailable micronutrients more easily obtained than from plant based foods. As well as providing a reliable source of protein to improve health, especially that of children, livestock can strengthen the assets of rural households, empower women and close inequality gaps. Whilst livestock, which have been used by humans since the dawn of time, are especially vital to the economies of developing countries, modern societies remain reliant on livestock for food and nutrition security.

Finally as Christmas fast approaches don't forget the turkeys! In Australia turkeys are farmed in much the same way as broilers. That is they are bred to grow and gain weight rapidly with birds ready for processing at around 10 weeks of age. This can lead to leg disorders and 'ascites'.

Better welfare can be achieved by selecting birds for slower growth rate, reducing stocking density, providing appropriate lighting and providing an environment that encourages natural behaviour.

All good wishes for Christmas and the New Year to Chapter Members,
Tanya Stephens. President Animal Welfare Chapter

EPIDEMIOLOGY CHAPTER

The Epidemiology Chapter has been pretty busy in the past few months, since Science Week in July.

Firstly, we would like to thank all those involved in the organisation of Science Week and all speakers and delegates who contributed to an excellent program.

At the AGM, during Science Week, we farewelled outgoing President Beth Cookson. We would like to thank Beth for her roles as President as well as her contribution to the Executive and Science Week coordination team since 2013. Beth's contribution to the Chapter has been extremely valuable. The office bearers for 2018/2019 are Marta Hernandez-Jover (President), Corissa Miller (Secretary) and Francette Geraghty-Dusan (Treasurer). The Science Week coordinators are Emilie Vallee, Clare Death and Troy Laidlow.

A significant activity of the Chapter during this last year has been the review of the Membership Study Guide. The review was conducted by the 2017 Epidemiology examination cohort and reviewed by members of the Chapter with expertise in epidemiology teaching. The Chapter really appreciates the time and effort put into this task and we thank everyone for their valuable contribution to this review.

Another important activity has been the support of the Chapter for the preparation of an Australian and New Zealand joint bid for ISVEE (International Society for Veterinary Epidemiology and Economics) 2024 to be hosted in Sydney.

The bid, which was presented at ISVEE 15 in Chiang Mai, Thailand in November, was successful.

Professor Michael Ward, Fellow of the Chapter, is the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee, and A/Prof Marta Hernandez-Jover, member and current President of the Chapter is the co-Chair of the committee. Several members of the organizing committee are also Chapter members.

The Epidemiology Chapter is busy preparing for another great Science Week in July 2019. This year we are pleased to have partnered with the Public Health and Welfare Chapters to have joint sessions in the program. The call for titles has already been sent and we are looking forward to receiving many submissions. In 2019, there will be Membership and Fellowship examinations, we wish all the best to all candidates in preparation for the exams. As decided at the last AGM, the pre-conference workshops will only be run every two years, with the next one planned for 2020.

On another front, Animal Health Australia and Invasive Species Council are hosting the inaugural Australian Biosecurity Symposium on the 12-13 of June 2019 on the Gold Coast. The call for abstracts is now open. For more information visit www.biosym.com.au.

EQUINE CHAPTER

Science Week 2018

Science Week 2018 was a great event for the Equine Chapter with our keynote speaker Professor Chris Sanchez delivering many terrific lectures. The information presented was of exceptionally high quality, delivered in an approachable and digestible fashion.

We are very grateful to Chris and all of our local speakers. We would greatly like to thank our sponsors Austvet Endoscopy, Randlab, Camden Equine Centre, UQ Vets and Scone Equine Group.

We would like to congratulate the successful Equine Surgery membership candidates, and in particular the recipient of the Scone Equine Group prize, Ashley Vermeulen.

The other new members in Equine Surgery we would like to welcome to the Chapter are Felix Chia, Laura Cox, Danielle Crosby, Josephine Hale, Kristen Lloyd, Philippe Manchon, Catherine McGuigan, Edwina Palmer, Vanessa Slack-Smith and Craig Stalker. Natasha Williams is a new member in Equine Medicine.

We would also like to congratulate Dr Cate Steel, the recipient of the ANZCVS College Prize for the best abstract presented at Bain Fallon 2018, and Alexandra Jaarsma for the best abstract presented at Science Week 2018.

Science Week 2019
Plans are currently underway for Science Week 2019 to be held at The Star, Gold Coast from 4 to 6 July. The Equine Chapter is planning a stud medicine and surgery theme with a combined full day program with the Animal Reproduction Chapter on Thursday 4 of July.

Dr Angus McKinnon of Goulburn Valley Equine Hospital will be one of the presenters on this day. There will also be a combined session with the Pharmacology Chapter on Friday and on Saturday there will be a combined session with the Oncology Chapter in the afternoon with a specialist lecture by Dr Enrico Spugnini on equine oncology and electrochemotherapy.

There will be a session for presentation of abstracts on Friday. This will be the first year ANZCVS Science Week has moved to the new venue, The Star, and we can assure everyone that there will be plenty of room for all to attend.

We look forward to seeing many of you there!



Memberships 2019

We have a number of candidates that have registered to sit the Equine Medicine Membership and Equine Practice Membership in 2019. We encourage these candidates to seek a mentor and also to collaborate with others sitting the examination. Past candidates have had regular study group meetings via online formats such as Skype and this is strongly supported. Please contact the Chapter presidentequine@anzcvs.org.au if you would like to be put into contact with a mentor or with other candidates sitting the same examination.

UQ Journal Club

The University of Queensland is welcoming Equine Members to join them through a Zoom link, for their weekly internal medicine journal club, held on Tuesdays. Journal club is taking a break over the Christmas period and will resume on 5th of February. Those wishing to join please check the Facebook site and email Allison Stewart allison.stewart@uq.edu.au to be included in the email list. Please also check Facebook for news from the Chapter and links to recently published articles of interest. There are also some links to podcasts and recorded webinars that may be of interest.

We wish everyone a happy, healthy and restful Christmas.

*Best wishes,
Equine Chapter Executive.*

FELINE CHAPTER

College Science Week 2019 will see the Feline Chapter collaborate with several other chapters including Small Animal Medicine, Pharmacology, Behaviour and Veterinary Anaesthesia.

We look forward to these exciting collaborations, especially given the new venue and organisation of CSW next year! Whilst topics continue to be finalised, some areas covered will include feline intestinal disease, feline pancreatitis, and the unique area of pharmacology and cats including compounding medicines, transdermal medications and other exciting areas!

Until next year, we wish all our Members a safe and happy holiday season.

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST YEAR ANZCVS SCIENCE WEEK HAS MOVED TO THE NEW VENUE, THE STAR, AND WE CAN ASSURE EVERYONE THAT THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF ROOM FOR ALL TO ATTEND.

MEDICINE AND MANAGEMENT OF LABORATORY ANIMALS CHAPTER

The study guidelines for examination candidates in Medicine and Management of Laboratory Animals have now been updated to be more in line with current industry practices.

Thank you to Doctors Pethick, Villaflor and Kingham for their input.

Following feedback from members at Science Week, July 2018, the constitution has been amended. Acceptance of the changes must be made via a general meeting of Chapter members or an electronic poll. The amended constitution and polling details will be distributed to members in the near future.

Planning is well underway for the Chapter's second Science Week program. We are fortunate to have generous support from several sponsors to assist with travel expenses for speakers.

Our sincere gratitude is expressed to Australian BioResources, Biological Associates, Chemical Essentials, Specialty Feeds and Stoelting Co for their willingness to provide this support.

We are also looking forward to networking with colleagues through shared sessions with the Chapters of Animal Welfare, Pharmacology and Anaesthesia and Analgesia. If you are interested in speaking at Science Week 2019 please contact Malcolm France, Science Week Co-ordinator, at secretarylabanimals@anzcvs.org.au

*Julie Ferguson
presidentlabanimals@anzcvs.org.au*

ONCOLOGY CHAPTER

The Oncology Chapter have Dr Enrico Spugnini (Dip ACVIM and ECVIM Oncology) visiting from Italy for Science Week in 2019. Enrico is an engaging speaker and is a world leader in electrochemotherapy – he will be presenting on some basics of the tumour environment as well as presenting case material.

At the beginning of December, we held a Veterinary Oncology Development Day with Fellows and candidates across Australia coming together – the candidates received some training towards their examinations and the Fellows prepared for next year's Fellowship exams.

In other exciting news we would like to congratulate our members Dr Claire Cannon, Dr Katrina Cheng, Dr Liz Morgan and Dr Penny Brown all on getting married this last month – we wish them a lifetime of happiness!

*Regards,
Amy*

*Dr Amy Lane. BVSc (Hons) MVS
FANZCVS (Veterinary Oncology)*



OPHTHALMOLOGY CHAPTER

Science Week 2019 is going to be an exciting and informative two-day program for the Ophthalmology Chapter.

Our focus will be on 'Corneal Disease' (no pun intended!). Corneal disease is common, and correct diagnosis and treatment makes a big difference for our patients.

We are thrilled to have secured Dr Eric Ledbetter as our guest speaker. Dr Ledbetter is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Ophthalmologists and Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine.

Dr Ledbetter's research interests include ocular infectious disease, corneal disease and in vivo corneal imaging techniques. He is a frequently invited speaker at national and international conferences and is widely published.

We are currently formalising the program and will keep you updated with further details in the next Courier. **Watch this space!**

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Dennis will be known to a great many of you through his work as Technical Director of Ethical Agents

PHARMACOLOGY CHAPTER

Life membership for Dennis Scott

At its 2018 annual general meeting, the Veterinary Pharmacology Chapter of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists (ANZCVS) unanimously voted to award life membership to Dennis Scott.

The award was presented on 2 November 2018 at the NZVA Office in Wellington.

Dennis will be known to a great many of you through his work as Technical Director of Ethical Agents. Perhaps lesser known is his tireless contribution to the ANZCVS for over 20 years as a highly respected examiner, mentor and a strong kiwi advocate of ANZCVS.

As a former examinee of Dennis – it was a pleasure to meet under less stressful circumstances to present this award. As Pharmacology President, it's clear that Dennis's contribution to our Chapter is significant and highly valued by all; his championing of high quality and fair examination standards, kiwi pragmatism and sense of humour (and on special occasion – rap skills).

Fellow Chapter Members acknowledge Dennis' commitment and passion for the Chapter – second only to his beloved All Blacks and having a beer with friends and colleagues.

Current Head Examiner Pauline Calvert also acknowledged his tireless contribution to the Chapter and the pleasure of examining alongside him.

Dennis had a great knack of keeping everyone as relaxed as possible during exams but always maintained a high degree of professionalism for our Chapter.

The strength of the Chapter among New Zealand veterinarians is also a reflection of the strong advocacy work Dennis has done over the years, encouraging vets to extend their knowledge in pharmacology and increase their contribution to the animal health industry.

On behalf of our Chapter, congratulations Dennis.

Liz Shackleton
MVB MANZCVS (Pharmacology)
President, ANZCVS Pharmacology Chapter

SMALL ANIMAL MEDICINE CHAPTER

We are coming to the end of another year, the time when everything starts to get a bit more hectic.

On behalf of the Chapter executive I would like to express our thanks for your support and help over the year. I hope you all get a chance to get a bit of a break and enjoy yourselves with family and friends over the coming holiday period, and wish you a successful year in 2019.

As President, I would like to personally thank the Chapter officers for their work and support over the year. These include Kathryn Hogan our secretary, Alison Griffin our Treasurer, Mary Thompson as past president, Lydia Hambrook as SEC chair, Kate Heading as Science Week Convenor as well as all the others who have contributed as examiners, members of Chapter Committees and generally helping.

IT IS THROUGH THE ONGOING WORK OF THE VOLUNTEERS, THAT THE CHAPTER CAN CONTINUE TO THRIVE

The Small Animal Medicine Chapter is excited to announce that a Small Animal Medicine exam question bank has finally been established. The examination committee would like to extend a massive 'thank you' to those members who have already submitted draft questions. If any other Members or Fellows would like to submit draft questions for inclusion in the question bank, please email Lydia Hambrook at red_lyds@yahoo.com.au.

The exam question writing process is a fantastic method of continuing education and is a valuable exercise

for candidates that are preparing for future examinations. All Members, Mentors, Fellowship candidates and Fellows are encouraged to contribute. Guidelines for exam question and marking scheme development can be found in the Examiner Handbook which can be accessed through the College website.

Another initiative from January 2019 is regarding Small Animal Medicine fellowship training programs, which will require all candidates submitting new training program applications to have two supervisors. Small Animal Medicine is the first Chapter to include this requirement in our subject guidelines, available on the College website.

I would urge all members to consider how they can contribute to the Chapter in the upcoming year.

The executive welcomes new ideas and suggestions so do not hesitate to contact us or come along to the AGM at Science week.

All the best for the New Year.
Peter Bennett

SMALL RUMINANT CHAPTER

The President of the Small Ruminant Chapter, Sandra Baxendell, was a technical editor for the new book for dairy goat farmers, "AgGuide A Practical Handbook – Dairy Goats", part of the Tocal College range.

On page 50, under Health and Management Programs, after an extract from the Australian Industry Welfare Standards Goats about getting appropriate treatment for sick, injured

or diseased goats, there is this section promoting College membership:

"It is noted that growers can sometimes have difficulty in engaging a veterinarian who is sufficiently knowledgeable and experienced with goat health. A veterinarian who is a member of the Sheep, Camelid and Goat Special Interest Group of the Australian Veterinary Association or who has passed their membership examination in goats held by the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists would be an ideal choice. As far as possible, growers need to inform themselves about goat health issues and also to network to find an appropriate animal health professional."

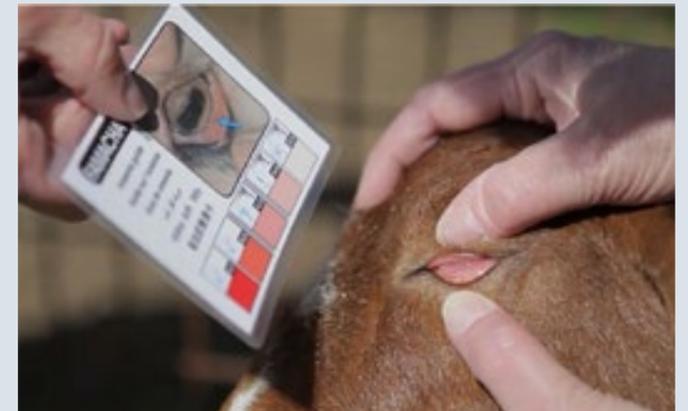
Hopefully this will help the Small Ruminant Chapter by increasing client demand for veterinarians who have done their membership exams.

FAMACHA © Courses

The Small Ruminant chapter has an agreement with the copyright holders of FAMACHA © cards and provides an annual report. Below is a summary from the last report.

Currently FAMACHA (c) courses have been held by Dr Kylie Greentree (kylie.greentree@lls.nsw.gov.au) in NSW and Dr Sandra Baxendell (goatvetoz@gmail.com) anywhere in the Australasian region. No courses have yet been held in New Zealand nor any Pacific islands.

The following courses were held in the last 12 months.



FAMACHA Courses held			
Date	Place	Vet who trained	Vets who attended to be trained to run courses
22/09/2017	Tocal, NSW	Sandra Baxendell	Kylie Greentree
17/02/2018	Boyland, Qld	Sandra Baxendell	none
23/02/2018	Tocal, NSW	Kylie Greentree	none
16/03/2018	Scone, NSW	Kylie Greentree	Jane Bennett, Anna Pillich
17/03/2018	Lockyer Valley Qld	Sandra Baxendell	none
17/04/2018	Manning Great Lakes	Kylie Greentree	Lyndell Stone
22/09/2018	Mackay Qld	Sandra Baxendell	none
12/08/2015	Yarra Valley, Victoria	Sandra Baxendell	none

All courses were evaluated on the day and the College provided with copies of the combined or individual evaluation results as well as a list of attendees. Over 130 cards have been sold to trained goat, sheep and alpaca owners as well as a few veterinarians. Veterinarians who have done their Small Ruminant Exams can run FAMACHA (c) courses and any veterinarians that have attended a FAMACHA Course can purchase cards from the card coordinator.

CONTACT

Dr Sandra Baxendell
goatvetoz@gmail.com

Cards cost \$30 plus postage.

VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH CHAPTER

After a hiatus of 24 years the Chapter reintroduced a veterinary public health track at Science Week 2018. Attendance was excellent and joint sessions were held with Epidemiology and Veterinary Pharmacology.

Distinguished Prof Nigel French and Emeritus Prof Colin Wilks were awarded Honorary Fellowships at Science Week and the Chapter looks forward to their contributions to the future of the Chapter.

In October the Chapter had its revised Membership Subject Guide approved by College's Board of Examiners and a number of candidates have applied for examination in 2019. The Chapter's standards and examination committee lead by Prof Mary Barton are to be congratulated on this sterling effort.

Dr Leo Foyle has graciously agreed to lead on developing VPH resources on the Chapter's website. He will be assisted in this by Chapter secretary Dr Allen Petrey and the membership.



Plans are in hand for three days of presentations at Science Week 2019 under the guidance of Drs Kevin Doyle and Sam Hamilton. Joint sessions with sister Chapters are again planned.

One topic of discussion will be the development of the Fellowship training program in VPH.

Veterinary Public Health (VPH) is that discipline of veterinary science dedicated to improving the physical, mental and social wellbeing of humans.

➔ GENERAL COLLEGE NEWS

➔ Dr Elizabeth Jenkins and Dr Matteo Bordicchia, Residents in Small Animal Medicine - UVTHS.

SMALL ANIMAL RESIDENTS FORUM 2018

On the weekend of October 20-21, the small animal medicine residents of the University Veterinary Teaching Hospital Sydney (UVTHS) hosted a small animal medicine residents forum. The weekend was a great success with 23 people attending.

Talks were given by the residents, registrars and several specialists, covering a wide range of topics including various liver diseases, infectious diseases, autoimmune disease, feline diabetes, erythrocyte morphology, pulmonary hypertension, probiotics, brain tumours, myopathies and exam preparation.

A special thank you goes to Hills Pet Nutrition and the Small Animal Medicine Chapter of the ANZCVS for sponsoring the event. With this sponsorship, the event was not only free, but catering and all travel costs for interstate residents were paid for.

A particular thank you also goes to the attending specialists that volunteered their time to give talks, impart wisdom and share advice for exam preparation – Dr Joanna Whitney, Dr David Collins, Dr Anna Dengate, Dr Peter Bennett, Dr Amanda Taylor, Dr Lara Boland and Dr Georgina Child.

It was great for all the residents and registrars to meet each other and form a support network. Next year, plans are in place to hold another small animal medicine residents forum in Brisbane.



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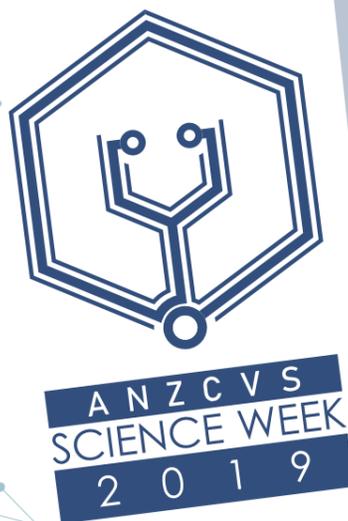
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Please register your interest and send your CV to:

Dr Jacqui von Hoff
Veterinary Director

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Science Week
4 - 6 July 2019

The Star, Gold Coast



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members of the College a joyous, relaxing and safe Christmas and a successful year ahead for 2019.

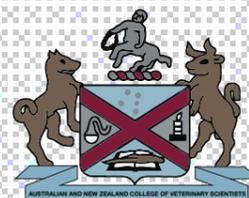
As the work involved in administering the College, organising Science Week and the examinations has continued to increase, the College Office staff has expanded again. This year we welcomed Mrs Thy Boskovic to a newly created role: Membership, Marketing and Events Officer.

As Science Week has continued to flourish we have had to finally say farewell to our venue of 18 years, taking Science Week 2019 to the Star Convention Centre in Broadbeach. With a new registration platform, a new, expanded venue and dedicated Science Week coordinators for both the programme and the exhibition, Science Week 2019 will be an event not to be missed.

This year (2018) saw the largest candidature to date enrolling in Membership examinations, along with 27 Candidates sitting Fellowship. The examinations team, the Board of Examiners and over 100 examiners put in many hours to ensure a robust and defensible examination process. This is not possible without the support and hard work of a large band of people who volunteer their time and expertise to these endeavours.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all members of the College staff – Ms Sharon Tinsley, Assistant College Manager, Ms Robyn Pettigrew, Examinations Officer, Mrs Lynda Kennedy Assistant Examinations Officer, Dr Rachel Tan, Project Officer and Mrs Thy Boskovic, Membership, Marketing and Events Co-ordinator, for their hard work and support over the past year. Their efforts are gratefully acknowledged and it is a pleasure to work with them.

Best Wishes
Dr Mary Anne Hiscutt
College Manager



IMPORTANT DATES IN 2019

21 Dec-7 Jan

College office closed for Christmas

8, 9, 10 Feb

Examiners Workshop combined with Board of Examiners and Council meetings

28 Feb

Applications close for College Awards

17 May

Council nominations closed

4 & 5 June

Written Examinations

28 June

Voting for Council closes

29 & 30 June

Fellowship Practical/Oral Examinations

29, 30 June & 1 July

Membership Examinations

4, 5 & 6 July

Scientific Meeting

5 July

AGM

6 July

Awards Dinner



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