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Welcome to the combined Dec 2017/January 2018 edition of the SVS Newsletter. Welcome back for another year, and remember to send through any interesting news items for inclusion in future newsletters.

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## Recent events and news

### Winners of inaugural SVS Awards

The School recently held its inaugural SVS Awards.

**Award for Outstanding Contribution to Research:** Associate Professor Chiara Palmieri

**High Impact Clinical Research Award:** the Equine Internal Medicine team of Dr Allison Stewart, Dr Carlos Medina-Torres and Dr François-René Bertin

**Scientific Paper of the Year Award:** Dr Joerg Henning

**SVS Higher Degree Research Supervision Excellence Award:** Professor Joanne Meers

**SVS Trevor Heath Teaching Excellence Award:** Dr Justine Gibson

**SVS Helen Keates Developing Teacher Award:** Dr Aaron Herndon



The SVS Engagement and Service Excellence Awards were also presented to some outstanding recipients.

The SVS Ekka Team was awarded the Award for Outstanding Contribution to Engagement. This was a group effort with veterinarians and support staff in the UQVETS Dayboro practice and UQVETS

Gatton Production Animal Service.

**Chris Cowell** was awarded the **Award for Outstanding Contribution to Service**. A well-deserved award!

There was also a new category of prizes called the Razzie Awards, where a few select staff were recognised for their contribution to SVS life during the year. These winners included Bob Doneley for the 'Media Tart' award and Greg Simmons for the 'Scrounger' award, and Nigel Perkins along with Mal Jones for the 'Multi-tasking' award, for continuing their meeting while assisting with deliveries at the loading bay.



L-R: Chiara Palmieri & Jenny Seddon; Justine Gibson & Trevor Heath; Jenny Seddon with Brandon Fraser & Abbey Cox.

## SVS Christmas Party 2017

The Christmas Party immediately followed the Awards Ceremony. Everyone who was able to attend the Christmas Party certainly appeared to have a good time, with a lovely meal and good wishes for everyone.



## Graduation Day



The graduation ceremonies for the SVS degrees was held on 7th December. Good to see the staff taking part in the ceremony!



## Congratulations

Jo Gordon, who works in the VLS lab, recently graduated with a Bachelor of Applied Science - with extended major in Veterinary Technology. It is a major achievement for Jo, spread out over many years while working and bringing up 2 children along the way!

VLS would like to congratulate Jo on her achievement and we look forward to having her on staff full-time in 2018.

*Jo pictured with colleagues Lana Bradshaw and Rochelle Price.*



## Recent promotions

Dr Jenny Seddon, Deputy Head of School, recently received her promotion to Professor (effective January 2018).

This is recognition of Jenny's outstanding performance and leadership across all aspects of the academic spectrum over a sustained period.

The school and university is fortunate to have Jenny as one of our senior academic staff.

Drs Joerg Henning and Ricardo Soares Magalhaes were both successful in achieving promotion to Associate Professor (effective Jan 2018).

This is great news and reflects the outstanding achievements



from both Joerg and Ricardo in their academic roles. It is great to see university recognition of performance. Congratulations to you all!

## Farewell

Lyn Enniss, from the SVS Finance team, left SVS in December. Lyn spent many years with the School as Finance Officer and Senior Finance Officer and was a familiar face for everyone in the School. She distinguished herself with a great level of commitment and outstanding customer service.

With the Finance team restructure, Lyn has taken the opportunity to pursue a lifetime dream, travelling around Australia with her husband. As much as we are sad to see her leaving, we are also very excited for her. We want to thank Lyn for her contribution for supporting School staff and students and we wish her all the best in her next adventure.



## While in Brazil...

Professor Mal Jones has been making some important contacts while on his trip to Brazil. He spent an evening with the Ambassador of Australia to Brazil, Mr John Richardson, his staff, Australian Alumni and some SVS veterinary students.

The event was held at the Hooroo Australia Pub in Porto Alegre. Mal, along with Dr Marcia Coradini, also had lunch with the Ambassador, who expressed strong links between UQ and Brazil.

They also spent time at the Vet college at Centro Universitário Ritter dos Reis, better known as UniRitter, Port Alegre, where Mal gave a seminar on the opportunities for study at the University of Queensland, focusing on veterinary studies but also touching on animal studies. Right: Mal Jones, the Ambassador, Marcia Coradini.



Below: the Australian group with veterinary colleagues and the Ambassador



The students who have travelled to Brazil with Mal and Marcia are experiencing valuable international experience. We will be able to bring more stories and photos of their trip in following newsletters.



## News from Dayboro

The Dayboro surgery was visited in December by cute goat Isles, who is a repeat guest at the hospital. She was in a couple of months ago because she decided to investigate the family tackle box.



Her most recent visit was due to dietary indiscretion. She is super cute and VERY attached to her humans who love her very much and visit every day bringing any juicy morsels which may whet her appetite.

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UQ Vets Dayboro also welcomes lovely new grad, Suzie Lindley, to the fold. Straight out of exams and into the work force :-)

## Staff travels

On the 28th of November, Lead Nurse Gary Fitzgerald and Exotics Nurse Rebecca de Gier from the UQ SVS Small Animal Hospital travelled to Auckland, New Zealand, to present at the annual Association of Avian Veterinarians Australasian Committee Conference. The topics presented were Avian Anaesthesia and Analgesia, Avian clinical techniques, Avian emergency care and Avian Paediatrics. There was a total of 17 technicians and nurses from Australia and New Zealand that attended the day which has received great reviews and comments.

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A/Prof Rachel Allavena travelled to Vancouver Canada recently to attend the annual meeting of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. Rachel presented a poster featuring the work of recent graduates from the BVSc program: Megan du Toit, Taylor Argent and Emily Sheehan.

Megan led the project after receiving the Summer Student Research Scholarship after completing 3<sup>rd</sup> year, whilst Taylor and Emily participated as research volunteers during that time.

The work on minimising freezing artefacts in histological sections was very well received and generated a lot of interest from many diagnostic pathologists who have to deal with deliberately or accidentally frozen tissues. Some amusing anecdotes about biopsy samples freezing on Greyhound buses in Canada were shared.

Megan has prepared a manuscript, which the group are hoping to publish shortly, as a 'how to guide' to reduce the damaging effect of freezing on tissue sections. The poster had an amazing view over to

Vancouver Island which may have promoted more interest, but most likely it was the fascinating research topic.



## Eddie the pug

Eddie was a 15 month old male pug that presented to the UQVets emergency service one evening in June for progressive difficulty breathing. His owners had noticed him being unwell (changed breathing patterns, not eating, less active and shaking on his hindlegs) for a couple of days but that his signs were slowly getting worse. He had been refusing to lay down and had started coughing and retching. Eddie had been taken to his regular vet who had taken radiographs of his chest and referred him for suspected pleural effusion (fluid around his lungs). Based on his breed, sex and age, his clinical signs and the radiographs from the referring vet, a cranial lung lobe torsion was suspected. Eddie was admitted to the UQVets intensive care unit for supportive care overnight. A contrast CT scan was performed the following morning that allowed other diseases to be ruled out and confirmed that Eddie did have a torsion (twist) of one part of a lung lobe on the left side of his chest.



Eddie was anaesthetised and taken to surgery that morning. Eddie made an uneventful recovery post surgery and was managed in intensive care at UQVets for another 2 days before being discharged home to his owners.

Eddie is now more than 4 months post surgery. His owners report he is doing 'great' and is a normal active happy pug who likes to 'dress up' on special occasions.

Click on the link below for a more detailed account of Eddie's surgery.

[Find out more >>](#)

## Lexie, student whisperer

The BVSc(Hons) students recently had a visit from a friendly face to soothe and settle them during their recent end-of-semester oral exams.

Lexie, with her big brown eyes and soft coat, was a big hit with everyone! John Mallyon acted as chauffeur.



## Zora's happy

Hi Everyone at CSC,



Thank you sooooo much for sending me to my new home with Candy and Sam in Toowoomba. I have been here just over 3 months now and I am feeling more and more at home.

I was very scared at first - I jumped at the noises from next door - the little boys shouting, loud bangs and noises I hadn't heard before. They made me pee with fright. I spent a lot of time in the laundry as that is where I felt most safe. I still sleep in there as I don't like being outside in the dark even though I have a big kennel. I have my special bed and I stay on it in the evening and watch and listen to the family of an evening.



When I first arrived at my new home I was too scared to go outside the yard for the first week. Candy then took me outside and around the house for about 3 days. We then progressed to walking around the cul-de-sac for a few days, and then ventured just down the end of the street until I felt brave enough to go to the park.

I now get to go for a walk twice a day at 2 different leash-free parks. The morning park has lots of hares in it but for some reason Candy won't let me off the leash if they are around - it is very frustrating! The evening park has lots of other dogs and people and I now get to go off leash and play with the other big dogs and jump in the creek.

Candy and Sam say that my double-ended leash attached to my harness has been great - when I get a fright and take a big leap I do tend to pull hard quickly. They say it is much easier to hang on to me and keep me safe with this leash (I still have days when things are scary but less so all the time).

Sam took me to Brisbane last week to her house but I did not like it - too much noise and too many unfamiliar sounds. She bought me home sooner than planned, which I was very happy about (even if she was not!).

I love Candy and Sam even though they make me mind my manners. I have put on weight and I "talk" to them if they are late taking me for my morning walk.

Thank you for taking good care of me when I was with you.

Love, Zora



## Faculty of Science Awards 2018

The Faculty of Science is pleased to launch four awards to recognise staff and students who have

demonstrated excellence and future potential in science learning, communication, research, teaching, service, mentoring, leadership or teamwork.

The awards include:

Future Superstar Award: 3rd year students, Honours, PhD students

Rising Star Award: Academic Level A/B and HEW 4-6

Leadership & Mentoring Award: Academic Level C or above and HEW 7 or above

Teamwork Award: Student, academic staff or professional staff

Nominations close **Friday 19 January 2018**.

[Find out more >>](#)

## Kennel Club UK

The Kennel Club in the UK is an internationally-recognized organization and works towards the health and welfare of dogs. They run Crufts dog show and sponsor a range of events. The Kennel Club present a number of prestigious awards that are available to international applicants.

The **International Prize in Canine Health** (£40,000) is for outstanding contribution in the field of canine health and welfare and the **Lifetime Achievement Award** (£10,000) is for a veterinarian or scientist working in a related discipline who has dedicated much of their career to advancing the health of dogs.

[Find out more >>](#)

## VeSPA Executive Committee 2018

Congratulations are extended to the new committee members -

President: **Patricia Eats**

Joint vice-presidents: **Arvind Sharma** and **Sergio Erdal Irac**

Treasurer: **Sara Pagliarani**

Secretary: **Halley Gora Ravuri**

Assistant Secretary: **Christabel Hannon**

## Staff training

All staff are reminded to update their on-line OH&S training modules.

There are 2 mandatory modules accessed [here](#).

**1. General Workplace Safety Training** - refresher training is required every 5 years and

**2. Annual Fire Safety Training**

If you work in PC2 certified labs (regardless of GMO or not), **Biosafety training**, to be done every 2 years is also mandatory. Access to this module is through the same link as above.

To check your training status, go to <https://staff.my.uq.edu.au/> then “Learn. UQ” in the **purple column**, then under “My OHS Results” in the left hand column.

If you need any clarification regarding your OH&S training need or records, please contact [Myat Kyaw-Tanner](#).

## Upcoming Events

### SVS Accreditation Visit



The AVMA Council on Education will have an **accreditation site visit** to SVS on **9 - 14 September, 2018.**

## Courses, workshops, conferences and seminars

**SVS Teaching Forum Monday 29 January 2018** UQ Gatton Campus The Forum will be held in 8106-211 with a full program. The highlights include:

- Up to 15 SVS teaching staff talking about their approach and ideas they are implementing in a range of clinical and preclinical areas
- One of our key note speakers will be A/Prof Martin Cake from Murdoch University talking about 'veterinary employability'
- Workshops on writing better exam questions and getting started with teaching research

## In case of an emergency

In case of confirmed emergencies such as gas explosions, life threats, confirmed fire, please contact **000** - remember to call out of UQ first by dialling another 0 first, i.e. **0-000**.

For medical emergencies, UQ still mandates UQ Security be contacted first, all hours, on ext **53333** or **3365 3333**.

In both cases, remember to let them know you are calling from UQ GATTON campus and in the latter case, your building number.

**8114 (Veterinary Science Building)**

**8106 (Veterinary Teaching Building including Anatomy, Post-mortem, MPL and Histo labs)**

**8156 (Veterinary Medical Centre)**

**8179 (Clinical Studies Centre)**

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