



## School of Veterinary Science Newsletter

05/2018

Welcome to the May 2018 edition of the SVS Newsletter. Remember to send through any interesting news items for inclusion in future newsletters.

## Recent events and news

### AVA National Conference

The AVA National Conference was held at the Brisbane Convention Centre 14-17 May. Over 1200 veterinarians and trade representatives attended the conference, making it one of the largest in the southern hemisphere. The trade display, the largest in Australia, was well attended by members of the veterinary profession.

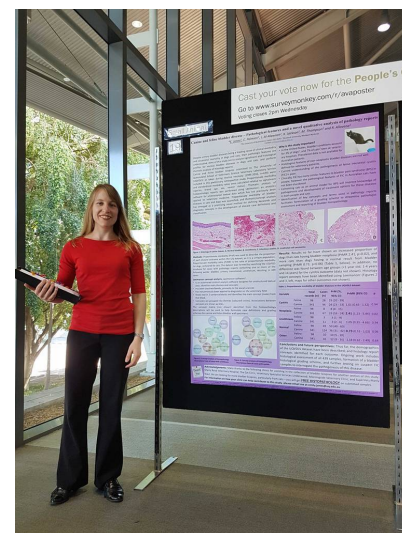
The Head of School, Professor Nigel Perkins, welcomed alumni to a cocktail reception held on Monday 14 May and also presented at a pre-conference education forum where he passionately presented the concept of the AVA and the SVS cooperating to provide CE to veterinary graduates. This presentation was well received by the AVA Board and Divisional, branch and special interest groups presidents.

### SVS well represented

Paula Parker, a past SVS student, was elected President of the AVA for a second year and SVS's **Bob Doneley**, currently serving on the Board, was elected **Vice President of the AVA** for the coming year, as well as Chair of the 'Nominations and Remunerations' Sub-committee.

Presentations were given by Carlos Medina-Torres, Karen Jackson, Bob Doneley, Francois-Rene Bertin, Dan Schull, Caitlin Wood, Andres Ardila, Justine Gibson, past students (Hamish Baron, Amber Gillet), Andrew Tribe, Craig Jones (master farrier) and several others.

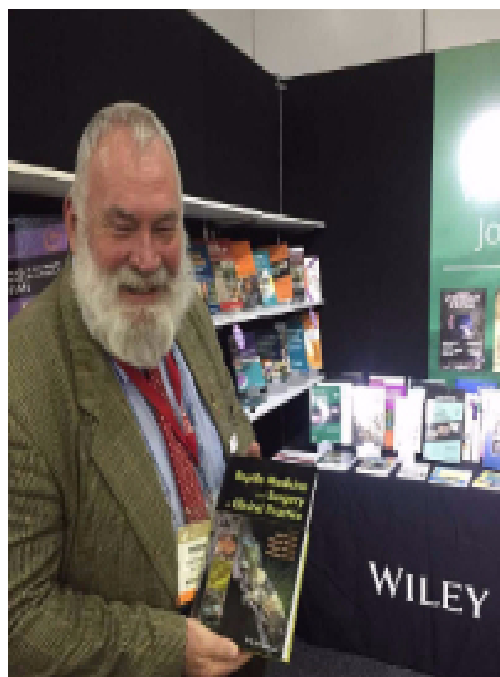
Emily Jones and Michelle Story, both PhD candidates, entered posters with congratulations going to Emily for winning the People's Choice award (pictured above).



One of the 2017 SVS graduates, Tiffany Jooste, presented her research paper and the keynote speaker in the dental

stream was Dr Williana Basuki, a 2010 UQ graduate currently working in Tuft's Veterinary School.

Pictured below: L-R-Bob Doneley, Tiffany Jooste

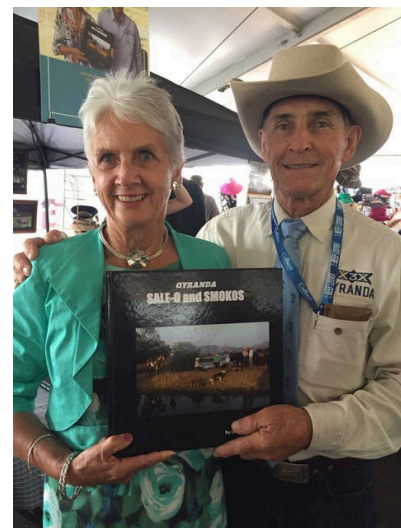


## SVS sponsors Gyranda book

The School of Veterinary Science is proud to have co-sponsored a new book, launched recently at Beef Australia. The book, ***Sale-O and Smokos***, is a full-colour photography book with hundreds of photographs, articles, anecdotes and interesting stories. The book has been published to celebrate Gyranda's 50th Year of On-property Santa Gertrudis Bull Sales, and captures the essence of the Queensland cattle industry and the outback.

The School of Veterinary Science has been providing a veterinary service to, and conducting research at, Gyranda Station, near Theodore in central Queensland, for nearly 40 years. Each year, veterinarians often accompanied by students and residents from the School visit Gyranda to conduct bull breeding soundness examinations on their rising 2 year-old Santa Gertrudis bull and their herd sires. Gyranda Station has also been the site where the School in collaboration with the State Government have conducted research into the application of DNA technologies to improve the selection and management of beef cattle, identification of key traits defining bull fertility, and various aspect of beef cattle genetics including the heritability of umbilical hernias and new heritable fertility traits for female cattle.

Louise Joyce is a passionate photographer and has created a series of books describing the daily and annual life of people and cattle on Gyranda. In her latest book she focusses on the annual bull sales held at Gyranda.



Pictured above: Louise Joyce and husband Burnett at the book launch.

## New blood storage

The Emergency and Critical Care Team at the Small Animal Hospital has received a long-awaited plasma freezer and blood 'fridge, as part of funding donated by our very generous benefactor Hilary Huey. The storage enables the hospital to appropriately store blood products which are in great demand for the emergency service.



A warm water bath for the plasma is also expected to arrive soon. The Hospital, and the School, are very grateful for Hilary's continued generosity.

## eLIPSE Showcase invite

The Centre for eLearning Innovations and Partnerships in Science and Engineering (eLIPSE) is holding an eLIPSE showcase for those interested in eLearning and other innovative approaches to teaching. It will be held on **Tuesday 5 June** from 2pm at St Lucia, but hopefully will also be broadcast to Gatton. Go [here](#) to check what it's all about.

## Outstanding Women in Technology

Nominations and applications for the 2018 WiT Awards are now open to any women who can demonstrate a significant contribution to Queensland technology industries and life sciences industries. Categories include Young Achiever, Rising Star, Professional and Outstanding in the areas of ICT and Life Sciences and many other categories. Applications close **30 June, 2018**. Further information on the link below.

[Find out more >>](#)

## Dayboro Fire Training

On Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> May, Dayboro VTH had an on-site fire safety and extinguisher training day with the UQ Fire Safety officers. The staff at UQ VETS Dayboro attended the training.

Pictured- Dr Malcolm Heath taking part in training.



## News from the Hub

We have had a busy month at the Hub. Thanks to collaborations with other vet schools at the recent VetEd Downunder conference and equipment/model donations from staff, students and alumni we have also reached an exciting milestone this month in that we have more skills based learning activities than bench space! Prepared activities are now being rotated to match the skills assessment calendar of both the BVSc and BVetTech. We have had a complete, labelled dog skeleton donated to the Hub, by Dr Alan C. Watts OAM and his wife Dr Colleen Watts OAM, whose daughter attended vet school years ago. The skeleton has already been put to good use by



students and is very much appreciated.



[Click on link to read the full article.](#)

[Find out more >>](#)

## Teacher Showcase

**Teacher's name** - Debra Laws

**Discipline area/role in SVS:**

Senior Veterinary Technician, Clinical Studies Centre

**Qualifications:** Diploma Animal Technology, Cert of Advanced Vet Nursing, Cert IV Teaching & Assessing, Cert III in Laboratory Animal Care.

Deb's primary teaching role is as an anaesthesia tutor, for courses throughout the BVSc and BVetTech programs, where she guides students through their introduction to the equipment, its application on models and the capstone live animal pracs, while explaining the intricacies and critical nature of this specialty. However it is her wealth of knowledge and her generosity in sharing her knowledge with students, and other staff, for which she is most renowned at the CSC.



What makes her such a great teacher is years of experience and the patience of a Saint. She has an open door policy with regard to helping others learn and is the go to person for all new and studying technicians at the CSC. She is never too busy to stop and provide advice or explanation, regardless of her own time commitments.

### Vital Statistics

**Years of Tertiary Teaching:** 25 years at UQ

**Discipline Areas:** Anaesthesia, radiology and various others

**Teaching Courses:** ANIM2020, VETS1025, VETS2001, VETS4033, VETS3044, VETS3070, VETS4010, VETS5028, VETS5030.

**Residential Schools:** ANIM2020, VETS2001

**Student Quote:** "Deb is super understanding and accommodates the skill levels of all students. Her empathy for the student's perspective make her an exceptionally caring and patient teacher. Her kindness and support help us learn, particularly during the stress of live animal pracs" BVSc IV student

*Deb taught me back in the late 1990's and was one of the most approachable and patient nurses in the UQ clinic. Her warmth and steady guidance helped to build my confidence with my general technical skills - thanks so much for everything Deb!* (Academic colleague)

Brought to you by the SVS Vet Ed Network

## Staff travels

**Chiara Palmieri** recently attended a 3 day international symposium on “Animal models for translational research: prostate cancer” in Botucatu (Brazil) giving a talk on *Dogs as animal models of human prostate cancer*.

The symposium was organised in conjunction with the meeting of the canine prostate cancer subgroup, an international consortium established in 2016 within the Oncology Pathology Working Group (OPWG), a joint venture of the Veterinary Cancer Society and the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. This group brings together veterinary pathologists and oncologists from Australia (Chiara), Brazil (Renee Laufer-Amorim, Carlos Eduardo Fonseca-Alves), Canada (Robert Foster, Geoffrey Wood), US (William Culp) and Italy (Valeria Grieco) in a joint effort to develop a database of canine prostatic samples available to the wider community, establish a consensus on the pathological investigation of canine prostates and develop protocols and SOPs as an educational tool to assist pathologists in reporting of relevant information for prostate cancer.



## Staff/HDR Achievements

**Two Queensland nurses appointed to the Board of Directors of the Veterinary Nurses Council of Australia (VNCA)**

At the 2018 VNCA Conference in Adelaide, Trish Farry (UQ) and Anita Parkin (Veterinary Specialist Services) were both appointed to the Veterinary Nurses Council of Australia (VNCA) Board of Directors. With over 1200 members the VNCA is a not-for-profit professional association which promotes the interests of Veterinary Nursing across Australia.

(Pictured right: Anita and Trish at the VNCA Gala Dinner (rocking the 80's theme)



**Congratulations** to Emily Jones and Willy Suen, who both recently completed the American College of Veterinary Pathology (ACVP) Phase 1 General Pathology exam. This exam is the first of two stepping stones toward ACVP specialisation.

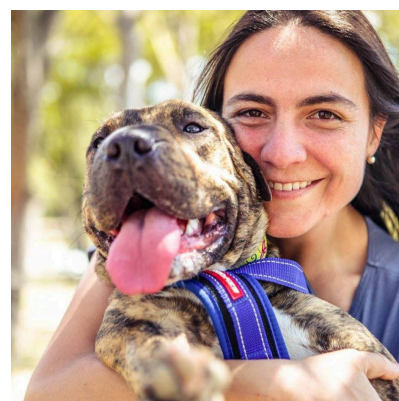
## RHD Profile

My name is **Veronica Amaya** and I am a veterinarian from Colombia. I came to Australia in 2011 just for a couple of months, but I really enjoyed my time and here I am 6 years later.

I had a lot of different jobs during my first years in the country, but in 2015 I felt the need to go back to work with animals, especially dogs, which are my biggest passion. That year I started working as an animal attendant at Wacol RSPCA.

After a year working there, I decided I wanted to go back to study but I was not sure exactly what I wanted to do. I had always been interested in animal welfare and behaviour and wanted to do some more studies in Spain. I had met Dr John Mallyon at the RSPCA and he suggested research as another option. He guided me through the process of finding a supervisor and joining the graduate school.

I started as an MPhil student and recently upgraded to a PhD. I am researching the effects of different sensory stimuli on the behaviour of shelter dogs. For my first study, I went back to the RSPCA and tested different stimuli, such as lavender, music and pheromones. I am looking forward to sharing my results and continuing with my candidature.



## Catch the Vet School on TV

The link to watch the recent Totally Wild episode featuring the Equine Unit is now live:

<http://tenplay.com.au/channel-eleven/totally-wild>

## Recent passing of Dr Kevin Williams

It is with sadness that we advise of the suicide death of Dr Kevin Williams, Veterinarian at Koala Park Veterinary Surgery, on Tuesday 17 April.

Kevin was a 1979 UQ Graduate and his son Jed is a recent UQ graduate.

## EMS Placement Providers Forum

On **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July** the UQ School of Veterinary Science is hosting a **Placement Providers Afternoon Forum** to provide Placement Provider training and free CPD for veterinary practitioners.

This is in response to requests from placement providers for guidance on their role on mentoring, training and assessing students and providing feedback on student performance.

The School will provide the placement providers with the opportunity to meet and network with Vet School staff and students, undertake some CPD and access training for the valued role they undertake in our EMS program.

**Mark the date in your calendar for this important event.**

## Science with Impact

The Science Faculty research funding scheme “**Science with Impact**” **2018** is open. The guidelines and application form have changed slightly since the 2017 round. The internal SVS deadline will be **5 pm on Wednesday 4 July**, i.e. one week before the Faculty deadline on 11 July, to allow time for HOS perusal and signing.

Note: the two information sessions (St Lucia & Gatton) will be held at the end of May.

[Find out more >>](#)

## TeachingPlus @UQ

TeachingPlus@UQ is a new program under development by ITali, to build on the original program *Teaching@UQ*. That program prepared academics to design their educational approach to support student learning in context, and is highly recommended for all academics either new to teaching or new to UQ.

The new TeachingPlus@UQ program will engage academics in the promotion of collaborative environments to advance educational excellence.

Click below for more information.

[Find out more >>](#)

## Website updates

The School is currently updating the website. If you are, or become, aware of any SVS website pages that are in need of corrections, additions or amendments, send the details to [Karen](#). Include the URL of the relevant page, the items that need changes and provide new content, if required.

## Upcoming Events

**Smoke-free campus 1 July 2018** All UQ campuses will be smoke-free. **This includes** All grounds, ovals, parks, car-parks and undercover areas. There will be no designated smoking areas.

**Practitioner's Forum Friday July 20, 3 - 9pm** All teaching staff invited to attend

**Class of 2020's Halfway Dinner Saturday 4 August 2018** Cloudland Brisbane

### SVS Accreditation Visit

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



**BVetTech Third Year end-of-year dinner** 20 November Victoria Golf Park, Brisbane

**BVSc Class of 2018 Graduation Dinner** Saturday 8 December Hillstone Golf Course, St Lucia

## Courses, workshops, conferences & seminars

**Emergency Animal Disease and One Health Seminar** 6 June, Tamworth. This seminar is being held by the New England branch of the AVA for veterinarians in clinical practice, including small, equine and production animals. Further information [here](#).

**Low Stress Stock Handling (LSS) Training** will be held at the Gatton Campus over 1.5 days starting on **Wednesday 11 July**. Further information [here](#).

**Uniquet Research Commercialisation Workshop** 24 - 25 July, St Lucia. The free, two-day UniQuest Research Commercialisation Workshop focuses on intellectual property management and industry engagement and is specifically tailored for UQ management and researchers. Customs House, Brisbane. Further information and registration link [here](#).

**Effective time management for researchers** This session will be run by the Grad School at St Lucia on 7th August. Information [here](#).

## 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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