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Welcome to this month's edition of the SVS Newsletter. Remember to send through any interesting news items for inclusion in future newsletters.

## Recent events and news

### Dayboro conversations

On Sunday 27 May, at Dayboro Day, Dr Meghan Scrivens from UQ VETS Dayboro, gave a talk to the community on the subject of Zoonoses.

Dayboro Day is a community festival held every May and one of the “events” is Dayboro Conversations, where they invite different members of the community or organisations to give a brief talk (about 20-30 min) on a topic of interest to the community. As usual Dr Scrivens rose to the occasion and gave an informative & entertaining presentation. Unfortunately, there were complications with the AV gear and we were unable to get her power point onto the supplied screen (next year we will provide/source our own equipment) but she soldiered on with the laptop. There was lovely weather which contributed to a good turnout for the event.



## Farewell

SVS recently farewelled Annette Winter (SVS PG/Scholarships Officer) at a School Morning Tea. Annette was a valued asset to the School, with many years of experience and knowledge of the tertiary sector. Even though she will be sorely missed, we wish her well in her future endeavours. She is pictured at right with Prof Joanne Meers (Director of Research) and A/Prof Chiara Palmieri (PG Coordinator).



## VeSPA Farewell

The Postgraduate students also celebrated with **Annette** as she moves onto new adventures, in a pot-luck morning tea hosted by VeSPA (Veterinary Science Postgraduate Association). Annette has provided tremendous service to the postgraduate students (PhD, MPhil and more recently DvClin) throughout the years and made important contributions to the success of the students' candidatures. She was always supportive and helpful in providing students with the right information.

Past and present HDR students want to send their best wishes for her future and grateful thanks for her past service. Students also welcomed **Deborah McDonald** who has been appointed as the new HDR Liaison Officer for the School.



**The UQ 2018 Conference for Veterinary Nurses and Technicians** was held on the 23/24 June at St Lucia.

Two international speakers were featured and did an extraordinary job of entertaining and educating close to 150 delegates.

As well as UQVETS staff and local practices, there were delegates from as far as Cairns, Townsville and Sydney attending this year's event.

Special thanks to the many behind the scenes people who helped UQVETS deliver one of the largest and best nursing conferences to date. Both the speaker and attendee feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Time for a rest until next year's event!





## Teacher Showcase

**Dr Rebekah Scotney**

**Qualifications:** PhD, Grad Cert Veterinary Studies, Diploma Animal Technology, CVN, CertIV TAA

### Vital Statistics

**Years of Tertiary Teaching:** 24 years

### **Discipline Areas:**

Animal Welfare, Behaviour & Husbandry  
End of Life Discussions & Palliative Care  
Occupational Stress & Compassion Fatigue

### **Course Coordination:**

Academic Program Coordinator (Bachelor of Veterinary Technology)  
VETS3044 Preparation for Professional Practice



### **Teaching Courses:**

ANIM1014, ANIM1018, VETS1005, VETS1025, VETS2001, ANIM2020, ANIM3023, ANIM3063, VETS3043, VETS3044, VETS4010, VETS4012

### **Residential Schools:**

VETS1005, VETS2001

### **Current RHD students:**

Mrs Patricia Eats (PhD)  
Mrs Sonya Curran (PhD)  
Miss Holly Monaghan (Hon - LaTrobe)

Rebekah is best known as the Coordinator of the Bachelor of Veterinary Technology programme, although she has been teaching into the veterinary and veterinary technology programmes here in the School for almost 25 years. Bek has a passion for animal welfare, behaviour and husbandry. She also teaches into the areas of her research, including end-of-life discussions, palliative care, occupational stress and compassion fatigue. Bek has also delivered UQ wide workshops on these topics as part of the Staff Development programme. Here is what some of the students have to say about Bek:

*"Bek allows discussion between the class this helps to gain a better understanding of the learning objectives. For example allowing us to have a conversation about euthanasia and grief showed how many different views there are on the topics as well as the different ways to approach them".*

*"Bek understood the pressure and expectations associated with study and this degree and made it easier to focus and ask questions that we needed to. She was approachable, funny and used real life situations and easy to understand analogies to make the content relevant and useful".*

*"Rebekah is a great lecturer. Funny, interesting, definitely approachable. Makes you feel at ease, boosts your confidence and asks questions in lectures. SO IMPORTANT. Those lectures that you ACTUALLY PARTICIPATE IN are miles above the rest. You walk out knowing you actually took something away".*

*"I thought Rebekah was an excellent lecturer/coordinator. She explained things in a clear way and is clearly super passionate about her topics - something that makes her lectures really interesting!"*

**Clinical contribution:**

20%

**External Teaching:**

Staff Development Courses (ITALI) Compassion Fatigue in Animal-Related Occupations

*Brought to you by the SVS Vet Ed Network*

## 2018 UQ Awards for Excellence

The Awards ceremony was held on 2 July to celebrate the achievements and successes of our colleagues. These awards celebrate leadership behaviour and staff achievement across all levels of the organisation, regardless of position. Congratulations go to **Mariki Visser**, Business Manager of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, who received a commendation in the Innovation category.

## Equine staff attend U.S. conference

The SVS equine medicine service was represented at the 4-day American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine conference in Seattle in June.

**Francois-Rene Bertin** and **Allison Stewart** each presented lectures and research abstracts. **Remona Horn**, who has just completed her equine internship and is commencing her equine medicine residency/DVCLinSci program, also presented a research abstract. All research abstracts were in the field of equine endocrinology.

The group also has abstracts accepted for the Bain Fallon Equine Veterinarians of Australia conference and the Science Week conference in July.

## Happenings at the Hub

The One Health SIG has run an antimicrobial resistance workshop at the Hub, where theory and associated basic clinical skills were worked through for four case studies. It was a great evening thanks to the hard work of the SIG executive team and Justine

Gibson, who provided the case studies and stayed back to facilitate the event.



Peer supervised evening sessions were run almost nightly in the lead-up to exams, so thank-you to all the peer supervisors who donated their time. This really made a big difference to students studying for exams.

The 3D modelling and printing workshops were well attended by students and staff alike. These were run by Nick Wiggins from the Centre for Digital Scholarship and hosted by the Gattton Library. Thank-you to all involved. If you missed the workshops and would like to see the video recordings please [contact Fran Schapter](#) at the Hub.

Lastly and no doubt most importantly, we have been able to welcome Dr Norbert Gaulton officially to the Hub team. Most people wouldn't be aware but Norbert very kindly volunteered many Tuesday afternoons here last year and helped create a variety of models to help develop students suturing skills. The guidance provided to students by Norbert is invaluable and we were all delighted when he agreed to come on board on a weekly basis.

## EMS Placement Providers Forum

On Friday 20 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.

[Register for this event.](#)

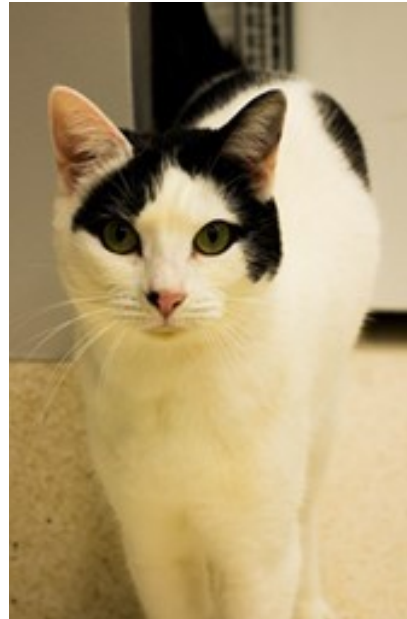
## Looking for a forever home

Is your home feeling a little empty and cold this winter? Do you find traditional hot water bottles messy and awkward?

Well we've got a beautiful domestic short hair cat who would absolutely love the opportunity to warm the end of your bed!

Quiet and gentle with occasional bursts of blissfully crazy-cat activity, Anchor requires an understanding home where things are fairly settled and calm. She would probably prefer to be an only cat as she really enjoys to be the sole focus of your attention, and she has a small medical problem. Anchor loves to curl up on your lap but her favourite thing ever is to rub herself on your boots or shoes! If you are interested in meeting Anchor, please call the [Clinical Studies Centre](#) on 5460 1868.

\$50 each  
Desexed  
Microchipped  
Vaccinated  
Worm and flea treated  
FIV & FeLV negative



## Student-Staff Partnership projects

The **Student-Staff Partnerships** initiative is seeking Expressions of Interest for project ideas. This initiative seeks to empower students and staff to work in collaboration to enhance the UQ student experience. It takes the position that students and staff can learn together in partnership to enhance educational value. Projects are grant based and stem from the UQ student strategy that aims to transform the student experience.

Students and staff agree to work in partnership on a project from start to finish that aims to enhance the UQ student experience. Projects can be long or short (1-13 weeks in length), diverse (within or outside that of the curricula) and can range from individual, small group projects to larger projects incorporating large cohorts, student unions, societies, governance committees and more.

[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** Sunday 1 July All UQ campuses are now smoke-free. This includes all grounds, ovals, parks, car-parks and undercover areas. There will be no designated smoking areas.

**Info session - HEA Fellowship Scheme** Thursday 12 July 12pm 8150-153 Deanne Gannaway from iTALI will deliver an introduction about the HEA Fellowships for anyone interested in becoming involved. [View further information on the scheme](#).

**Graduation Ceremony** Tuesday 17 July 6pm UQ Centre, St Lucia Campus. Anyone attending the ceremony must complete the [online registration form](#) by 5pm Tuesday 10 July.

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

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

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

**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

**Low Stress Stock Handling (LSS) Training:** The training will be held over 1.5 days starting on Wednesday 11 July, Gatton. [View further information](#).

**Uniquest 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](#).

**Effective time management for researchers:** This session will be run by the Grad School at St Lucia on 7 August. [View further information](#).

## 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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