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Welcome to the January 2019 edition of the SVS Newsletter. Happy New Year!

Recent Events and News

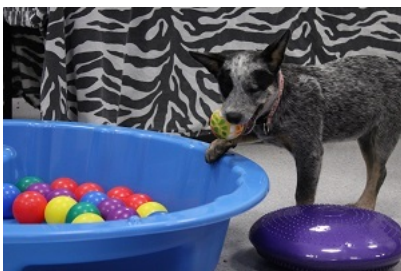
School of Veterinary Science at Reconciliation Camp

On 5 December 2018, UQ launched its first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP). The RAP outlines UQ's commitment to practical actions and deliverables that strengthen and build relationships, respect, and opportunities between Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous peoples.

As part of the celebrations, the School of Veterinary Science was invited to host a stand in the Reconciliation Camp. This was to showcase the School's partnership with the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council, Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities (AMRRIC) and the Darling Downs Public Health Unit in delivering an annual, local, voluntary and free dog and cat veterinary neuter service for the residents of Cherbourg.



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SVS Starts Puppy Pre-school

Puppy pre-school started at the Small Animal Hospital on Tuesday 15 January following an extensive co-operative effort by several staff across the Vet School. The classes have a strong focus on behavioural development and positive-reinforcement training, and help prepare owners for the ongoing challenges of puppyhood and adolescence.

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Head of School Visits Vietnam

In December, Nigel Perkins visited Nong Lam University to attend the 2nd International Conference on Sustainable Agriculture and Environment. The conference was co-hosted by NLU, Okayama University (Japan) and The University of Queensland. Nigel delivered a keynote presentation on Sustainable Agriculture and One Health.

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CAWE Research in China

The Centre for Animal Welfare and Ethics continues to grow its international livestock welfare collaborative project, with the third and largest stage about to commence with support from the Good Ventures Foundation, USA.

Phase 3 will work to establish an internationally collaborative, but locally owned, animal welfare centre in China, the single country responsible for 39% of farmed animals worldwide.

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Inner Mongolia Delegation Visit

On 11 and 12 December, the Centre for Animal Welfare and Ethics hosted a delegation from the Inner Mongolia Academy of Agricultural & Animal Husbandry Sciences. In a packed two-day program, attendees were given tours of the Gatton Campus' Animal Science Precinct and Dairy. They also received lectures from David McNeil on ruminant nutrition research and Nin King from DAF who focused on animal welfare and biosecurity. Professor Clive Phillips also lectured on both cattle welfare and sheep and goat welfare.

With the current expansion of the Animal Welfare Standards project into the Inner Mongolia region, this visit was an excellent opportunity to further develop the centre's relationships with the visiting delegates. CAWE would like to thank all those who lectured, provided guided tours and assisted with the preparations for this visit.

UQ VETS Totally Wild Footage 2018

The Clinical Skills Hub featured on Totally Wild in 2018. The footage, which can be viewed [here](#), includes equine health checks with Allison Stewart and students (Riley, Kate and Molly), and Bob Doneley treating an injured eagle.

Teacher Showcase

Dr John Mallyon – RSPCA rotation and Clinical EMS coordinator

Qualifications: BVSc, MACVS



John is our most recent winner of the Emeritus Professor Trevor Health School of Veterinary Science Teaching Excellence Award for 2018.

John is best known for his roles as the RSPCA Rotation Coordinator, Final Year Mentor and Clinical EMS coordinator. He was previously the Director of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital at St Lucia (2011-2013) and is currently also a member of the School's Assessment Subcommittee.

Vital Statistics

Years of Tertiary Teaching: 11 at the SVS

Discipline Areas: General Practice – Small animals

Course Coordination: VETS5029 -EMS Teaching

Courses: VETS5030, RSPCA rotation, VETS5029, Vets For Life

Clinical contribution: >90% clinical work and clinical teaching.

Student Quote: What a wonderful teacher. John balanced encouraging independent thought with guidance, and has done me an enormous service in developing my education. He was able to identify weaknesses in our knowledge and assist us to round our knowledge out without being judgemental. He was very supportive of our successes and helped us to identify our weaknesses. (2017)

[Learn more about Dr John Mallyon >](#)

Upcoming Events

UQ Vet Nurses CE Seminar Thursday 7th February. UQ VETS is proud to kick off the 2019 CE year with a discussion on common drugs used in the ICU, and an interactive session on all things medical maths. The evening entertainment will be presented by our skilled ICU nursing team, giving you the chance to be fully interactive learning how to calm those nervous shakes when working out the dose rates of commonly used medications. Arrive at 6:30pm to have a sausage sizzle for a 7pm start. More information [here](#).

UQ Vets Equine Practitioners Conference Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th February 2019. Practical hands-on laboratories and state-of the art lectures on topics relevant to the equine practitioner. Two days of CPD (equivalent to 25.75 points) with eleven x 30 minute short, snappy lectures and six x 90 minute labs. This course is suitable for anyone in equine or mixed practice, including those preparing for Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists (ANZCVS) Equine Practice, Surgery and Medicine membership examinations. For general enquiries please contact [Allison Stewart](#). For registration queries please contact [Claire Girvin](#). More information [here](#).

Courses, workshops, conferences & seminars

2019 AVA Conference

AVA's Veterinarians in Education Research and Academia (VERA) SIG is inviting veterinarians involved in education to submit abstracts for paper presentations during the 2019 AVA Conference in Perth. These will most likely be presented Tuesday 7 May, 2019. [Further information here](#).

13th International Veterinary Congress May 2-3, 2019 London, UK. The main theme of the conference is "Emphasizing Contemporary and Emerging Issues in Veterinary Research". Click [here](#) for further information.

Mental Health First Aid Courses at Gatton

As part of the Science Faculty's action plan on mental health and wellbeing, we are aiming to increase the overall number of Mental Health First Aiders in our School. To help facilitate this, additional Mental Health First Aid courses have been organised by the Faculty with places held specifically for staff from the Faculty of Science. If you're interested in doing this very valuable training, please register your interest by forwarding to d.robertson1@uq.edu.au.

The Faculty of Science extra sessions being held at Gatton are on the below dates:

Gatton Session 1:

This will run over 4 half days (afternoons: – 1pm – 4pm)

Day 1: Thursday, 24 January 2019

Day 2: Thursday, 31 January 2019

Day 3: Thursday, 7 February 2019

Day 4: Thursday, 14 February 2019

Gatton Session 2:

This will run over 2 full days

Day 1: Monday, 4 February 2019

Day 2: Monday, 11 February 2019

Further Details:

Mental health first aid is the help provided to a person who is developing a mental health problem, or who is in a mental health crisis (e.g., the person is suicidal or has had a traumatic experience). Like physical first aid, mental health first aid is given until the person receives professional help or until the crisis resolves. Mental health first aid strategies are taught in evidence-based training courses authored by Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) Australia and delivered by accredited MHFA Instructors. Participants will learn the signs and symptoms of common mental health problems, where and how to get help and what sort of help has been shown by research to be effective.

This course will enable participants to:

1. Provide mental health first aid to a person who is developing a mental health problem, or who is in a mental health crisis, until appropriate professional treatment is received or the crisis resolves.
2. Develop knowledge on common mental health conditions, including signs and symptoms and appropriate interventions, including evidence-based treatment options.

For further information about this course, please contact [David Robertson](#)

UQ has also recently implemented [24/7 Counselling Support](#)

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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