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Welcome to the February 2019 edition of the SVS Newsletter.

## Recent Events and News

### UQ VETS Inaugural Equine Practitioners Conference

The inaugural UQ VETS Equine Specialist Hospital “Equine Practitioners Conference” held on 6-7 February was a great success.

We had 40 registered veterinarians and seven veterinary technicians/nurses in attendance and an additional ten veterinarians registered as online Zoom participants (for the lectures).



Each of our equine specialist clinicians; our three equine residents and Dr Jo Rainger from anaesthesia presented a 30 minute state of the art-lecture in the morning sessions. We then had five 90 minute practical sessions each with three streams, where participants could chose five of nine offered practical sessions. We had 38 horses and every member of the equine team working as hard as they could for the full two days (and for several staff for many days in advance) to prepare for the laboratory sessions.

A huge thank-you to all the equine nurses/technicians, barn crew, VETS5015 equine rotation senior students, eight volunteer 3rd and 4th year students, equine reception, Sharon Blums, Mitch Coyle, Craig Jones, Claire Girvin and other from the VMC who assisted in so many ways.

We completed our aim of introducing many of our referring veterinarians to our staff at the ESH and showing off our hospital facilities as well as providing amazing CE opportunity to our referring veterinarians and others who travels from as far away as Tasmania and those who 'Zoomed' from Broome, WA and even Malaysia!

We were generously supported by Randlabs, Virbac, Ausvet Endoscopy, BOVA, Boehringer Ingelheim, Minitube, Karl Storz and Medical Plus. The feedback from attendees was overall immensely positive, and therefore the conference will likely become an annual event.

### Large new research project on poultry health – the One Health Poultry Hub



The School of Veterinary Science, The University of Queensland has become a key partner of the One Health Poultry Hub, a global alliance to help developing nations avoid intensive poultry farming hazards.

The Hub is led by the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) - London, and includes partners in Asia, Australia, Europe and the UK. The project will bring together teams of laboratory, clinical, veterinary and social scientists to investigate how intensification of poultry production increases risk to human and animal health.

By studying poultry value chains in four countries at differing stages of intensification (Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka and Vietnam), the project will contribute research-based evidence to support policies and systems that can meet anticipated demand for poultry and eggs whilst minimising adverse public health consequences.

The One Health Poultry Hub is funded by [United Kingdom Research and Innovation's Global Challenges Research Fund](#) and the total funding amount is 20 million British Pound (or 37 million Australian Dollars). Associate Professor Joerg Henning is the Australian research partner in this project. The project featured on [UQ news](#), on SBS, ABC and other radio programs.

## Congratulations to our Science Faculty Awards Finalists

### **Future Superstars – Honours Student**

Albert Thomas  
Shaun Pratt

### **Rising Star - Professional HEW 4-6**

Gary Fitzgerald

### **Leadership and Mentoring – Professional HEW 7 or above**

Sam Kempster

### **Partnership and Collaboration**

Veterinary Accreditation Team – Jenny Seddon, Jon Hill, Weston Davis, Anne Beasley, Kathy Bachmann, Mariki Visser, Annie Covill, Rowland Cobbold, Mal Jones, Keira Sharman

### **UQ Values**

Joerg Henning

## Gatton Research Day Success

The Inaugural Gatton Research Day held on Friday, 22 February 2019 was a great success with approx. 65 attending the morning session and 35 in the afternoon.

The event highlighted the diversity and quality of the research conducted on our wonderful campus and the outstanding facilities and expertise available to researchers.



It also celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the establishment of the Queensland Animal Science Precinct on this campus.

There was the opportunity for discussions with people who indicated that they want to bring collaborative research here as a result of the day – a great outcome.

## Student voted staff awards for the Vet Tech program

**Veterinary tutor who has made the most valuable contribution to veterinary technology teaching and learning:**

Jo Rainger  
Margie McEwen  
Navin Prakash  
Nick Cowling

**Staff member who has made the most valuable contribution to veterinary technology teaching and learning:**

Trish Farry  
Rebekah Scotney  
Nick Cowling  
Jayne Shearer  
Tinika Gillespie

**Clinical staff member who has made the most outstanding contribution to the veterinary technology clinical rotations:**

Nick Cowling  
Tinika Gillespie  
Tito Thomas  
Jayne Shearer  
Gary Fitzgerald



## SVS Celebrates Australia Day

The School held its annual Australia Day Staff Morning Tea on Tuesday, 29 January. Everyone enjoyed the lamingtons and scones and some even dressed for the occasion.

## Prof Clive Phillips Delivers keynote speech in India

Professor Clive Phillips visited India in December last year to deliver the key note speech at the Animal Behaviour and Welfare Workshop, CSIR-Institute of Genomics & Integrative Biology South Campus, New Delhi, India.

His speech presented an interactive ethical dilemma, as well as giving an overview of his team's research into cattle welfare in India.



## Annual School of Veterinary Science teaching forum 'Upskilling our approach to skills'

The 8th annual School of Veterinary Science Teaching Innovation Forum 'Upskilling our approach to skills' was held on Wednesday, 30 January 2019. Over the day, we heard talks from 25 teachers within the school – representing preclinical, clinical, professional and academic staff members.



John Mallyon's passionate call to arms 'Students come first' set the tone for the day – with a practical clinical skills training 'show and tell' in the Hub to bring the symposium to a close. Presenting at the forum is open to all teaching staff in the School. It represents an opportunity for us to share our teaching passions, new ideas and innovations.

The aim of the forum is to provide an opportunity for an exchange of new ideas, discussion, improvements to teaching practices, and possibly future collaborations etc. The day is organised by the School's Vet Ed Network. This year it was attended by around 50 staff members – both academic and professional. It is terrific to be able to work with so many staff in the School who are passionate about teaching.

## SVS Teaching Showcase – Skills training opportunities in the Hub

The Clinical Skills Hub featured on Totally Wild in 2018. Last month SVS ran our 8th Annual SVS Teaching Forum, with the theme 'Upskilling our approach to skills' in the morning program.



We extended the forum to include an afternoon showcase in the Student Clinical Skills Hub. Teaching staff from across the school came and demonstrated how students can practice their clinical skills in the Hub and the types of models available for staff and student use, for teaching and learning.

It was full program, with 14 presenters over two hours, showcasing clinical skills teaching, communication and learning techniques from across the BVSc, BVetTech and BSc programs.

Many thanks to everyone who made time to attend and particularly to the Staff who presented on the day; Steve, Natalie, Navin, Gry, Sam, Margie, Karen, Lana, Brian, Rachel, Justine, Albert, Sasha, Norbert, Dan and Fran.

I would also like to thank all the SVS staff who work with the Hub to ensure that students can use this facility to their best advantage, help keep the Hub responsive to student feedback and keep us supplied with consumables through expired or unused product donations.



Over the last few months the Hub has gratefully received many textbook and equipment donations from staff and graduating students which keeps us continuously evolving.



## Teacher Showcase

### Dr Dick Wright

**Qualifications:** BVSc MVetClinSt PhD GCHEd MANZCVS (surgery of horses) FANZCVS (equine medicine)

Although Dick is best known for teaching veterinary anatomy, since starting at UQ in 1988, he has at some time or other taught into every year of the BVSc and BVetTech programs, and in 1998 and 1999, was Senior Lecturer in Equine Surgery.

From 1988-1997, Dick was Senior Registrar and co-Superintendent of the Equine Veterinary Teaching Hospital at St Lucia. In those days, there were no clinical academics: Dick and his senior veterinary colleagues managed the equine clinic and hospital (were the

radiographers and radiologists, the anaesthetists, surgeons and internists), trained interns and residents, delivered didactic lectures and practical classes, and taught undergraduate students clinical medicine and surgery.

### Vital Statistics

**Years of Tertiary Teaching:**

25 years

**Discipline Areas:**

Anatomy and physiology (structure and function)

**Course Coordination:**

VETS1003, VETS1021

**Teaching Courses:**

VETS1003, VETS1005, VETS1021, VETS2008, VETS2011, VETS2012, VETS2031, VETS3018

**Current HRD students:**

Yen Vu, Xiao Niu

**Student Quote:**

*'Dick is very passionate about horses and his enthusiasm has greatly inspired me to learn more about equine medicine. He is very approachable and it is such an honour to be his student. Dick is just amazing and gives us free lollies.'*

Over the years, students have recognised Dick's approachability and his commitment to teaching by regularly nominating him for Golden Speculum awards; he was awarded Best Lecturer 2018 by the first year student cohort. Dick received a Faculty of Science Excellence in Teaching Award in 2013 and a UQ Commendation for Teaching Excellence in 2014.

Dick has been an active leader in the teaching space for many years, as a former member of the School's Teaching and Learning and Research Committees, a current member of the Assessment Sub-committee, the Higher Research Degree Sub-committee and the Clinical Skills List Working Group. Dick was the School's Chief Examiner from 2015-2017, coordinated the School's Peer Observation of Teaching pilot study in 2015 and the School's High Impact Learning Activity program in 2017 (an initiative of the Faculty of Science).

Here are just a small number of student testimonials to illustrate the impact of his teaching:

*'I loved how Dick interspersed some clinical information in to his lectures. I thought that adding this information was great for providing context and relevance to what we were learning about*

*with the gross anatomy. Dick is such an approachable and supportive teacher, and I must say that he was definitely my favourite lecturer this semester. He really seems to want students to succeed, and he was never critical or judgemental (at least not externally!) of simple questions, which meant that students were more comfortable and likely to ask questions in his lectures, or to approach him for help. Although I like horses, I am not likely to want to work with horses when I graduate (although, never say never!), but Dick has greatly improved my appreciation of them as a species, and has opened my eyes to the many opportunities that are available when working with them.'*

*'He made the course enjoyable. Dr John Wright was friendly and entertaining. He made us interested in the content he was teaching. He also showed genuine passion for the content and it seemed like he really liked the students and cared for us.'*

Brought to you by the SVS Vet Ed Network

## Welcome to Our New Staff

Jun Loh	Small Animal Rotating Intern
Emma Karin Millers	Small Animal Rotating Intern
Kelly McKenzie	Equine Veterinary Internship
Reanna Letts	Veterinary Nurse Intern
Tailah Mackellar	Veterinary Nurse Intern
Alecia Robinson	Project Officer
Graham Panzram	Anatomy and Pathology Technician
Frances Shapter	Lecturer in Veterinary Science
Solomon Woldeyohannes	Research Officer – Statistician
Elke Erregger	Production Animal Clinician

## Staff Achievements

### **ITaLI Teaching Fellowship:**

A/Prof Rowland Cobbold

### **Promotions:**

Dr Ben Ahern to Associate Professor

Dr Brandon Fraser to Senior Lecturer

## Upcoming Events

## 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.

## **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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