



Veterinary Science Newsletter

News and events



Staff participate in immersive education workshop

On Tuesday 19 November, the School hosted a workshop presented by Think Digital (Tim Gentle and Kat Bidstrup). The aim of the workshop was to be educative and informative so that attendees could gain an understanding of the technology and how it can be used as a teaching aid. Participants were able to experience and play with the different technologies, including virtual insemination of a cow. The workshop was a success and everyone had fun with the equipment, as can be seen in the [photos](#).



The Veterinary Technology 2019 End of Year Dinner

The Veterinary Technology 2019 End of Year Dinner was recently held at Rydges in Brisbane. MC's Jo Rainger and Trish Farry kept the guests entertained with antics that shall remain with the evening. Needless to say, if this career does not work out they both have backup careers as flight attendants, demonstrating hidden talents with the use of emergency exits and oxygen masks! Margie McEwen gave a motivational speech on behalf of the Head of School congratulating this year's cohort and encouraging them to strive for excellence in their future careers and as representatives of the School of Veterinary Science.

Congratulations to the recipients of the student voted awards for 2019:

Clinical Staff Member who has made the Most Outstanding Contribution to the Veterinary Technology Clinical Rotations

*Moira Sheppard
Janelle Davies*

Veterinary Tutor who has made the Most Valuable Contribution to Veterinary Technology Teaching and Learning:

Albert Sole

Staff Member who has made the Most Valuable Contribution to Veterinary Technology Teaching and Learning

Regie Narara (pictured)

The Vet Tech Superhero Award Awarded to a staff member who has made an outstanding contribution to the veterinary technology program

Navin Prakash



New UQVSA committee membership

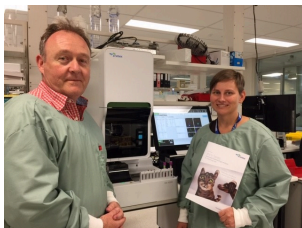
Nigel Perkins and Joerg Henning took the opportunity on the 20 November to thank and congratulate the outgoing 2019 UQVSA Committee members for their work and dedication to the committee and School during 2019 and also to congratulate the incoming committee members on their appointments for 2020.

2019 Committee

President	Clare Bryce
Vice President	Destinee Day
Secretary	Edward Maxwell
Treasurer	Samuel Tillack
Social & Multimedia	Lianne Mellin

2020 Committee

President	Simon Goodwin
Vice President	Taylah Johnston
Secretary	Lia Birston
Treasurer	Geoffrey Xu
Social & Multimedia	Suzannah Scott



VLS staff welcome new veterinary haematology analyser

VLS are proud owners of a new veterinary haematology analyser (the Sysmex XN-V). Staff have been busy training and validating the machine and it is now in operation. Zelda "our old haematology analyser" has been a part of VLS for almost 10 years (not quite as long as Brian or Rochelle), so

it is with mixed feelings that we say goodbye. Anyone who is interested is most welcome to call into VLS and check out the new equipment.

Rachel Allavena participates in the CSIRO ON Prime and ON Accelerate Bootcamp programs



Rachel Allavena has journeyed to Sydney on multiple occasions recently to compete with her collaborators from University of Sydney and Flinders University in the CSIRO ON Prime and ON Accelerate Bootcamp programs. The team are looking to commercialise their canine cancer vaccine.

The ON Prime program takes approximately 100 teams in Australia to teach researchers how to conduct preliminary market analysis and commercialisation work. The goal is to improve research impact by training research groups to launch companies. The ON Accelerate program is a more advanced program which starts with a Bootcamp held in Sydney. The Canine Cancer Company were one of 20 teams selected from the 57 which applied to do the bootcamp. The teams work with experienced business, finance and commercialisation experts to prepare business plans and a pitch to investors. The programs are very intense, taking a lot of effort that challenges the teams to work together.

Rachel has learnt heaps, and strongly encourages anyone who might have research commercialisation ideas to apply to the ON Prime program. Hubs are located in most capital cities, so it is possible to do the program in Brisbane.



Visit from the Council for International Veterinary Medical Education

The Council for International Veterinary Medical Education (CIVME) visited the School of Veterinary Science on Thursday 31 October. As the title suggests, CIVME aims to facilitate education and connectivity globally, and is comprised of representatives from all the major regions.

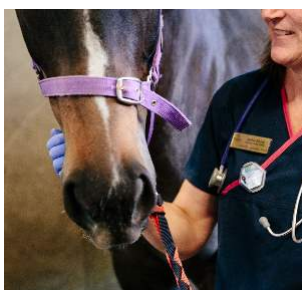
Pictured are Dietmar Holm (South Africa), Harold Bok (Utrecht), Martin Cake (Murdoch), Rafael Mondadori (Brazil), Jennifer Hammond (Glasgow), Pan Dong Ryu (Korea) and Ehab Abu-Basha. Paul Mills (with Martin Cake as the alternative member) represents the Australasia/Pacific region. CIVME is an initiative of the AAVMC and is providing educational research funding, an education network and supporting global veterinary education. The group meets annually in March at the AAVMC meeting in Washington DC, then in October at one of the other regions, so this year it was Australia's turn to host. The delegates were very impressed with the School and the Gatton campus. Andrew Maccabe (also pictured), is the CEO of the AAVMC and visited SVS before continuing to visit other Schools throughout Australia.



School Executive Committee visits Moreton Bay Research Station

The final SVS Executive meeting for 2019 was held at the Moreton Bay Research Station (MBRS), hosted by our very own Dr Bec Dunlop (SVS Exec member and team leader of the Cetacean Ecology and Acoustics Laboratory – CEAL) and A/Prof Mike Noad (Academic Director MBRS). It was a great opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding achievements over many years of the CEAL team and to discuss opportunities for Gatton-based members of the School to be even more involved in future activities at MBRS across research, education and engagement. A reminder to all that MBRS is a short ferry ride away from Brisbane and the facilities include desk space, lab space, and accommodation that can be used for lab retreats, writing retreats, and meetings. Please contact Bec and Mike to discuss ideas for visits or collaboration.

PhD project opportunity



If you're a PhD student on the hunt for an exciting project, we have an opportunity for you! We are currently taking submission for our equine endocrinology project. This study aims at improving the management of laminitic horses by investigating the effect of a widely used anti-inflammatory drug on insulin and glucose regulation in horses with hormonal disorders. The successful candidate will be working alongside Dr Francois-Rene Bertin. To find out more or to apply email f.bertin@uq.edu.au

Staffing Achievements

Congratulations to Rowland Cobbold, for being awarded a UQ Award for Teaching Excellence Award. The UQ Awards for Excellence in Teaching and Learning recognise excellence in teaching and the provision of outstanding learning environments and support services to students.

Congratulations also to Greg Simmons, Daniel Schull, Amy Balson, Frances Shapter, Steven Kopp, Norbert Gaulton, Warren Collins, Jason Baker, Daniel Weazel, Bonny Cumming, Amanda Hutchings and Peter Boland who were recently awarded the Team award for the "Veterinary Science Provision for a Regional Indigenous Community" in the Faculty of Science Teaching & Learning Awards.

Staffing News

Expected Staff Arrivals:

Ryan Leong	Small Animal Surgeon MD
Asrafuzzaman Riy Adh	Scientific Officer – Histology
Edward Di Rago	Small Animal Rotating Intern
Katherine Munce	Small Animal Rotating Intern

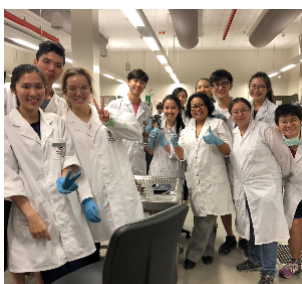
Resignations/Departures:

Margie McEwen	Clinical Anaesthetist
Laura Bunbury-Cruickshank	Veterinarian

Library representative:

Jeanette O'Shea has left UQ. Until recruitment process is completed, Maria Larkin will be SVS library

Teacher showcase



Werdi Pratiwi, Dr PhD MSc BSc AFHEA

Werdi is best known for her role as a Senior Tutor in Anatomy and Physiology. She has been highly awarded within this role, accruing a number of student-voted awards over the years with her most recent 'Golden Dissection Kit' awarded very recently in 2019. Werdi teaches into a range of subjects in the School's programmes. She has recently completed a Higher Education Academy Program and was

awarded an Associate Fellow status.

In her own words: 'I have a great passion for teaching. My goal in teaching is to create an open and comfortable environment for students. I believe that students should be allowed to have freedom to choose and to become learners instead of listeners. For me, it is fundamental to treat students with respect, openness and fairness. I ensure that I listen to students' feedback and concerns and I also acknowledge and value their opinions and take them on board. As per Anatomy courses, I always try different approaches to make dissection an interesting and fun thing to learn about.'

Here are a couple of student testimonials:

"Werdi is really passionate in teaching us and cares a lot about her students. She has put a lot of effort getting to know her students. All her demonstrations were very clear and easy to understand, which makes learning so much easier and more fun. I also received lots of help from her in my study in course VETS1003 and VETS1021 previous year"

"Werdi always makes an effort to help students to learn and explains concepts really well. She clearly knows what she is teaching, and I always enjoy learning from her. We are really lucky to have Werdi teaching us this semester"

"Werdi is helpful, extremely knowledgeable and clear on her tutoring. She is always very patient with us and thoroughly explains concepts until we understand it..."

Werdi is a great asset to teaching within the school and we are very grateful for her amazing contributions to student learning.

Brought to you by the SVS Vet Ed Network

Vital statistics:

Years of teaching:

12 years. This includes tutoring during her PhD program and a couple of years lecturing at a University overseas.

Discipline areas:

Anatomy; Large Animal Production

Teaching courses:

BVSc: VETS1021, VETS1003, VETS2011, VETS2012, VETS2008, AGRC1041, VETS1060,

Medicine: MEDI7111, MEDI7112, MEDI7211

Student quote:

'Werdi is very patient and highly knowledgeable about what she is teaching. I can ask her any question without feeling judged. She is also super approachable. I felt that I could ask her for help at any time.'

Upcoming events and opportunities

Final vet nurses CE seminar for 2019



Thursday 12 December, Hammon Centre Lecture Theatre

BBQ and registration starts at 6.15pm for the seminar to start at 7pm.

Janelle Davies is presenting "Gastric Dilatation Volvulus": Discussing the fundamentals of GDV including aetiology presentation, stabilisation, pathophysiology, diagnosis and surgical interventions.

Kylie Sims is presenting "Theatre Practises- what's new?": An update into best practise aseptic theatre techniques and infection control guidelines. Learn what you can do to reduce the number of hospital acquired and surgical site infections for the benefit of your patients.

[Register now](#)



UQ VETS Equine Practitioners Conference 2020

The Second Annual UQ VETS Equine Practitioners Conference will be held on Wednesday 5 and Thursday 6 February 2020 with themes of colic, lameness, cardiology and reproduction. There will be eleven 30 minute lectures from our equine specialists, residents and farrier and then six 90 minute laboratories. Hands-on practical skills will be taught with 23.5 hours of CPD.

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Vet Ed Down Under Conference 2020 - workshop abstract submission closing soon

The second biennial Australasian Veterinary Educators Symposium 'Vet Ed Down Under' will be hosted by The University of Queensland, School of Veterinary Science, Gatton Campus from 11-13 February 2020. Modelled on the very successful Vet Ed Symposium in the UK/ Europe, the aim of the symposium is to promote veterinary education in the Australia and New Zealand region through sharing of innovations, ideas and best practise in teaching and learning with an emphasis on networking and community building. The symposium will be inclusive and affordable thereby providing an opportunity for delegates from all levels of teaching and learning to attend.

The main conference will include keynote speakers, interactive poster sessions, and workshops, with morning and afternoon teas and lunch provided across the two days.

WORKSHOP abstract submission closed on December 1, 2019.

Please note that we will be accepting POSTER abstracts through to January 17, 2020. Submit your abstract [here](#).

[Click here](#) to register for the event.

Our terrific keynote speakers include:

- Associate Professor Julie Cary *Diplomate ACVS/ Director Clinical Communication Program & Clinical Simulation Center, Washington State University, College of Veterinary Medicine, United States of America*
- Dr Eloise Jillings *Senior Lecturer/Associate Dean (Admissions & Students), Massey University, School of Veterinary Sciences, New Zealand*

- Associate Professor Elizabeth Tudor *Associate Dean Curriculum, The University of Melbourne, School of Veterinary Science*

[Read more](#) about our keynote speakers

There are two Post-Conference Workshops on 13 February:

- Workshop 1: Veterinary Service Delivery to Remote Indigenous Communities – Talking Practicalities and One Health
- Workshop 2: Creative teaching for veterinary clinical skills development

[Read more](#) about the post-conference workshops

For further information please email:

veteddownunder2020@uq.edu.au

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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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