



Veterinary Science Newsletter

News and events



Celebratory Lunch for BVSc Grads

A special lunch was held on 10 December 2020 for the BVSc graduating cohort. The students were able to don their gowns and have photos taken with family and friends prior to the lunch. The final year prizes and Golden Speculums were awarded. Congratulations to our 2020 graduates, prize recipients, and to John Mallyon and Ryan Leong who received the fifth year Golden Speculum awards.



Welcome back pancake breakfast for third year BVet Tech students

The third year Vet Tech cohort were welcomed back with a pancake breakfast organised by the UQ Gatton Chaplaincy on 27 February. The students enjoyed Chappy's chocolate chip pancakes and some fresh fruit as they reconnected with each other.

Celebrating SVS Staff@Christmas

SVS staff enjoyed Christmas lunch in the Dining Hall on December 11th. The SVS



Staff Awards were presented at the lunch. Congratulations to all the recipients. (Photo: Rachel O'Donnell accepting the award on behalf of the SVS Admin Team).

High Impact Clinical Research	Francois-Rene Bertin
Outstanding Contribution to Research	Rebecca Dunlop
HDR Supervision Excellence	Francois-Rene Bertin
Outstanding Contribution to Service	Donna Parker
Outstanding Contribution to Engagement	Allison Stewart
Award for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Excellence	Rachel Allavena
Helen Keates Developing Teacher Award	Swaid Abdullah
Trevor Heath Teaching Excellence Award	Gry Boe-Hansen
Lyn Knott Teaching Foundations Award	Rod Verrall
Outstanding Contribution to Professional Staff	SVS Admin Team
Outstanding Contribution by Clinical Professional Staff	Sarah Rodwell



2020 Golden Speculum Awards

At the end of each year the BVSc students are asked to nominate the best lecturer (Golden Speculum Award) and the best tutor (Golden Dissection Kit Award) by year level. Congratulations to the recipients of the 2020 awards. (Photo: John Mallyon receiving the Fifth Year Golden Speculum Award from year rep Jordan Fletcher).

Fifth Year Golden Speculum	John Mallyon & Ryan Leong
Fourth Year Golden Speculum	Brandon Fraser
Fourth Year Golden Dissection Kit	Ben Wood
Third Year Golden Speculum	Karen Jackson
Third Year Golden Dissection Kit	Rachel Allavena
Second Year Golden Speculum	Chiara Palmieri
Second Year Golden Dissection Kit	Wardi Pratiwi

UQ Excellence Award commendations

Congratulations to all those from SVS who were nominated for the Excellence Awards, and in particular to Myat and Donna who were honoured with Commendations in the Response to COVID-19 category. Below are the summaries of the nominations for Myat and Donna.

Dr Myat Kyaw-Tanner, Faculty of Science

The School of Veterinary Science delivers the Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours) and Bachelor of Veterinary Technology programs, both of which require the graduates to achieve Day 1 competency in skills and knowledge, which requires extensive hands on practical skills training and in-clinics work integrated learning. The success of these programs relies on the ability of the school to deliver these skills based, hands on, face-to-face learning activities which was significantly impacted due to COVID-19. Myat responded proactively, working with academics and other members of the school to provide a Risk management framework enabling the school to

recommence these face-to-face activities in a controlled manner.

Dr Donna Parker, UQ Veterinary Medical Centre, School of Veterinary Science

Dr Parker has displayed significant contributions to UQ during the coronavirus pandemic through her flexibility and leadership in providing online teaching while maintaining a clinical service for pets. She led the restructure of the UQ Small Animal Hospital rotations to meet their clinical and teaching obligations while reducing the number of staff on campus. She established and led mental health initiatives for both students and staff during difficult times. In a difficult time for final year veterinary students, her actions have resulted in high levels of student satisfaction and awareness of mental health issues. At all times, her actions reflected UQ values in her pursuit of excellence, creative and independent thinking, support for our people and mutual respect for all.

2021 SVS Teaching Innovations Forum

The 2021 SVS Teaching Innovations Forum was held on Thursday 28 January. Now in its 10th year (replaced by the international 'Vet Ed Down Under Conference' held on Gatton campus in February 2020), the annual SVS Teaching Innovations Forum provides an opportunity for staff in the Vet School to deliver short presentations to share their teaching ideas, innovations and results from teaching related research projects they may have been working on. The aim of the forum is to provide an opportunity for everyone to exchange new ideas, create discussion and improvements to teaching practices, future collaborations etc. Here were the talks for 2021:

- eAssessment Has Arrived and You're Gonna Love it! (Aaron Herndon)
- Clinic staff survey results (Erika Meler)
- Getting yourself prepared for a teaching award (Paul Mills)
- Who are we admitting into the BVSc? First year entry survey results (Jon Hill & Dan Schull)
- Pathology of a bread roll? Novel technical skills video assessments during COVID (Rachel Allavena)
- Data-Rich Scenarios – an interactive learning and assessment tool for veterinary epidemiology and statistics (Joerg Henning)
- Digitising the MPL! (Swaid Abdullah)
- Learning platform updates; What's hot, what's not and who can help (BB, Smartsparrow, H5P, Inspira, Learning Pathway, Louville and Vimeo vs the Lorax video repository) (Fran Shapter)

A recording of the session is available on SharePoint for those unable to attend.

For more information about the SVS Vet Ed Network, please contact Dan:
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SVS Papers of the Year

Congratulations to the following recipients:

SVS Paper of the Year (Fundamental Research)

[Rapid winter warming could disrupt coastal marine fish community structure](#)
Nicholas Clark, James T Kerry, Ceridwen I Fraser

SVS Paper of the Year (Clinical Research)

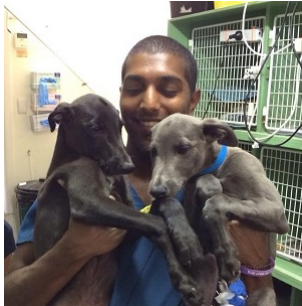
[Comparative Plasma Pharmacokinetics of Ceftriaxone and Ertapenem in Normoalbuminemia, Hypoalbuminemia, and Albumin Replacement in a Sheep Model](#)
Dhanani JA, Ahern B, Lupinsky L, Jackson K, Wallis SC, Abdul-Aziz MH, Lipman J, Roberts JA.

SVS Paper of the Year (HDR Student)

Patterns of Avian Influenza A (H5) and A (H9) virus infection in backyard, commercial broiler and layer chicken farms in Bangladesh

Suman Das Gupta¹, Md. Ahasanul Hoque², Guillaume Fournié³, Joerg Henning¹

Teacher showcase



Navin Prakash – Veterinary Technology Educator and Rotations Coordinator

BAppSci (VT), RVT, AFHEA

What Navin is known for:

Navin is best known for his roles teaching and mentoring veterinary technology students through their final year of course work and clinical rotations, to prepare them for a career as a veterinary para-professional. As such his primary teaching focus is the Bachelor of Veterinary

Technology.

What makes Navin a great teacher:

Navin's easy going and relaxed manner helps to keep his students calm and focused during practicals and when working through clinical cases. He is very knowledgeable in his field, and this is reflected in his teaching, which helps students improve their clinical skills and theoretical knowledge. He is also very supportive in assisting students to find work in the veterinary industry by mentoring them through job applications and helping them with their resumes and interview preparations. Navin has developed a number of clinical based tutorials for the final year veterinary technology students, as well as interactive HUB sessions to help them improve their clinical skills whilst on final year placements.

The students respond well to his teaching style as evidenced by several student-voted awards obtained since he commenced teaching here including the 'Veterinary tutor who has made the Most Valuable Contribution to Veterinary Technology Teaching and Learning' in 2017 and the 'Vet Tech Superhero award – Awarded to a staff member who has made an outstanding contribution to the Veterinary Technology program' in 2019.

Evidence of his commitment to teaching, Navin recently became an Associate Fellow in the international Higher Education Academy. He was also on the organising committee for the successful biennial 'Vet Ed Down Under' Conference recently hosted by the School (February 2020), where he presented a poster entitled 'Utilising a clinical skills hub to augment veterinary technology clinical teaching' at the symposium."

Vital statistics:

Years of teaching:

3.5

Discipline areas:

Anaesthesia, Surgery, Anatomy, Emergency triage

Teaching courses:

VETS1005, VETS2001, ANIM2020, VETS3043, VETS3044, VETS3009

Residential Schools:
VETS1005, VETS2001

Clinical contribution:
Currently 2 days a week in anaesthesia service in the VMC

External Teaching:
Continuing education seminars at Queensland Veterinary Specialists

What students have said about Navin and his teaching:

“The thing I think we all love about Nav is how approachable he is! So easy to talk to and very laidback making us feel less stressed as well.”

“Was very entertaining. Made the learning fun and interesting. Very down to earth as well”

“Very easily approachable. Good to listen to, has lots of humour in his work, made things easy for students to understand, and made listening a pleasant and learning experience.”

“Was very knowledgeable in the field, very passionate”

Brought to you by the SVS Vet Ed Network

Upcoming events and opportunities



Animal-Assisted Services Sector National Conference

February 1 - 28, 2021

The Animal-Assisted Services Sector Virtual Conference is a great opportunity to learn and network with industry leaders, funding body representatives, service providers, allied health practitioners, training organisations, people wanting a career in the sector and those who have a disability or a lived experience of how animals can help humans.

[More information](#)

Library workshops February 2021

Library staff offer classes (workshops) in research skills, software, publishing, and research management.

Classes are added often, so check <https://web.library.uq.edu.au/library-services/training> regularly.

- EndNote X9: getting started – [Wednesday 10 February 2021 9:30am - 11:00am](#)
- Covidence: Getting Started - [Wednesday 10 February 2021 9:30am - 11:00am](#)
- Research impact evidence and metrics drop-in session - [Wednesday 10 February 2021 10:00am - 12:00pm](#) (Not Online)
- Introduction to Digital Research Notebook (LabArchives) - [Monday 22 February 2021 9:30am - 11:00am](#)
- EndNote X9: getting started - [Friday 26 February 2021 9:30am - 11:00am](#)

- UQRDM for research students - how to use it to help with managing research data - [Tuesday 02 March 2021 10:00am - 11:00am](#)
- Introduction to Digital Research Notebook (LabArchives) - [Tuesday 23 March 2021 10:00am - 11:30am](#)

Supporting students with mental health conditions

Date: 18 February 2021

Time: 10am – 1pm

Location: Building 8117, Rm 219 (Gatton Campus).

The training focus is to improve awareness and skills on how to identify and support students with early signs of mental ill-health. This course is designed to give our staff community the skills they require to support students, in the context that is relevant to them.

Please register via <https://staffdevelopment.hr.uq.edu.au/course/index/WSSMHC>

Veterinarians for Climate Action webinar

Tuesday 9 February 2021

Veterinarians for Climate Action (VfCA) are delighted to announce the return of Professor Mark Howden and Professor Lesley Hughes, both pre-eminent speakers on climate change for this exclusive webinar.

Designed for staff & members of zoos, sanctuaries and animal welfare organisations this new webinar expands on the previous webinars for the veterinary profession by discussing the broader implications of climate change on animals under care and in the wild.

The registration link is now live at: https://www.vfca.org.au/climate_change_impacts



OIE Webinar for World Wildlife Day in Asia and the Pacific

Wednesday 3 March 2021

In 2020, the OIE developed a new [Wildlife Health Management Framework](#); the overall objective is to protect wildlife health worldwide to achieve One Health. Implementation will involve a One Health approach to concentrate on the human-animal-ecosystem interface.

We look to the future role of veterinarians in One Health initiatives across sectors – animal (both domestic and wild), human and environment. Pursuing this goal, the OIE Regional Representation for Asia and the Pacific has organised a webinar on “**The evolving role of veterinarians in wildlife health for One Health**”. The **target audience will be veterinary students and young professionals** who are at the forefront of this new era. Additional details are [available 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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