



# Veterinary Science Newsletter

## News and events



### Thanks to all those who stayed on campus during the recent floods

Thank you to the incredible team that stayed to care for our patients, campus and CSC animals, clients and each other during the recent floods.

These people stayed at work, rather than heading home when it looked like the campus exits were going to be flooded/inaccessible. Some of them even slept in the hospital on patient bedding to look after the patients in the Small Animal Hospital and responded to calls from the public about what they could do to help their painful/unwell pets when they were unable to access veterinary care due to flooding.

They were true heroes going above and beyond to provide help to the public and provide care when the rest of us were at home!

- Rebecca de Gier
- Adam Whitelock
- Shaun Pratt
- Steve Zedler
- Duncan Pearce
- Shirley Wang
- Tailah Mackellar
- Steph Silk
- Sharon Jeong
- Iffy Glendenning
- Lynette Hilly
- Jessica Terry

- Donna Marchiori and Trevor
- Jessica Cleary



## Visit from Dr Allan Bakers

It was a pleasure for UQ SVS to host Dr Allan Bakers for a visit in late February. Dr Baker was awarded the [UQ Gatton Gold Medal](#) in December 2007. As a veterinarian and dedicated teacher, Dr Baker made a significant contribution to the Australian and worldwide development of the veterinary profession for more than 40 years.

Dr Baker's teaching involvement with UQ Gatton began through lecturing appointments and casual academic positions, then, between 1963 and 1967, he was Head Lecturer in Animal Science, before serving as a Senior Lecturer between 1970 and 1983. He was a Queensland Agricultural College Councillor between 1978 and 1983, and, from 1985 until 1988, he was Director of UQ's Pastoral Veterinary Centre at Goondiwindi. He also instructed at the UQ Gatton Campus as a casual academic in the School of Veterinary Science between 2002 and 2004.

His research and development activities in the animal and veterinary industries both in Australia and throughout the world have provided inspiration for generations of animal scientists and veterinarians.

Rod Verrall was delighted to reconnect with Dr Baker as they had worked closely together during Dr Baker's later years at UQ. Dr Baker was integral to the large animal practical training team, in the transition period between the St Lucia and Gatton campuses. Rod and Gry Boe-Hansen took the opportunity to demonstrate current practical training techniques utilising the 'legendairy' Mrs O'Leary.

Dr Baker visited with his son Cameron and grandson Harry. Harry is currently studying at the UQ Gatton Campus.



## Darcy De Jong shares her adventures in Central West Queensland

I recently spent some time in Central West Queensland as part of an outreach program to promote vaccination numbers and support the hospitals in rural and remote communities.

I work for UQ as a veterinary nurse in the small animal surgical team and was granted community service leave by UQ to embark on this adventure. I am also a graduate paramedic, which is how I satisfied the criteria to fulfil this role.

This experience saw me travel to locations that I would not have previously considered. I travelled to Longreach, Winton - home of some cool dinosaur fossils & footprints, Boulia, Blackall, Tambo - birthplace of the Tambo teddy, Barcaldine - site of the tree of knowledge where the Labour Party was founded by shearers, and Alpha.

I met people from remote stations, business owners from small towns, families so big they seemed to contribute to most of the shire's population, football teams, and many retired farmers who had a story or two to which I gladly listened. The commonality amongst all people, was their desire to contribute to herd health and protect their community from COVID.

A highlight for me was riding a horse at dawn through the bush in Longreach, managing to stay in the saddle but sustaining bruises from hanging on with my legs as

my previously sedentary horse's enthusiasm for its distant feed bucket could not be contained.

Every town had its own hidden gems, from swimming holes and aquatic centres, to historic museums, artwork, and a community run retro movie theatre! The communities were warm and welcoming, and never shy to stop and have a yarn when they found a new face. The currency in the Central West is baked goods, so I have returned with a few extra kilos as well as wonderful memories and new skills.



## Congratulations Rebecca de Gier

Rebecca de Gier was recently awarded the 2022 Helen Power Future leadership scholarship. The scholarship is awarded by the Veterinary Nurses Council of Australia to a nurse that has demonstrated extraordinary leadership that has impacted the growth of the profession and/or practice. It is designed to assist nurses to achieve their career goals and support those that will be the future leaders of our profession.

Well done Bec!

## 11th Annual SVS Teaching Innovations Forum

The annual SVS Teaching Innovations Forum was held on the morning of Thursday 27 January 2022. Now in its 11th year, the event provides an opportunity for staff in the School to share their teaching ideas, innovations, and results from teaching related research projects. 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.

We had another stellar line of speakers this year starting with a motivational 'call to arms' from Courtney Stewart, 2021 recipient of the SVS Lyn Knott Teaching Foundations Award. The morning included talks covering a range of really important and timely teaching topics including 'feedback literacy', staff-student communications that foster 'trust in the system', student feedback on teaching modes used in the BVSc curriculum and also student wellbeing, work-integrated learning and e-assessment of clinical skills for both BVSc and BVT students, the longitudinal medical clerkship model as a template for veterinary clinical rotations, and a review of veterinary wellness and mental health curricula.

Thanks to all of those who contributed to the presentations: Courtney Stewart, Donna Parker, Aaron Herndon, Fran Shapter, Rachel Allavena, Justine Gibson, Rowland Cobbold, Trinity McNichol, Trish Clarke, Joerg Henning and Rebekah Scotney

Despite current challenges, it was nice to get together as a group to share ideas and celebrate the school's passion for good teaching and our students.

We will do it again in January 2023, please don't hesitate to reach out to Dan ([d.schull@uq.edu.au](mailto:d.schull@uq.edu.au)) for more info or to register your interest in presenting next year!



## Library Updates

### Library metrics support for grant applications and promotion

UQ Library offers a range of online training and self-help for researchers requiring evidence for grant applications and promotion.

An [online tutorial](#) is available to help researchers navigate the various databases that provide evidence for academic/publication achievements for promotions or grant application. It contains links to videos on how to use some of the databases, such as [Altmetric Explorer](#) (for online attention to your work) and [PatCite](#) (to see whether your publications have been cited in patents).

The Library Research Outputs & Impact (RO&I) team are available to run drop-ins and can organise these on a unit/group basis on request. Contact the RO&I Team via [roiteam@library.uq.edu.au](mailto:roiteam@library.uq.edu.au) for further details.

### Upcoming Zoom training:

- Find me the money, 30 March from 11am-12pm: [REGISTER](#)
- Metrics for grant writing and promotion, 13 April, 11am-12 pm: [REGISTER](#)
- Find me the money, 7 June, 11am-12 pm: [REGISTER](#)

### Recordings of previous sessions

[Metrics for Grant Writing and Promotion](#) (Jan 2022)

[Research Engagement and Impact Evidence](#) (Jan 2022)

[Benchmarking your publications in SciVal](#) (Jan 2022)

[Find me the money](#) (Sept 2021)

### Learn how to use EndNote 20

Use these new modules to learn about the basics of using EndNote. This tutorial should be completed before undertaking EndNote 20 for thesis and publications writing. You may complete all the modules in the tutorial or jump to different ones to learn just the parts you need.

<https://web.library.uq.edu.au/research-tools-techniques/endnote-referencing-software/endnote-20/learn-endnote-20-online-tutorials>

## Staff News

### Welcome:

Megan Baker - Senior Management Accountant  
Julian Lunn - Small Animal Surgeon  
Josie Hale - Equine Sport Medicine Clinician  
Hannah Lee - Small Animal Intern  
Geoffrey Xu - Small Animal Intern  
Charlotte Tinsley - Postdoctoral Research Fellow  
Roman Rohwedder - IT Systems and Data Support

### Departures:

Clarabelle Kam - Small Animal Intern  
Gabrielle Sachs - Small Animal Intern

### Staff internal movements:

Gary Fitzgerald - VTH Practice Manager  
Vicky Chu - Primary Care Clinician  
Martina Smith - Veterinary Nurse  
Tanya Toohey - VTH Business Manager

## Staff Achievements



- **Joerg Henning:** awarded a Senior Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy and appointed as the Agriculture Theme Lead at UQ's Global Change Institute.
- **Narelle Braunack:** awarded an Associate Fellowship of the Higher Education Academy
- **Justine Gibson:** awarded a Teaching Innovation Grant
- **Rebecca de Gier:** awarded the 2022 Helen Power Future Leadership Scholarship by the Veterinary Nurses Council of Australia
- **Wendy Goodwin:** appointed as VTH Academic Director for 2022
- **Patricia Eats:** awarded an AgriFutures Rural Women's Acceleration Grant

## Teacher showcase



### Courtney Stewart – Production Animal Vet Nurse and Clinical Tutor

Cert 4 VN, Dip ECC, Dip Appl Sci (Equine) RVN (VNCA)

Courtney is best known for her role as a veterinary nurse in the Production Animal Service, and for her tutoring over a range of subjects and in the Clinical Skills Hub. Courtney teaches into both the Bachelor of Veterinary Science and Veterinary Technology programs. Although the majority of her clinical work and tutoring focuses on livestock and

production animals, when in the HUB Courtney tutors across a range of clinical disciplines – basically helping students to practice and refine any skills they wish to focus on. Having worked as a veterinary nurse for around 17 years, Courtney is currently working towards a VTS (Veterinary Technology Specialist) in Production Animal Medicine. If successful she will be the first recipient of this qualification in the southern hemisphere (and one of only a handful worldwide!)

Courtney's teaching is very well received by the students. She received the 'Golden Dissection Kit Best Tutor' Award from the fourth-year veterinary students in 2021. She also received the 'Veterinary Tutor who has made the Most Valuable Contribution to Veterinary Technology Teaching in 2021' at the recent Veterinary Technology Graduation Dinner.

Buoyed by her mantra to 'change the world of veterinary nursing one production animal at a time', Courtney is an inspiring nurse and teacher. She aims to support the development of confident and competent graduates through her grassroots and down-to-earth approach. For Courtney, teaching is about creating a safe and welcoming environment for students to learn: 'there are no stupid questions, except for the one you didn't ask'. She is a clear, organised and articulate coach, able to break down complex and daunting tasks into simple and meaningful steps. Her work is admired by students and colleagues alike.

### Vital statistics:

**Years of teaching:** 12 years

**Discipline areas:** Veterinary Technology and Veterinary Science, Production Animals

**Teaching courses:** VETS1005, VETS1025, VETS3018, VETS4035, Clinical Skills HUB

**Clinical contribution:** Production Animal Service

**Student quote:** *Courtney is very knowledgeable and very kind, she really encourages*

*us to learn and try. She's very good at explaining things and she is extremely patient. I feel very lucky to have her as my tutor.*

The following student testimonials illustrate the impact of Courtney's teaching:

- *Courtney is always very approachable, and she never makes you feel like any question is silly or ignorant. She is great to ask about almost any practical skill in the hub, and she is also really good and helpful in the cattle pracs. She was very well prepared in assisting Dr Shahab in his demonstrations, and was able to give lots of valuable tips to the students. She made a point to go around to the different groups in the cattle prac and give assistance and advice about how best to prepare for the exam and, more importantly, how to be as thorough as you can be in the clinical examination and assessment of the cow.*
- *Extremely approachable and had a very warm + friendly vibe. Never felt awkward asking questions.*
- *Extremely down to earth, personable and approachable and clearly demonstrated confidence and a wealth of knowledge as she was able to answer my many questions with ease. Something that helped me a lot is that Courtney's approach to learning was fun, and that she obviously cared a lot about the cows.*
- *She is very friendly and helpful. She's an amazing help at the hub!!!*
- *She's very knowledgeable and helpful- I've come across her in the hub and she has also been a delight. I was really stressed one prac because of some life stuff and she was exceptionally understanding and really helpful.*

The 'Teacher Showcase' initiative celebrates the many outstanding grassroots teachers in the school. Please contact Dan Schull ([d.schull@uq.edu.au](mailto:d.schull@uq.edu.au)) to nominate a colleague!

Brought to you by the SVS Vet Ed Network

## Upcoming events and opportunities



### ScienceLink EMCA Mentoring Program Launch Event

**Date:** Thursday 24 March 2022  
**Time:** 2pm - 3pm, including light refreshments  
**RSVP:** [RSVP](#) by Monday 21 March 2022  
**Location:** [ViewPoint](#) (Building 33), St Lucia  
**Contact:** [science.research@uq.edu.au](mailto:science.research@uq.edu.au)

The Faculty of Science is proud to announce that we are launching the ScienceLink – EMCA Mentoring Program. This is a flexible career mentoring program that connects Early-Mid Career Researchers and Academics with Senior Researchers and Academics within the Faculty of Science.

- Are you looking to enhance your career development with the support of a mentor?
- Are you a mentor and leader who is genuinely passionate about helping others to learn, develop and grow?

The ScienceLink – EMCA mentoring program involves working in a one-on-one mentoring connection over a period of 6 months to guide and support the mentee's professional and personal development in a way that is relevant and meaningful to them.

This event will be a celebration and launch of the ScienceLink EMCA mentoring program. At the launch, you will hear from a panel of skilled mentors, along with a Q&A session with mentors and mentees from within the faculty on their experiences with mentoring relationships. Join us for networking over afternoon tea.

The program is open to all Research and Academic staff from across the Faculty.

## TAWK Talks - a new initiative from The Animal Welfare Collaborative

<https://theanimalwelfarecollaborative.org/tawctalks/>

In 2022, The Animal Welfare Collaborative (TAWC) will host TAWC Talks; regular online presentations that address big topics related to animal welfare in Australia and internationally. In TAWC Talks, experts from a variety of disciplines and fields will highlight challenges and discuss opportunities in the field of animal welfare. TAWC welcomes everyone with an interest in the continuous improvement to the wellbeing of animals to check out TAWC Talks. TAWC Talks will be freely available on the TAWC YouTube Channel and TAWC website.

First TAWC Talks: The human-animal relationship:

<https://theanimalwelfarecollaborative.org/human-animal-relationship/>

## AVA National Conference - assistance needed

Gold Coast 22-27 May

If anybody is speaking or just attending the conference, and would be willing to spend a little bit of time helping to:

1. Staff the School's booth
2. Attend and assist Nigel at the UQ Alumni function
3. Both of these roles!

Please contact [Bob Doneley](#) or [Claire Girvin](#).

## Research ethics training sessions

### Human Ethics Training

These drop-in sessions are aimed at all UQ staff and students who are preparing an ethics application. Bring your questions and we can give you advice on crafting a high-quality ethics application. Examples of areas that could be addressed in these sessions are: data collection procedures and instruments, participants, risk assessment, ethics pathways, etc.

Thursday 24 March 10:00-11:00; Wednesday 6 April 13:00-14:00; Thursday 28 April 11:00-12:00; Tuesday 10 May 13:00-14:00; Wednesday 25 May 10:30-11:30; Wednesday 8 June 11:00-12:00; Thursday 23 June 14:00-15:00

Register for these sessions [here](#).

### Conducting Ethical Research with Humans at UQ (Staff Development)

Tuesday 29 March 10:00-12:00 (Gordon Greenwood building #32, room 215)

Thursday 23 June 13:30-15:30 (Via Zoom)

Register in [Workday](#).

Enquiries: [training.rei@research.uq.edu.au](mailto:training.rei@research.uq.edu.au)

## 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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