



# Veterinary Science Newsletter

## News and events



### Well known alumni present seminars

Dr Gary Roubin and Dr Rick Fenny kindly offered seminar presentations for staff and students while they were on campus for the class of 1970 reunion visit on 9th September.

Dr Gary Roubin is an internationally renowned interventional cardiologist recognized for his ground-breaking work in the development of the first FDA-approved coronary stent, as well as pioneering the techniques of carotid stenting and embolic protection devices. In October 1987, he placed the first coronary stent in a patient in the United States. He lectures extensively and has received numerous awards for his notable contributions to cardiac and vascular care. His pioneering work has been seen live in teaching courses around the world for over 25 years.

Dr Rick Fenny moved to Roebourne in 1975 to establish a private veterinary practice, using a 16ft caravan as a surgery. During this time Rick travelled extensively throughout the Pilbara, treating a wide range of patients in some of the remotest areas in the country. Among the countless animals he has treated over the years, his most famous patient was the kelpie-cattle dog called 'Red Dog', the star of the film of the same name. Rick is also well recognised for the TV series *Desert Vet* which launched in early 2018.

(Photo left to right: Rick Fenny, Nigel Holman, Gary Roubin)



## Red dog vet and author Rick Fenny researches for new book

Whilst on UQ Gatton Campus to speak at the 1970 graduates reunion, Rick Fenny took the opportunity to look through SVS photo archives to do some research for his second book *Red Dog Vet* which covers his University of Queensland years 1967-71. He published his first book *Red Dog Vet - Pip* in 2020.



## Chiara Palmieri lectures in Europe

It was a busy European trip for Chiara Palmieri who was invited to the ECVF/ESVP annual conference in Athens to give a keynote lecture on *Cancer registration in companion animals* and an invited lecture on *Women in academia and research: still a long way toward gender equality and inclusion in veterinary science and veterinary pathology?*, as well as presenting an oral communication on *Proposal of a reliable scoring system for the histological assessment of multi-organ injury in large animal models of ischaemia and shock* and a poster on *Epidemiology of canine lymphoma in Australia*. Then she flew to Italy to deliver a lecture on *Pathology of Australian wildlife* to the MVSc students of the University of Naples and talk at the seminar on *Gender equality and gender gap: the role of academia* organised by the School of Veterinary Science of the University of Teramo.



## Students meet potential employers at BVSc Careers Fair

A careers fair was organised for fourth year BVSc students on 4th October in the Elton Burns Centre on the Gatton Campus. Students had the opportunity to interact with prospective employers while enjoying canapes and drinks. The event was a huge success with 22 employer stalls and around 80 students attending. A big thanks goes to Ella Wright for organising and overseeing the event.



## SVS Staff Planning for Work and Wellness

SVS staff were inspired and entertained by mindset coach Murray Altham at the Staff Planning Day, which was held on 7th September at the Plainland Hotel conference centre. Murray is an internationally renowned highly sought-after speaker who delivers a captivating mix of expertise, empathy, humour and drive. Some of the themes covered were mindset, leadership, confidence, communication, nutrition and healthy longevity.

## VTH staff celebrate Wear it Purple Day

The Veterinary Teaching Hospital staff held a casual morning tea on Friday 26 August to celebrate [Wear it Purple Day](#). Wear it Purple is a student run, not-for-profit organisation that exists to support young people who identify as sexuality and/or gender diverse (i.e. rainbow).



Pictured: Iffy Glendinning, Steph Silk, Rebecca de Gier, Bianca Galletly, Jade Vellacott, and Melissa Lindert



## Specialist anatomic pathologist visits UQ

In early August, Prof Rob Foster from The University of Guelph, Ontario Veterinary College delivered intensive tutorial training with the pathology group. Rob is a Queenslander and it has been some time since we have benefited from the pleasure of his visits to UQ due to COVID. Rob is an internationally recognised specialist anatomic pathologist, with textbook and research articles focusing on reproductive, neurological and surgical pathology. His passion for teaching and explanation of histopathology was greatly appreciated by new pathology residents Imogen Geh and Daniel McGilp.



## Rachel Allavena visits Corinda State High School

Prof Rachel Allavena attended Corinda State High School as part of a 'Meet the Scientist' event for science week. Rachel talked to the grade 7 and 9 agriculture students about animal health and the interplay between host, environment and pathogens. She also did a 70-minute presentation on how pet dogs can be used to develop cancer immunotherapy for the grade 11 biology students, who are studying the immune system.

Rachel made connections to Corinda through helping them investigate an issue with their farm livestock and has enjoyed going to present to classes on a couple of occasions. The Meet the Scientist events are run through the Chief Scientist of Queensland's office and are easy to participate in, though usually it is up to individual scientists to find a school and make connections. Rachel would recommend other staff get involved next year. Talking to different age cohorts can be a great way to expand on your pedagogy and public speaking skills.



## Introducing The Animal Welfare Collaborative

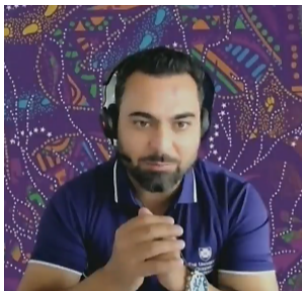
[The Animal Welfare Collaborative \(TAWC\)](#) is an initiative of The University of Queensland established in 2018 to improve animal welfare. Facilitated by The University of Queensland, The University of Newcastle, The University of Western Australia, and The University of Adelaide, TAWC is a broad network of individuals, companies, and organisations working together to improve animal welfare. It was established to provide an independent, evidence-based, middle ground organisation that collaborates with all groups that have an interest in animal welfare.

To drive change, TAWC has established a network of more than 1,500 people from government, industry, stakeholders, and academia who share a common goal of working together to improve animal welfare. The network is governed by an advisory panel with nationally recognised leaders, and an executive that consists of pre-eminent

animal welfare experts from the partner universities. The current vision of TAWC is *continuous improvement in the welfare of animals*, and the approach is to *use evidence to drive collaborative engagement that contributes to positive change in the welfare of animals*.

Since its establishment, TAWC has developed various projects and activities which include:

- [The Daylight project](#), a project concerning the transparency of animal use;
- [Animal Welfare Snapshots](#), a regular bulletin on animal welfare;
- [Animal Welfare Horizons](#) and [Animal Welfare Horizons 2021](#) (virtual) conferences, a forward-thinking conference on animal welfare (see figure below);
- [TAWC Talks](#), a regular online presentation that addresses big topics related to animal welfare in Australia and internationally.



### Swaid Abdullah and Francois-Rene Bertin in the news

Dr Swaid Abdullah was recently interviewed by Nine News about the expected increase in tick numbers in the upcoming seasons due to warm and wet weather. [The broadcast is available online.](#)

A/Prof Francois-Rene Bertin has featured on ABC Southern Queensland and 7 News recently discussing obesity concerns for horses. The interviews are available on the [7News](#) and [ABC News](#) web pages.

### Emily Jones speaks at conference in Mackay

On 27-28 August, Emily was invited to speak at the North Queensland Australian Veterinary Association annual conference in Mackay. Having graduated from James Cook University in Townsville, Emily enjoyed the chance to meet up with some colleagues from the north, and gave talks on small animal cytology to vets and to nurses, as well as bovine and equine postmortem examinations and common pathologies.

### Staff Achievements

**Swaid Abdullah** has been elected as the Queensland State Representative for The Australian Society for Parasitology.

**Wendy Goodwin** was awarded an Early to Mid-Career Research (EMCR) Faculty and Institute Industry Engagement Award.

**Natasha Lean and Georgie Johnston** recently passed their American specialist board exams (Natasha – Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgery (Dip ACVS) and Georgina – Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (Dip ACVSMR)).

### Staff News

#### Welcomes:

Lucy Hunkin, Veterinary Nurse – Equine  
Amy MacQueen, Veterinary Nurse – Equine  
Staff Movements:

Donna Parker, Acting Clinical Director – Veterinary Teaching Hospital

**Expected Arrivals:**

Mohanathas Gobikrushanth – Lecturer in Production Animal Medicine

**Departures:**

Bruce Smith, Clinical Director – Veterinary Teaching Hospital

Michael Holland – Professor

Suman Gupta – Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Solomon Woldeyohannes – Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Heidi St John, Veterinary Nurse – Dayboro

## UQ Library News

### Transition to Talis Aspire

As part of the Curriculum End-To-End Program (CEEP), the University is replacing the Electronic Course Profile System (ECPS) from Semester 2, 2023. This will impact how course coordinators publish learning resources and rely on course coordinators transitioning to the course reading list system, Talis Aspire.

Although full implementation is not for some time, we are encouraging course coordinators to become early adopters of Talis Aspire through the Summer Semester 2022 and Semester 1, 2023 teaching periods.

- See our guide [Publish and update course reading lists](#).
- Watch [Publish and update your course reading lists](#) (YouTube, 3m41s).

UQ is migrating course profiles from ECPS to JAC in 2023. From Semester 2, 2023, UQ academics will publish their course reading lists using the Talis Aspire system. To support this change, we are encouraging course coordinators to become familiar with Talis Aspire during Summer Semester 22-23 and Semester 1, 2023.

Learn more about the upcoming [course reading list changes](#) and the upcoming training sessions in September.

### Publons and Web of Science merger

Clarivate made an announcement recently about a merger between Web of Science and Publons. This is a very recent development, with the merger occurring on August 2022.

Web of Science researcher profiles are the next stage in the evolution of Clarivate's researcher profile offering after replacing Publons. This migration of Publons profiles into the Web of Science occurred to combine Clarivate's two researcher representations (profiles and Web of Science author records) into Clarivate's pre-eminent researcher-facing platform and simplify the experience of those researchers and administrators tracking their research outputs.

If you had a Publons profile, you can now find it in Web of Science where you will be able to:

- Manage your profile more easily. Edit your details in one place, rather than two.
- Get notified when your work gets cited. You'll receive automatic citation alerts for the publications in your profile that are indexed in the Web of Science Core Collection.
- Get noticed by funders and potential collaborators. Your profile will be discoverable in a trusted database used by over 15 million researchers at more than 9,000 institutions worldwide.
- Continue to use your profile as usual. There will be no interruption in service, and you'll find the same useful features that help you keep track of your verified peer reviews, editor records and publications.

If you're unfamiliar with the Web of Science, you can learn more about it [here](#). Your profile will continue to be freely available to all online as a Web of Science profile.

## Upcoming events and opportunities

### 2022 Lexus Melbourne Cup Event

Tuesday 1st November

The Gatton Campus Conference Unit invites UQ Gatton Staff and associates to attend the 2022 Lexus Melbourne Cup Event - The race that stops the nation!

**When:** 1.15pm Tuesday, 1 November

**Cost:** \$15 per person includes nibbles and complementary drink on arrival (further drinks available at bar prices)

**Where:** Level 2 Foundation Building 8118

**Dress:** Your best race outfit and fascinator or hat

**Bookings (including pre-payment):** By Thursday 27 October email [halls@uq.edu.au](mailto:halls@uq.edu.au) or [ccu@uq.edu.au](mailto:ccu@uq.edu.au) or visit the Halls of Residence office in Morrison Hall.

Come along, bring your work colleagues and join us in watching the running of the 2022 Lexus Melbourne Cup at 2pm on the big screen.

**NOTE** this is a prepaid event only.

Cup sweeps available on the day from 1.15pm (\$2 and \$5) and don't forget to wear your best race outfit for Fashions on the Field.



### 2023 Equine Practitioners Conference

Tuesday 31 January and Wednesday 1 February 2023

The conference will include twelve 30-minute lectures on current topics in equine practice and four 90-minute hands-on practical sessions, for a total of 18 CPD points.

#### Conference Topics

- Investigating the neurological horse
- Beginner's guide to ultrasound of the stifle
- Applying a cast
- Diagnosis of cervical spine fractures and stenosis
- Surgical repair of cervical spine fractures and stenosis
- Testicles and ovaries, when and how to remove them
- What's new with Queensland Itch? (Insect Bite Hypersensitivity, IBH)
- You have a cast on your patient, what next?
- Care and management of the down horse
- The Hendra exclusion is negative! Other causes of meningoencephalitis

### The Australian & New Zealand Association of Clinical Anatomists (ANZACA) annual conference

The Australian & New Zealand Association of Clinical Anatomists (ANZACA) is holding its annual conference at Herston this year. The Conference is themed: **Learning From Each Other** and will be held on **7-9 December**.

The aims of ANZACA include:

1. provision of a forum for debate in clinical anatomy and related disciplines,
2. advancement of clinical anatomy and other anatomical sciences, by bringing together active researchers, educators, and clinicians.

The conference organisers are very keen for veterinary collaboration and invite any interested presenters to please consider submitting an abstract for the conference.

Further details can be found on the [ANZACA website](#).

## Staff Training Opportunities at Gatton Campus

[Bullying & discrimination prevention & resolution | Learning \(myworkday.com\)](#)

**18 October 2022** (in-person, coordinated by the Workplace Diversity and Inclusion team)

[Occupational Violence and Aggression Management | Learning \(myworkday.com\)](#)

**2 November 2022** (in-person, coordinated by UQ Health, Safety and Wellness)

[Ally Workshop - Face to Face | Learning \(myworkday.com\)](#)

**22 November 2022** (in-person, coordinated by the Workplace Diversity and Inclusion team)

## 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)**

[School of Veterinary Science](#), The University of Queensland, Phone: (07) 5460 1834

You received this email because The University of Queensland records you as current SVS staff.