



Veterinary Science Newsletter

News and events



Hitting the ground running at the Hub

The BVSc fifth years and BVetTech third years have returned to The Hub for rotations and coursework, starting on 3 and 16 January respectively. Students now have independent access to the Student Clinical Skills Hub via their student ID swipe cards, from 6am to 9pm, seven days a week. This provides them with ample time to prepare for new rotations, and the opportunity to improve their skills on their way to and from their shifts in the clinic, and receive feedback from staff.

The student uptake has been excellent, and the usage register indicates that the extended access hours are allowing students to make the most of the facility. Students can practice a range of basic skills, including animal restraints, injections, catheterisation, surgical preparation, suturing, anaesthesia setup and monitoring, urinary catheterization, basic small animal dentals, and ultrasound usage.

Keep coming team! And let us know what else would be helpful at svs-hub@uq.edu.au.

SVS Teaching Innovation Forum

The annual School of Veterinary Science Teaching Innovations Forum was held again on Wednesday 25 January 2023.

The event has been organised annually by A/Prof Dan Schull since 2012 with the exception only of 2020 where Dan and a small group of staff convened the 'Vet Ed



'Down Under' International Conference in its place (hosting over 120 delegates from around the world).

The forum provides an annual opportunity for all staff in the Vet 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 and to create future collaborations and improvements to teaching practices.

We had another stellar line up of speakers this year covering a range of important topics including: the use of Socratic questioning in clinical contexts, the skills list, digital dashboards, update of vet tech professionalisation, assessment and how it drives learning, modelling patient flow in the clinic for students learning, attention span theory for lectures, the professional studies curriculum, updates from the Logan Pound clinical placement, and VetCloud. Thanks to all of those who presented: Jo Rainger, Rowland Cobbold, Justine Gibson, Trish Clarke, Fran Shapter, Erika Meler, Aaron Herndon, Dan Schull, Norbert Gaulton and Taylor Pini.

We will do it again in January 2024, please don't hesitate to reach out to Dan (d.schull@uq.edu.au) for more info or to register your interest in presenting next year!



Fun and interesting research work at the Tolga Bat Hospital

Dr Lee McMichael, PhD candidate Miss Jessica Mitchell, fourth year vet student Mr Zachary Low, and an aspiring UQ HDR student Dr Hyojin Yang, visited the Tolga Bat Rehabilitation and Research Hospital in February to conduct research under the guidance of hospital director Ms Jenny Mclean. Our collaborative projects are focussed

on threats to the endangered spectacled flying fox, inclusive of tick paralysis, lethal neonatal cleft palate syndrome and the flying fox retrovirus. It was a great opportunity for collaborative veterinary research in the threatened species and infectious disease realms with much enthusiasm and lively project development by all. We welcome future project collaboration, so contact Lee if you have a desire to join the developing team of SVS bat health researchers.



Rachel Allavena travels to remote Queensland as a "Flying Scientist"

Rachel Allavena enjoyed a trip out to St George, Dirranbandi, Goondiwindi, Inglewood, Kindon and Warwick as a Queensland 'Flying Scientist'. This program is part of the Wonder of Science, funded by the Office of the Chief Scientist of Queensland. Rachel was accompanied by young science ambassador Lenore Irvine. Flying Scientists talk to school children from Prep to grade 12 and run

community events in rural and remote areas of Queensland to promote all disciplines of STEM. Rachel talked to a range of schools from Kindon State school with a grand total of 14 kids from kindergarten to grade 4; up to a number of large high school classes at Scots-PGC College in Warwick, a large private boarding school for rural and remote students (where Rachel went to high school). Not only was seeing outback Australia lots of fun (emus or 'bush chooks' in the wild), but teaching to such a diverse group of kids was a fantastic pedagogical challenge.

Flying scientists are expected to do interactive activities, so Rachel used 'Giant microbes' as puppets to illustrate how vaccines work and our bodies fight germs, as

well as a number of puzzle games showing antigen- antibody interactions, the 'lock and key' and 'danger signal' hypotheses in immunology (for those of you that don't know Rachel's PhD is actually in immunology). Rachel talked to the senior students about how pet dogs can help us cure cancer and presented a community event in Goondiwindi on the same topic. Keep an eye out for the application process for Flying Scientists in the FoScience mailers later in the year. Shortlisting happens early in semester 2 and they are very interested in ECR and MCRs.



Farewell breakfast for Ann Keep

The Gatton Campus Director portrait of Ann Keep was unveiled at the Foundation Building at a Gatton Campus breakfast on Tuesday 14 February. Ann was School Manager for the School of Veterinary Science from 2011 to 2015. Ann retired from the Director of Gatton Campus role during 2022. (Photo left to right: Melissa Brown, Ann Keep, Patrick Testa)



Visit from Nippon Veterinary and Life Sciences University

A delegation from the Nippon Veterinary & Life Sciences University in Japan visited the School on Friday 17 February. The group toured our facilities and met with senior SVS staff. A Memorandum of Agreement between NVLU and UQ was signed on Monday 20 February with the Vice Chancellor at St Lucia.

The delegation traveling with the new NVLU President, Professor Hiroetsu SUZUKI, were:

- Professor Yoshikazu TANAKA (The Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Science)
- Associate Professor Aki TANAKA
- Assistant Professor Tsuyoshi TAJIMA



Celebrating Staff @ Christmas Awards 2022

Congratulations to the recipients of the SVS staff awards:

Mark Haworth - *High Impact Clinical Research*

Ricardo Soares Magalhães - *Outstanding Contribution to Research*

Lee McMichael - *Higher Degree Research Supervision*

Malcolm Heath - *Outstanding Contribution to Service*

Dan Schull - *Outstanding Contribution to Engagement*

Caitlin Mack - *Outstanding Contribution by Professional Staff*

Pathology Technical Team - *Outstanding Contribution by Clinical Professional Staff*

Lee McMichael - *Helen Keates Developing Teacher*

Aaron Herndon - *Trevor Heath Teaching Excellence*

Vit Chakitdee - *Lyn Knott Teaching Foundation*

Deanne Whitworth - *Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Excellence*

Staff Achievements

Congratulations to the following staff:

Professor Paul Mills has been appointed for a three year term to the [ARC College of Experts](#).

Dr Donna Parker has been appointed to the position of Clinical Director VTH – effective 1 January 2023.

Promotions effective 1 January 2023:

- Senior Lecturer Dr Frances Shapter
- Associate Professor Wendy Goodwin
- Associate Professor Deanne Whitworth
- Associate Professor Steve Zedler
- Professor Joerg Henning
- Professor Ricardo Soares Magalhães

Staff Welcomes and Departures

Welcomes:

Rebecca Dale - Production Animal Service Nurse Coordinator

Keahly Mackenzie - Veterinary Nurse Intern

Grace Millar - Veterinary Nurse Intern

Taleah Hartley - Client Liaison Officer

Departures:

Bridgette Bouma - Client Liaison Officer

Josie Hale - Equine Sports Medicine Clinician

Mohammad Hassan - Research Fellow

Mark Haworth - Snr Lecturer ECC

Ameh James - Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Cate Khursandi - Small Animal Surgeon

Stephen Klinge - Snr Software Engineer

Hannah Lee - Small Animal Intern

Lawrence Noble - Small Animal Intern

Kenhinde Owlabi - Research Development Officer

Geoffrey Xu - Small Animal Intern

Meenu Joseph - Advisor, HR Client Partnering

Upcoming events and opportunities



Vet Nurses and Technicians Conference 2023

8 - 9 July, St Lucia Campus

The conference will feature two international speakers Megan Brashear and Elle Haskey, and special guest presenter Cat Walker, The Radio Vet Nurse. Lecture topics include critical thinking, approach to the seizing patient, ECG interpretation, nursing acute kidney injury patients, nursing coagulopathic patients, approach to the trauma patients, blood transfusions, medical math, cardiac drugs, CPR, fluid therapy, and compassionate communication.

[More 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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