



Veterinary Science Newsletter

News and updates



2023 Clinical Coats Ceremony

The annual Clinical Coats Ceremony was held on Thursday 26 October. The Main Lecture Theatre was filled to capacity with students and their families. 320 people attended the event plus 115 on Zoom. Our MC was Dr Aaron Herndon and the Speaker was Dr Wendy Goodwin. Our VTH director, Dr Donna Parker, also addressed the group via video message. The cohort had their traditional photo at the Foundation Building and then due to thunderstorms we held canapes in the Sports Centre. Overall, it was a great evening for the students, and it gave them a sense of belonging and being part of the Gatton campus. It is a big achievement for the students to reach this point in their studies and it means a lot to them and their families to share that moment. Guests to the event came from as far as Oman and Hong Kong to see their loved ones receive their coats.



Giving Day morning tea at UQ Vets

This year UQ Vets Animal and Emergency Care was promoted as a fund for the annual UQ Giving Day on Wednesday 18 October. A special morning tea was held at the hospital for clients and donors. Clinical Director Donna Parker welcomed guests, and Ella Wright gave them a tour of the hospital. A special thanks to Dr Mervyn Cobcroft for

his generous donation of \$15,000, which will be matched by the University.



Industry Celebration Trivia Night

There was a great turn out (SVS, ODGC and external clinics) for the trivia night on Tuesday 24 October and it was a fun evening. A huge thank you to the school for supporting the event including dinner for all SVS staff, our wonderful sponsors for the evening, our fabulous UQ Vets organising team and Caitlin, our very entertaining MC. Congratulations to our winning team 'Wingardium Triviosa' and all our lucky raffle prize winners.



SVS bat researchers attend conference

From September 4-8, the entire "SVS Bat Research Team" attended the Wildlife Disease Association - Australasian section conference on Crab Claw Island, just outside Darwin (pictured: Dr Hyojin Yang, Mr Zachary Low, Ms Jessica Mitchell, Dr Hyungsuk Kang, Dr Lee McMichael, Ms Jennifer Sullivan). With the generous support from the Keith Mackie Lucas scholarship, Tolga Bat Hospital, WDA student travel scholarships, and our esteemed leader Prof Joanne Meers and Dr Lee's crazy Flybuys reward

scheming, we managed to have full attendance by all team members, each presenting their research in areas as diverse as bat virology, flying fox tick paralysis and cleft palate syndrome of the endangered spectacled flying fox. Testament to the amazing work that staff and students are performing, fourth year BVSc student Mr Zachary Low received both a student travel scholarship and runner up student presentation award for his phenotypic and genetic investigations into cleft palate syndrome; Ms Jennifer Sullivan was awarded a student travel scholarship to present her bat herpesvirus work; Ms Jessica Mitchell was awarded a WDA research award to further her research into flying fox retrovirus; and Dr Lee received the one off somewhat "mother hen" award for bringing along the entire research team. It was an amazing opportunity for us all to network with immensely passionate wildlife researchers in an environment of inclusivity and mentorship.

Congratulations to the Golden Speculum and Dissection Kit Award Winners

This year's Golden Speculum (best lecturer) and Golden Dissection Kit (best tutor) award winners as voted by each cohort are:

First year Golden Speculum: Mike Noad
First year Golden Dissection Kit: Pranav Narayanan
Second year Golden Speculum: Chiara Palmieri
Second year Golden Dissection Kit: Gobi Mohanathas
Third year Golden Speculum: Justine Gibson
Third year Golden Dissection Kit: Iffy Glendinning
Fourth year Golden Speculum: Gobi Mohanathas
Fourth year Golden Dissection Kit: Courtney Stewart

The fifth year awards will be announced at the Graduation Dinner on 9 December



Taking the bull by the horns

After a successful career as a public relations executive, BVet Tech student Yasmine Gray has decided it is time for a career change and hopes to become an animal paramedic specialising in large animals. [Read the full story via Contact Magazine.](#)



SVS PhD student Yifei Yang attends the ISAE Congress in Estonia

In August 2023, SVS PhD student Yifei Yang had the opportunity to present at the Annual Congress of the International Society for Applied Ethology (ISAE) in Tallinn, Estonia. Yifei is a final-year PhD student specialising in animal welfare science. Her PhD research focuses on the welfare of farmed freshwater fish during live transport in the Chinese context, which is an emerging topic in farm animal welfare. Yifei's advisors are Dr Kris Descovich, Dr Edward Narayan, and Prof Qingjun Shao from Zhejiang University.

ISAE is an international society that provides a forum for the presentation and discussion of advances in applied animal behaviour science and education and inspires further innovation through an annual international scientific congress and regional meetings. Yifei successfully received a Developing Countries Congress Attendance Fellowship (DCCAF) to cover her attendance at the 56th Congress of ISAE in Tallinn, Estonia, from 31 July to 5 August 2023. The DCCAF program aims to support researchers in the field of farm animal welfare and behaviour from developing countries who wish to attend the congress. This is a highly competitive fellowship, and Yifei was selected as one of only 14 DCCAF awardees. This fellowship supported Yifei to attend a pre-congress DCCAF workshop that connected awardees with senior scientists from across the world, various congress events, and post-congress farm visits in Tallinn. Yifei also delivered her first ISAE oral presentation titled "Effect of simulated road transport on the behaviour and welfare of largemouth bass (*Micropterus salmoides*)" on 3 August 2023.

Overall, Yifei had an incredible opportunity to meet senior researchers in animal behaviour and welfare, share her experiences from China, present her research findings at the ISAE Congress and expand her professional network with the support of DCCAF.

Photo: A group photo of the fifth DCCAF awardees (Yifei was in the 2nd row, first from the right), animal welfare and behaviour scientists (2nd row, third from the left; 3rd row first, second and fourth from the left), UQ SVS alumni Dr Jashim Uddin (1st row, third from the right), ISAE student representatives, and DCCAF program officers at the pre-congress workshop in Tallinn, on 31 July 2023.

Chiara Palmieri coordinates European veterinary pathology Equity Diversity and Inclusion task force

The European Society of veterinary pathology (ESVP) together with the European College of Veterinary Pathologists (ECVP) have recently established the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) task force with the aim to provide educational resources and support to ESVP/ECVP members, implement strategies to promote diversity and

inclusion within ESVP/ECVP and create a support network for career development and professional growth in the field of veterinary pathology. The task force is coordinated by Chiara Palmieri who gave an online webinar on *Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in veterinary science: why it matters and what we can do about it* on the 26th of September to launch this initiative.



Can you give Summer a home?

This is our player, Summer, who likes to play fetch in her own weird way! She likes to dig in the sandpit and play with the hose, she likes MANY things and has a lovely character. She likes spending time with people, she can sit (not perfectly but she CAN) and absolutely is a zoomer, so she needs a decent back yard. Summer is unsuitable for the apartment lifestyle, and she has not been exposed to cats. [More details and video evidence of that sit here.](#)



The Real YouQ

Check out the article on Gatton campus treasure Regie Narara in the October issue of [Contact Magazine](#).

Photo: Regie Narara from the Coffee Pod at UQ's Gatton campus. Images: Marc Grimwade

Library News

Teaching

Editing & Publishing Learning Resources for Summer Semester or Semester 1

[Course reading lists](#) are created in the Library's reading lists system, [Talis Aspire](#). Course Coordinators are now able to update, edit, and publish reading lists for their courses directly in the new system.

The library runs 45-minute training sessions on how to use the Talis Aspire system. Below are the current dates available for training, but please refer to the [Library Training site](#) (under "Software") as more dates may become available in the new year:

- 16 November, 11am-11:45am – [Publish your course reading list for UQ teaching staff](#)
- 21 November, 2:30pm-3:15pm – [Publish your course reading list for UQ teaching staff](#)

If you are unable to attend training, watch [Publish and update your course reading list](#) (YouTube, 6m56s).

We can also offer School-based training sessions. Contact k.ashley@library.uq.edu.au if you would like to organise some training for the School.

Open textbook development grants

- Open textbooks are a type of open educational resource (OER) that are free for everyone to use and can offer a range of benefits beyond standard textbooks. The library is running a short session providing an overview of our support to use open textbooks in your course. The session will cover:
- How open textbooks benefit students and instructors
- Finding relevant open textbooks to adopt or adapt for your course
- creating your own open textbook
- Information about the Open Textbooks @ UQ grants, including how to apply.

Wed 22 Nov 2023, 10:00 am - 10:45 am: [Open Textbook @ UQ grant information session](#)

Support for Indigenising Curriculum with Library Resources

The Library supports the University's commitment to [Indigenising Curriculum](#), and embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander curriculum and inclusive teaching practices into programs and courses. The new [Indigenising Curriculum Resources](#) website provides a rich and curated collection of library resources and innovative approaches for incorporating them. The website is also linked from the [Services for teaching staff](#) page.

Research

Applying for an upcoming grant?

Review the [Grant or promotions metrics online tutorial](#) or [submit your request for a metrics consult or report](#).

Find me the money

Getting the most out of the Pivot-RP database to find grant money opportunities – workshop via zoom Nov 23, 10-10.45am
[Register](#)

HDR Week Seminar

UQ Read and Publish Agreements – how to find ways to save money on article processing charges to select a journal or submit your article for publication – workshop via zoom 24 Nov, 1.30-2.30pm
[Register](#)

Open Research Fellowships

The Library is awarding two A\$10,000 [Open Research Fellowships](#) to UQ researchers – one for a researcher in Humanities and Social Sciences and another for a researcher in STEMM, keen to explore open research practices in their discipline. The closing date for applications is Friday 10 November 2023.

Research Bazaar Nov 21-24 – this year's [ResBaz](#) is at UQ and will showcase the latest in next generation digital research tools and skills for all disciplines. Some bursaries to defray costs are available and volunteers get free registration.

Upcoming events and opportunities

Melbourne Cup celebration at the UQ Gatton Staff and Graduates Club

The UQ Gatton Staff and Graduates Club invites all staff to attend the 2023 Lexus Melbourne Cup - The race that stops the nation!

When: Tuesday 7 November at 1.15pm

Where: The UQ Gatton Staff and Graduates Club (under the Foundation Building)

Cost: \$15 per person includes finger food and complimentary drink on arrival (further drinks available at bar prices)

Dress: Your best race outfit

Bookings essential (including pre-payment for catering purposes) by Thursday 2 November:

Bookings can be made by credit card over the phone on 54601215 (ext. 50215) or in person at Halls of Residence Office, Morrison Hall

Cup sweeps available on the day and don't forget to wear your best race outfit for our *Fashions on the Field* competition.

Come along with your work colleagues and join us to watch the race that stops the nation.

Research Commercialisation Workshops for Professional Staff

This free, half-day event provides an introduction to intellectual property and how it is managed at UQ, outlines how UniQuest partners with UQ researchers and demonstrates the various steps we take along the commercialisation journey from discovery to impact.

Date: Thursday 9 November

[Register Now](#)

Research Ethics and Integrity Training

We have several training sessions available for UQ Staff and HDR candidates on Research Ethics and Integrity coming up in November:

[Drop-in sessions for specific questions on Human Ethics applications:](#) Wednesday 8 November, 12:00-13:00 (Via Zoom)

[Conducting ethical research with humans at UQ](#) (Workday): Thursday 9 November 2023, 13:00-15:00 (Via Zoom)

[Responsible Conduct of Research at UQ](#) (Workday): Tuesday 14 November 2023, 10:00-12:00 (Via Zoom)

[Ethical Research & teaching with animals at UQ](#) (Workday): Tuesday 21 November 2023, 10:00-11:00 (Via Zoom)

Graduate School (HDR candidates only)

[Human Ethics:](#) Thursday 16 November, 10:00-11:30 (Via Zoom)

[Animal Ethics:](#) Friday 17 November 12:00-13:00 (Via Zoom)

Enquiries: training.rei@research.uq.edu.au

UQ Thanks You Gatton

This end-of-year celebration is our way of saying thank you for the achievements of our teams, and of having some fun to wrap up another busy year.

It's also an excellent opportunity for you to meet people from different areas of UQ in a relaxed setting.

Please come along with your colleagues to an afternoon of complimentary food, beverages and live entertainment.

The celebratory events are open to all UQ staff – continuing, fixed-term, and casual.

Casual staff can include their attendance on their timesheets.

UQ Thanks You events are for staff only. Please [register](#) using your UQ email address.

Date: Tuesday 21 November

Time: 12-3pm

Location: Central Walkway, UQ Gatton



Celebrating Staff@Christmas lunch

Staff awards presentations and Christmas buffet lunch.
[RSVP](#) and dietary requirements deadline is Monday 4 December.

Date: Friday 8 December

Time: 12:30-2:30pm

Location: Gatton Campus Dining Hall

Graduation Dinner - BVSc 2023

All SVS staff are invited to attend the BVSc Graduation Dinner

Date: Saturday 9 December

Time: 7pm until late

Location: [Victoria Park, Grand Ball Room](#)

[Purchase your ticket - BVSc Graduation Dinner](#)

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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