



Veterinary Science Newsletter

News and updates

Congratulations to the SVS Staff Award Winners

- Award for Outstanding Contribution to Service: Dr Swaid Abdullah
- Award for Outstanding Contribution to Engagement: Rod Verrall
- Award for Outstanding Contribution by Professional Staff: Belinda Passmore
- Award for Outstanding Contribution by Clinical Professional: Melissa Lindert
- Award for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Excellence: Professor Joerg Henning
- High Impact Clinical Research Award 2023: Dr Gry Boe-Hansen
- Award for Outstanding Contribution to Research 2023: Dr Lee McMichael
- Higher Degree Research Supervision Excellence: Associate Professor Deanne Whitworth
- Helen Keates Developing Teacher Award: Dr Danielle Hindmarsh
- Trevor Heath Teaching Excellence Award: Associate Professor Daniel Schull
- Lyn Knott Teaching Foundations Award: Debra Laws
- Award for Outstanding Contributions to Service- Volunteer: Chantal Simpson



Chantelle Jukic wins ACVS awards

Our resident and DVClinSc student Chantell Jukic was the winner of the ACVS Outstanding Surgery Residents' Award and winner of the ACVS/ECVS Resident Speaker

Exchange Program Award.

The Outstanding Surgery Resident's Award competition encourages the development of clinically important research and the dissemination of the results of these investigations. A winner from the best ACVS resident small and large animal presentations will be invited to present at the European College of Veterinary Surgeons meeting.



Chantelle won this award for her presentation, "Mechanical testing of two constructs for distal inter phalangeal joint arthrodesis (Chantelle Jukic, Andrew van Eps, Alex Young, Steven Zedler). Successful coffin joint arthrodesis has been a near impossible challenge for equine surgeons to date. There are only a handful of successful case reports and the procedure is difficult and fraught with complications. The new method we developed has already been used successfully in 2 cases, and numerous world renowned practices including University of Pennsylvania, Mid Atlantic Equine Hospital, and Grosbois Equine Clinic intend to use this technique.

Congratulations to MPhil student Anthony Feez

SVS MPhil student Anthony Feez won the Meat & Livestock Australia – Innovation for the red meat industry \$1500 award at the [7th Animal Science Poster Olympics](#) in November 2023. Anthony presented his work on "Validation of an objective method to count buffalo fly under field conditions". Anthony is supervised by Dr Swaid Abdullah, Associate Professor Ben Wood, and Professor Nigel Perkins.



German neurology specialist Prof Thomas Flegel visits SVS

In October we were lucky to host German neurology specialist Professor Thomas Flegel for a 2 week visit at Gatton, following his keynote neurology lecture series in Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. Thomas leads an 8 veterinarian small animal neurology service at the University of Leipzig.



Thomas spent an evening as the guest speaker for the small animal medicine (SAM) SIG group where he spoke about his amazing career path and then gave tips on the neurologic exam. He kept the students engrossed for over 3 hours and inspired them to pursue their dreams despite great difficulties (such as the Berlin wall and years of applying for residencies).

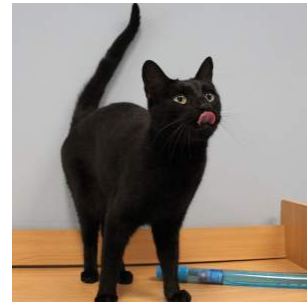
Thomas gave several impromptu lectures to large animal internal medicine, sports medicine and surgery residents and 5th year clinical students. He also provided assistance on clinical cases in the small and large animal clinics, including several dogs from the emergency clinic. He even performed a series of neurologic exams as part of an investigation on a herd of neurologic goats from outback Queensland! Thanks to Aaron Herndon for hosting Thomas in the small animal clinic and to Rachel Allavena for accommodating him in pathology.

Allison Stewart and Thomas both completed their residencies from 1999-2021 at The Ohio State University. Allison teaches 3rd year general neurology and 4th year equine neurology, and Aaron teaches 4th year small animal neurology, so there was an opportunity to benchmark preclinical and clinical teaching and exchange teaching resources. Thomas enjoyed his visit and was fascinated to hear about the neurologic

conditions caused by Australian venomous species of snakes, spiders, ticks, jellyfish and octopuses and departed Gatton feeling just a little nervous on his trip north to Cairns!

Consider adopting a cat from the CSC

[Reese](#) and several other beautiful cats are currently available for adoption from the CSC for \$50. Reese, a very lucky black cat, is a typical cat. She loves you one minute and leaves you for something better in the next room when she's done with you! She is affectionate, easy going and presently living with a group of other cats. She has done her time teaching veterinary and vet technology students and is now ready for you to welcome her to your home! Please [contact us](#) to arrange to meet Reese.



[More information](#)

APCOVE launches field training package

The [Asia Pacific Consortium of Veterinary Epidemiology](#) (APCOVE) has launched its world-class field training package on the sidelines of the [World Health Summit](#) in Berlin. The package is designed to help veterinary practitioners and para veterinarians detect and prevent infectious diseases outbreaks. The [package comprises](#) 36 eLearning modules on outbreak investigation, surveillance, risk assessment, One Health, biosecurity, leadership and communication - this is now the most comprehensive training package on field veterinary epidemiology globally that is available online and free of cost for anyone to access from anywhere in the world.



The modules have been prepared by the collective efforts of more than 40 APCOVE partners from all veterinary schools in Australia and New Zealand, one veterinary school from the US and eight countries in the Asia-Pacific region over the past three years. [Professor Joerg Henning](#) has been leading the development of these eLearning modules for the [University of Queensland](#). APCOVE was established in 2020 to strengthen the veterinary epidemiology capacity in the Asia-Pacific region with funding provided through the [Indo-Pacific Centre of Health Security](#).

The eLearning modules have been developed and tested in Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Timor-Leste and Vietnam. The modules have also been translated into five languages and are available in Lao, Khmer, Bahasa Indonesia, Vietnamese and Burmese.

SVS Staff among those recognised in FoS T&L Awards 2023

Early Career Teaching Excellence

Winner: Dr Millicent Smith

Highly Commended:

- Dr Stephanie Bond
- Mr Suresh Krishnasamy
- Dr Mahdi Abolghasemi



Programs that Enhance Learning

Winner: VetCloud (Dr Stephanie Bond, Dr Francis Shapter, Dr Taylor Pini, Marnie Holt, Phil Waller, Associate Professor Deanne Whitworth, Professor Mal Jones and Dr Aaron Herndon)

Sustained Teaching Excellence

Winners:

- Dr Frances Shapter
- Dr Michael Jennings

Teaching Excellence

Winners:

- Professor Ulrike Kappler
- Dr John Hall

Highly Commended

- Dr Edward Narayan
- Dr Effie Kartsonaki
- Dr Anne Beasley

Upcoming workshops on scholarly publishing and the ARC Discovery Projects round

“Don’t pay APCs! Learn how the UQ Library 2024 Read and Publish Agreements can help”.

Read and Publish agreements progress the transition to open access publishing. UQ authors can publish their research in included open access titles without paying APCs. The Library funds open publishing via a combined access and publishing cost. This webinar will discuss the [UQ Read and Publish agreements](#), and demonstrate a collection of tools that UQ Library have developed to assist in the open access publishing process. The workshop will:

- Explain Read and Publish agreements
- How to select journals based on impact factor, quartile and subject area
- Coverage of an APC by a Read and Publish agreement

Commencing in March, the webinars will be run monthly across 2024. Please refer to the [Library training page](#) for dates.

ARC Discovery Projects: support for metrics

ARC Discovery Project EOI round opens on 22 January. The Library will provide training to assist researchers to complete the ROPE section of the EOI. These sessions will be recorded and a recording can be provided if you cannot attend.

[Publication metrics for your ARC Discovery Project EOI application.](#)

Publishing and Research Management

Tue 30 Jan 2024, 10:30 - 11:30am, Online

The UQ Library team will present an overview of publication metrics that can be highlighted in the performance evidence section of your ARC Discovery Project Expression of Interest (EOI) application.

[Metrics drop-in session for your ARC Discovery Project EOI application.](#)

Publishing and Research Management

Mon 5 Feb 2024, 11:00am - 12:00pm, [Duhig Tower \(2\)](#), St Lucia

Drop in during this session to get help with finding metrics data for your ARC Discovery Project Expression of Interest (EOI) application. No formal content will be presented - it is a chance to ask questions.

[Online metrics drop-in session for your ARC Discovery Project EOI application.](#)

Publishing and Research Management

Thu 8 Feb 2024, 10:00 - 11:00am, Online

Drop in during this session (online via Zoom) to get help with finding metrics data for your ARC Discovery Project Expression of Interest (EOI) application. No formal content will be presented - it is a chance to ask questions.

For further information, please see the [UQ ARC discovery webpage](#).

Upcoming events and opportunities

Ready to Teach Week

Monday 5 - Friday 9 February

Registrations are now open for Ready to Teach Week. Explore the program and register for sessions to help prep for the upcoming semester. Secure your spot today.

[Register now](#)

BVSc Class of 2013 10 Year Reunion Cocktail Party

Saturday 9 March 2024, [Regatta Hotel, Toowong](#)

Vet School staff who were involved with the graduating class of 2013 are invited to attend the 10 Year Reunion Cocktail Party.

[More information](#)

UQ Review of SVS

Well, here we are in 2024! So, this is a reminder to all staff that the UQ Review of our school is scheduled for Monday 13 to Thursday 16 May 2024. Please mark the review dates in your calendars.

Craig Franklin, President of the Academic Board, provided a very informative presentation to the School in early December. If you missed the presentation or haven't viewed the video yet, it is a recommended watch, and you can [view it online](#).

Or check for the email from Kathy on 1 December with the subject line "SVS Review Briefing Session with Academic Board President & ABSC Standing Committee Representative".

The [Terms of Reference](#) document is available online, but to summarise, the Review Committee will meet with members of staff across all areas of the School to look at:

- Vision, Governance & Strategy

- Teaching, Learning & Assessment
- Research, Research Training & Impact
- Professional, Industry, Alumni & Community links
- Organisation, Operations & Administration
- Culture, Equity & Diversity
- Resources

Scheduling of the meetings will be finalised closer to the review date. The Review Committee will also tour/inspect all areas of School facilities.

Draft Review Timetable is as follows:

Monday 13 May – St Lucia Campus: Review Committee holds interviews with UQ Senior Executives

Tuesday 14 & Wednesday 15 May – Gatton Campus: Review Committee holds interviews with SVS staff and tours of School facilities

Thursday 16 May – Gatton: Review Committee presents draft recommendations to the Executive Dean, Head of School and to the School at a School meeting

The Review Committee membership is below:

External members: Professor Jacqui Norris, University of Sydney

Professor Josh Slater, University of Melbourne

Professor Jon Huxley, Massey University

UQ Internal members: Professor Sandy Brauer, Head of School, School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (Academic Board Standing Committee Representative)

Professor Saso Ivanovski, Head of School, School of Dentistry (Cognate School Representative)

Secretary: Faculty Executive Manager, Faculty of Science

If you have an questions about the review, please reach out to Weston, Kathy, Nigel or have a chat to your supervisor.

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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