



Veterinary Science Newsletter

News and updates

Inaugural UQVETS Horse Health Lecture Series a Great Success

On Sunday 4 February we hosted over 100 people (and many more on Zoom) for 6 mini lectures at the Hamon Centre. These were followed by a tour of the Equine Specialist Hospital. The attendees included members of local pony clubs, dressage, working equitation, quarter horse, stockhorse, reining, archery and show jumping clubs, racehorse breeders, owners and trainers in addition to some retired veterinarians, and even a few of our own students (who were rapidly taking notes!). The conditions in which we performed were a test of resilience: no air-conditioning, whirling fans and several IT difficulties. However, some attendees had travelled from as far as the Northern Rivers Region of NSW so we decided to proceed. We received numerous positive reports from attendees and Zoomers including a message from a 100 mare thoroughbred stud manager "Thank-you for putting on the horse health lectures. We thoroughly enjoyed them. They were very informative and you are all such a wealth of knowledge. Thank-you for giving your time and expertise." The attendees endured the heat with us, but as horse owners they are a resilient and appreciative group.



A big thankyou to Swaid Abdullah for obtaining funding from the Australian Parasitology Society for drinks and sandwiches, and for bringing microscopes, bottles of worms and showing people how faecal egg counts are performed. The hands up survey was a resounding "yes" to run a short course to learn this technique! To Jo Rainger for calmness and problem solving when so many facilities failed. To our speakers: Swaid: parasites, Shirley: colic, Ligia: wounds, Evie: foals; Jo: first aid and Allison Stewart: eyes. Your talks were ALL excellent! To Ella and Claire for their work behind the scenes over the last 2 weeks. We hope to eventually have the lectures edited to make freely available to share

on our Facebook page. To UQ security and facilities for trying to fix the AC- which ultimately blew up, then going above and beyond providing large (noisy) fans! To Alison for holding the fort at the hospital and welcoming the tour groups. We had several enquires about potential case admissions and were introduced to several budding young vets and vet techs.

Thank-you to those who gave up their Sunday afternoon in service to UQ and the community. There was much encouragement from attendees to provide similar events in the future.

SVS Researchers Feature in Cumberland Bird Observatory Club Newsletter

Viviana Gonzalez-Astudillo and collaborators from UQ, the University of Southern Queensland and CSIRO are featured on February's cover of the Cumberland Bird Observatory Club (CBOC) Newsletter regarding their study on anticoagulant rodenticide (AR) poisoning in raptors around south-east Queensland. Their study focuses on conducting postmortem examinations in native raptors that have been found as 'road kill', noting lesions compatible with AR poisoning, and collecting samples to quantify common ARs via mass spectrometry. Raptors are likely to consume poisoned prey especially after the rodent plagues that have occurred over the past few years around the Lockyer Valley. Secondary poisoning events leave raptors vulnerable to vehicle collisions. Results from this study could assist in shaping future conservation actions such as influencing policy regarding AR use.

Please provide input to the School submission report for upcoming School Review

Please [view the consultation draft of our School submission report](#) for the upcoming School Review.

The report proper is the first ~85 pages and then there are some additional bits in the appendix.

The Working Group (a subset of the School Executive Committee) is continuing to edit this document and add small amounts of material to it.

Please read through the sections of most relevance to your role or interests and provide comments on the following:

1. Is the general tone and flow OK?
2. Have we completely missed (or poorly presented) some important piece of content or issue?
3. Are there any sections that either need shortening or expanding – and why?

You can send feedback by email to hosvetsci@uq.edu.au or directly to [Kathy Bachmann](#).

Please respond by the end of this week (Friday 1 March).

Your help is much appreciated.

Invitation to make a submission to the 2024 School of Veterinary Science review

As part of the forthcoming review of the School of Veterinary Science, the SVS community

is invited to make submissions to the review. Please find attached a memorandum from the President of the Academic Board with further information.

The terms of reference for the review can be accessed by visiting the [School, Centre, Institute and generalist degree reviews](#) page, by clicking on the heading "Upcoming reviews" and locating the terms of reference link next to the School of Veterinary Science entry.

If you would like to make a submission, please send via uqreviews@uq.edu.au by **8 April 2024**.

Winter Research Program 2024 - Call for Projects

The Winter Research Program is launching for 2024 and the SVS has registered an EOI for a limited number of funded positions. If you are interested, could you please send your project title and a brief project description to Wendy Goodwin by 29 February.

This program provides an opportunity for motivated UQ students to engage in an educational research experience and enhance their employability.

Program dates & Requirements

The program will be offered between 24 June to 19 July 2024. During this time, students will team up with a research mentor at a UQ campus or research site for 4 weeks to gain valuable research experience. Their expected hours of engagement over this time should be between 20 - 36 hours per week.

Eligibility & Application

The Winter Research online application form for students will open on 25 March and will close on 21 April 2024. Student Enrichment and Employability Development (SEED) will again coordinate a University-wide online application system in StudentHub, in collaboration with the Unit Coordinators.

Student participants must be enrolled in a coursework program of study at UQ at the time of application and maintain ongoing enrolment in a program at UQ for the entirety of the Winter Research Program. Graduation may affect this.

Co-funding grants

All participating students will receive a grant of \$2000 for their engagement in the Winter program.

Library Updates

Python Workshops & Collaborative User Group Meetings

The Library has created 4 new Python workshops & offers monthly group sessions, starting 4 March 2024 with **"Python Training (1 of 4): The Fundamentals"**.

The UQ Python User Group is a monthly skill-sharing and collaborative problem-solving session for the UQ Python user community.

More information can be found on the Library's [training page](#) and on [StudentHub](#).

Wiley Article Processing Charges

Researchers at UQ are now able to publish open access at no cost to you, through the

new agreement with Wiley. As the corresponding author you can choose from 1,400+ hybrid journals to be the home for your next research and review articles. Wiley reports that articles published open access consistently receive a larger readership, a higher number of citations and a higher Altmetric score than those articles which are not open access. For more information and support:

- [Read & Publish Agreements Negotiated by CAUL – Wiley and Hindawi](#)
- [Wiley Author Services – Open access agreement for authors at eligible Australia and New Zealand institutions](#)

For researchers and authors to learn a bit more about their agreement and maybe ask some publishing questions, Wiley are offering two online workshops scheduled for [14 March 2024, 1:00pm-2:00pm AEDT](#) and [18 July 2024, 1:00pm-2:00pm AEST](#).

Read and Publish Agreements 2024

The Library has finalised its [Read & Publish Agreements 2024](#) with the Council of University Librarians (CAUL) and publishers.

The Library website and the [journal search tool](#) in eSpace has been updated with all titles. The overview interface also received a facelift and it's easier to identify which open access pathways are available when looking for sets of journals.

Our open scholarship specialist librarian will run monthly sessions titled “**Don't pay APCs! Learn how the UQ Library 2024 Read and Publish Agreements can help**” starting from March 5, 2024 to help address questions from UQ staff and HDR students. Scott's online webinars will go into more detail on how to utilise our agreements, the [CAUL guide on Read & Publish](#) and eSpace's journal search. More information can be found on the Library's [training page](#) and on [StudentHub](#).

SAGE Policy Tool for researchers seeking extra metrics for grant funding applications

SAGE offers a new, free tool using Overton to identify where your work has been cited in policies. The same tool is used in Scopus/PlumX to identify alternative metrics. If you are looking at the social impact of your papers, this may be a useful way to extract further metrics.

Some info in Nature: <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-04070-7>

A video demonstration by SAGE: [Sage Policy Profiles Demonstration](#)

New books and online textbooks

New CABI publishing titles – from vet science, to ending plastic waste to insects <https://www.cabidigitallibrary.org/doi/10.5555/news-twelve-months-of-cabi-in-books>

[Confident Supervisors: Creating Independent Researchers](#) by Gasson et al. (Aus) (online textbook) <https://jcu.pressbooks.pub/confidentsupervisors/>

Upcoming events and opportunities

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.

UQ Review of SVS

The UQ Review of our school is scheduled for Monday 13 to Thursday 16 May 2024. Please mark the review dates in your calendars.

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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