



## Veterinary Science Newsletter

### News and updates

#### BVetTech Welcome to Clinics

We recently held a celebration for our final year Veterinary Technician students who are commencing their clinical rotations. This is a huge milestone for our vet tech students. Clinical rotations are an essential part of the three-year program which extensively covers theoretical and practical skills creating integral members of the veterinary healthcare team.



#### UQ Gatton Diversity Dinner

Students celebrated the [UQ Gatton Diversity Dinner](#) on 23 April 2024 in the iconic Morrison Hall. The UQ Gatton Diversity Dinner was a food festival to highlight and celebrate the cultural diversity of our student community with 150 students in attendance. The event was organised by [Dr Swaid Abdullah](#), the current Academic International Student Mentor for the BVSc program, in collaboration with Science Student Experience, the School of Veterinary Science (SVS), School of Agriculture and Food Sustainability (AGFS), UQU International Collective and Gatton International Student Association (GISA).



This fantastic festival was inaugurated by SVS Head of School, [Professor Nigel Perkins](#), and the students were treated to a smorgasbord of Indian, Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Malaysian, Mexican, Middle Eastern and Italian cuisine – as well as the Aussie lamington. The food was prepared by local restaurants from Plainlands to Toowoomba. Students also participated in karaoke and enjoyed music from different cultures. There was truly something for everyone, and an opportunity to learn more about the broad array of cultures and experiences that are here at UQ Gatton campus. The whole event was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by the students.

A special thanks to Prof Joerg Henning, Assoc Prof Ben Wood, Assoc Prof Dan Schull and Dr Allison Stewart for attending the event to support our students, to Edelia Sanchez from the Science Student Experience team, and to the student representatives of Gatton International Student Association (GISA) and UQU International Collective for running the event.

The UQ Gatton Diversity Dinner allowed the students of Gatton campus to celebrate their cultural diversity. This event also contributes to the establishment of an inclusive and supportive multicultural student community on the Gatton campus. This event is well aligned with UQ values of equity, diversity, and inclusion to create a vibrant and inclusive environment that allows ideas to flourish, people to be empowered and communities to grow.

Financial support for the event was kindly provided by SVS, AGFS, Science Student Experience, and UQU International Collective.

#### Annual Careers Fair

The annual BVSC and BVetTech Careers Fair was held on Tuesday 26 March in the Elton Burns Centre. The event provides an opportunity for employers to meet students and vice versa, and it was well attended despite the rain. There were 15 industry stalls, and 104 students registered. Sandwiches and cold drinks were provided. Thanks to Ella Wright for organising the event.



## Kangri to Kangaroos: A Tapestry of Experiences!

[Swaid Abdullah](#) presented his life experiences as a veterinarian and academic in a lunch time event organised by the UQ Vets Worldwide Special Interest group (SIG). Swaid talked about "Kangri to Kangaroos: A Tapestry of Experiences!", where he shared his stories and perks of being a vet. The students loved it, and Gabriela Umanzor, the president of UQ Vets Worldwide said, *"We want to have more events similar to these, just to help students connect to faculty and understand that we all have a common interest."*



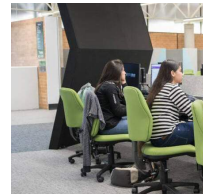
## Congratulations to Swaid Abdullah

[Swaid Abdullah](#) received funding of \$10,618 from the [Australian Society for Parasitology Education Committee](#). This funding will be used for development of a virtual reality teaching module on hookworms and drug resistance for DVM students. The project will be run in collaboration with Prof Jan Slapeta and Dr Nichola Calvani from the Sydney School of Veterinary Science.

## Library Updates

### Course Coordinators

The Library can offer school-based Talis Aspire training in the lead up to the changeover to the Jac New Course Instance system in semester 2. Please let us know if you would like to book in a School based session for mid-late May to publish reading lists before 27 May. [k.ashley@library.uq.edu.au](mailto:k.ashley@library.uq.edu.au)



Alternatively, you can book to attend one of the [Publish your course reading list](#) classes starting May 28.

### Referencing the use of generative AI tools in assessment

Advice on the use of ChatGPT/Gen AI has been added to all of the referencing style guides provided for student use on the library website – eg from [APA7 style](#)

### Researchers

#### PrePaid APCs! UQ Library can help fund publishing activities and advise on publishing strategy

This workshop will discuss the UQ 2024 Read and Publish agreements, and demonstrate a collection of tools that UQ Library have developed. These tools are designed to assist researchers to navigate Read and Publish agreements, Creative Commons issues, rights retention and journal selection.

**When:** Thursday 16 May at 11am

**Where:** Zoom

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### Resources in support of promotion and grant applicants

You can find resources to obtain [data on your publication metrics for grant and upcoming promotion rounds](#)

For those researchers looking to explore impact and engagement metrics there are many databases you can use. These include where you may have worked with or been cited in governmental publications (try Capital Monitor), mentions in the media and other policy documents (try Altmetric, SAGE policy tool), resources such as PlumX to reflect social media and policy mentions (search individual articles in Scopus to retrieve this data), collaboration maps (Dimensions) and if you have published in books (WorldCat) to reflect how widely your papers have been read or downloaded. If you would like to make a time to talk through what might work for you, please [make a booking for a zoom consult](#), or if you prefer in person at Gatton, email [k.ashley@library.uq.edu.au](mailto:k.ashley@library.uq.edu.au)

### SAGE Policy Tool

As described above, SAGE offers a new, free tool using Overton resources to identify where your work has been cited in any policy documents. It has been getting good feedback from academics already. The same tool is used in Scopus/PlumX to identify alternative metrics that can be cited in grant funding and promotion

## Upcoming events and opportunities

### 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.

**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 (1:30-3:30pm)

### Review Committee membership

**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 any questions about the review, please reach out to Weston, Kathy, Nigel or have a chat to your supervisor.

## Rainbow Morning Tea and Great Rainbow Bake Off



### Gatton Campus Rainbow Morning Tea

**Date:** Thursday 16 May 2024

**Time:** 10-11am

**Location:** Courtyard tables outside Building 8117a, Gatton Campus

**Who:** All students and staff from SVS, AGFS, SENV, ODGC & QAAFI

**What to bring:** Your most creative rainbow baked goods to share, wearing your best rainbow outfit and BYO cuppa! There is also the opportunity to win some great prizes!

### St Lucia Campus Great Rainbow Bake Off

**Date:** Friday 17 May 2024

**Time:** 10am - Bake Off entries brought to the Great Court / 10:30am - Judging commences

**Location:** The Great Court! (Look for the rainbow flag!) 😊

**What to bring:** Your rainbow baked goods, wearing your best rainbow outfit!

More information: [Equity Diversity and Inclusion Events - Current staff - University of Queensland \(uq.edu.au\)](#)

## UQ Research Commercialisation Workshop

20-21 May 2024, Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

The UQ Research Commercialisation Workshop is a free, two-day event that aims to create awareness of intellectual property management and commercialisation. With a mix of small group activities and presentations from industry leaders and fellow researchers, the UQ Research Commercialisation Workshop will guide you along the tech transfer journey, outlining how your individual research project could be commercialised to create change.

[More information](#)

## SVS and AGFS 3 Minute Thesis Competition

Thursday 30 May 2024, 8150-153

The 3MT is an academic competition that challenges HDR students to describe their research within three minutes to a general audience. 3MT celebrates the discoveries made by research students and encourages their skill in communicating the importance of research to the broader community.

All academic and professional staff, and students (Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Research) are welcome to attend this event.



[More information](#)

## HDR Students Veterinary and Animal Science Symposium

Thursday 6 June 2024

Please hold the date for this inaugural event that will be hosted by SVS.

[Registration for abstract submission](#) is open, and will close on **Wednesday 15 May**.

Staff registration information will be circulated once poster/abstract registrations are complete.

## 2024 BVSc Grad Dinner Wine & Cheese event

Friday 21 June, 6pm - Forest Hill School of Arts

Our annual Wine and Cheese event is finally here!

"Wine" down and relax with good company, great food and AMAZING wine (bought by John Mallyon)!

This event is proudly sponsored by VetPartners.

Facebook event page: <https://fb.me/e/28GI0Qt0K>

Ticketing link: <https://events.humanitix.com/wine-and-cheese-event-2024/tickets>



## 2024 Vet Nurses and Technicians Conference

6-7 July 2024

The conference will feature two international speakers Tami Lind, Marcia Fletcher, supported by Cat Walker.

View the [program](#) for lecture topics and times.



[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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