



Veterinary Science Newsletter

News and updates

Inaugural Veterinary and Animal Science HDR Symposium

The School hosted the Veterinary and Animal Science HDR Symposium on June 6 at the Hamon Centre on Gatton campus. The event proved to be both enlightening and engaging, with a total of 20 presentations and 24 abstracts submitted. HDR researchers from three different schools presented their findings across various domains, highlighting the ongoing investigations in veterinary and animal sciences.



The event was successful and well run thanks to the dedication and hard work of the organising committee, in particular HDR students Tasneem Imam and Jessica Mitchell. Special thanks to Head of School Professor Nigel Perkins, HDR Director Dr Gry Boe-Hansen, HLO Lauren Reabel, and Dr Swaid Abdullah. It is planned to make this an annual event in future.

Congratulations to the runners-up and the winners in the categories below:

Production Animals:

Runner-up: Harvey Santos (QAAFI)

Winner: Pippa Pryor (AGSF)

Veterinary Epidemiology and One Health:

Runner-up: Haidee Gray (SVS)

Winner: Manavi Muralidhar (QAAFI)

Wildlife, Exotics, and Companion Animals:

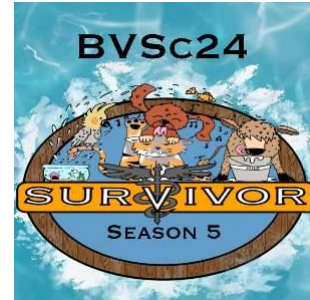
Runner-up: Patricio Palacios (AGSF)

Winner: Abhilasha Dadhich (SVS)

The awards were sponsored by Virbac and The Australian society of Parasitology Inc.
Photo: Abhilasha Dadhich receiving her award from Head of School Nigel Perkins.

Vet Student Conference Week

The annual final year vet student Conference Week was held from 17-21 June. The theme for 2024 was “**Survivor Season 5: Outstitch, Outcast, Outspay**”.



Over the week all students contributed to the programme with short presentations covering a range of clinical tips and tricks for new graduates. We also heard from a number of keynote speakers, and students signed up for a range of small group workshops (for example AFAST/TFAST refresher, small animal dental prophylaxis refresher, stress management and avoiding burnout, compassionate euthanasia, day 1 GP lab skills, employer job interview skills etc). Transition to practice topics including employment contracts and the award, the AVA mentoring scheme, and a Q&A with the QLD Vet Surgeon’s Board were also covered.

The audience-voted award for “best presentation” was won by Callie Davies and Pheobe Christie with their talk entitled: “Udderly Serious Business: A new grads Guide to In-field Caesareans”

Farewell to six long serving SVS staff

On Wednesday 19 June the School held a special morning tea to farewell several long-term members of our family who are moving on to do other things – all of these individuals have worked with us for more than 10 years each. A number of them have been here for 20 years.



In alphabetical order these are:

- Mrs Kathy Bachmann EA to HOS, 2005-2024, 20 years
- Associate Professor Rowland Cobbold, 2005-2024, 20 years
- Mrs Samantha Kempster CSC Mngr, 2010-2024, 15 years
- Mrs Jane Knights VTH Accounts Officer, 2013-2024, 12 years
- Dr Steven Kopp Snr Lecturer, 2007-2024, 18 years
- Mrs Charmaine Lubke Laboratory assistant, 2010-2024, 15 years

We appreciate the enormous contribution you have each made to our workplace and to our collegial family.

2024 School Review Panel Visit

Thank you to all of the people who made submissions, attended meetings, and interacted with the School Review panel through tours, lunch and other events during review week. The panel remarked on how everyone was enthusiastic and open with comments.



At the debrief meeting with the School the panel read through draft wording of the key findings. There were 6

Commendations – a wonderful recognition of passion and achievement from members of the School team – well done to all of those involved.

Congratulations to our 3MT Competition winners

The SVS Three Minute Thesis Competition was held on 30 May in conjunction with the AGFS Gatton heat. Prizes were awarded separately for each school. Congratulations to our winner Genevieve Williams, runner-up Francisca Powell, and People's Choice Award Uttara Kennedy.

Photo: Genevieve Williams with HDR Director Dr Gry Boe-Hansen



Congratulations to Iffy Glendinning

At the Exotic Vet Nurse Training Conference in May, UQ VETS nurse Iffy Glendinning was awarded the 2024 Exotic Vet Nurse Excellence Award. This award recognizes the exceptional contributions of veterinary nurses and technologists in the care of exotic companion pets and wildlife.

In addition to receiving this award, Iffy presented two topics at the conference. Outstanding feedback was received on her presentation skills and the excellent work being done by our UQ VETS team.

A big congratulations to Iffy on this well-deserved recognition! Thank you for representing UQ VETS so positively.



SVS well represented at the AVA conference in Melbourne

At the AVA conference in Melbourne, 2023 BVSc graduate Danielle Prescott presenting her project *Efficacy of a novel topical formulation to treat non-infectious canine pruritus*. This was Danielle's VETS5017 research elective project performed under the mentorship of Aaron Herndon and Allison Stewart. Allison also presented her work, *Maternal antibody and response to vaccination against Hendra virus in foals*. Dr Erika Meler was one of the invited judges for the day.



Photo: Allison being congratulated on her AVA presentation by former Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Science at The University of Melbourne Professor Ivan Caple

Employee Services visit UQVETS hospitals

The Employee Services People Services Unit recently visited UQVETS Veterinary Teaching Hospitals to gain a comprehensive understanding of our operations, hospital rostering, and associated payroll processes. Our hospitals, which include the Small Animal Hospital, Equine Specialist Hospital, and Production Animal Service, operate with complex 24/7 rosters that include shift workers and adhere to detailed schedules within the enterprise bargaining agreement. This visit not only allowed the People Services team to

appreciate the important work we do for the animals of the Lockyer Valley but also provided us with a better understanding of their processes and restrictions. It was invaluable to put faces to the names of the teams who assist us daily, particularly in navigating the challenges of our fluid and dynamic roster system.



José Granados Soler delivers podcast on the use of dogs in cancer research

Recently José Granados Soler presented a [podcast on MIB Agents OsteoBites](#) and Rachel Allavena joined in. The podcast discusses their use of dogs in cancer research to a patient and family advocacy network in the USA

Xueli Yang attends American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Conference

Dr. Xueli Wang, senior resident in Equine Internal Medicine, presented the first phase of her research “Decline of Maternal Antibody and Natural Flavivirus Infection in Foals” at The American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine Conference in Minnesota, USA. Shirley’s travel was supported by the Keith Mackie Lucas Scholarship. Shirley’s advisors are Drs Allison Stewart, Jo Meers, and Jessica Wise.



Honorary Associate Professor François-René Bertin receives ACVIM Recognition Award

Former SVS staff member and current Honorary Associate Professor François-René Bertin was recipient of the William R. Fenner Early Career Award for Outstanding Service, one of the [2024 ACVIM Recognition Awards](#). These prestigious accolades are a testament to the remarkable contributions and dedication of ACVIM Diplomates who have pushed boundaries, elevated standards, and inspired peers and generations to come. This recognition was for service that François-René completed while at UQ.



Library updates

New journal being launched

UQ Business School’s Indigenous Business Hub is now calling for submissions for the first edition of the new journal ***Narra Yimba: Journal of Indigenous Business*** to be launched at a symposium on October 24. For more details indigenous.business@business.uq.edu.au.

Narra Jimba aims to address the gap in Indigenous business research by providing a

dedicated platform for Indigenous-led scholarship and dialogue. Indigenous peoples have a long and rich history of grade, sustainability, innovation and governance, historically underrepresented in business theory and literature. *Narra Jimba* is a peer reviewed academic journal. We also welcome short pieces from community and industry.

Database for consumer and statistical research

[Statista : the portal for statistics](#) – the database provides reports and consumer surveys on a wide range of topics. The surveys are conducted internationally 4 times per year and can provide a means of comparing sentiment across countries, gender and generational analysis on specific topics eg agriculture, pet ownership, higher education & many others. For help with using this database please contact librarians@library.uq.edu.au

Resources in support of grant applications including NHMRC Investigator

Support to find [data on your publication metrics for upcoming grant rounds](#)

If you may be collaborating on an NHMRC grant, [register for the Publication metrics for your NHMRC Investigator Grant](#) application session on 3 July, 10-11am via Zoom

Upcoming events and opportunities

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](#)

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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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