



## Veterinary Science Newsletter

### News and updates

#### UQ BrisScience: Adventures in exotic animal medicine

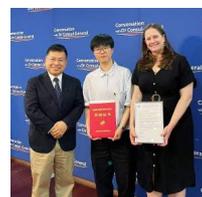
Professor Bob Doneley recently presented at UQ's prestige science communication event BrisScience at the State Library of Queensland. From avian orthodontics, lizard C-sections and parrot prostheses - Professor Bob "Dr Budgerigar" Doneley has seen it all. During his four decades in the profession, veterinary medicine has advanced at an incredible pace, and no field has advanced as fast as avian and exotic pet medicine.



[Watch the presentation online](#)

#### Congratulations Yifei Yang

On 5 September 2024, the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Brisbane held the "Conversation with Dr Consul-General" and the Ceremony of the 2023 Chinese Government Award for Outstanding Self-Financed Students Abroad. Consul-General Dr RUAN Zongze awarded certificates to the winners, presented thank-you letters to the supervisors, and delivered a speech. The event was presided over by Deputy Consul-General Ms LI Suyun.



SVS graduate Yifei Yang, whose thesis was officially conferred by UQ in August 2024, received this globally competitive scholarship. Both Yifei and her principal supervisor, Dr Kris Descovich, were invited to attend the ceremony. Yifei's PhD research focused on fish welfare during live transport, with a particular emphasis on Chinese aquaculture. Yifei's work encompassed animal physiology and behaviour, as well as social science methodologies involving industry stakeholders. Yifei's collaboration with Zhejiang University in China strengthened her academic output, making her one of the standout recipients of this award, as most other awardees were from engineering or other STEM fields.

*Photo: Yifei (centre) and Kris (right) took a group photo with Consul-General Dr RUAN Zongze (left).*

#### 2024 Golden Speculum and Golden Dissection Kit Awards

As usual the student voted staff award winners were announced at the Vet Ball, which was held at Cloudland in Fortitude Valley on 31 August. Congratulations to the winners of the 2024 Golden Speculum and Golden Dissection Kit awards!

##### Award winners for years 1-4 BVSc:

Vet I - Malcolm Jones (Golden Speculum) & Iffy Glendinning (Golden Dissection Kit)

Vet II - Michael Noad (Golden Speculum) & Pranav Narayanan (Golden Dissection Kit)

Vet III - Chiara Palmieri (Golden Speculum) & Jamie Knox (Golden Dissection Kit)

Vet IV - José Granados-Soler (Golden Speculum) & Courtney Stewart (Golden Dissection Kit)

## Award winners for years 1-2 Vet Tech:

Vet Tech I - Daniel Schull (Golden Speculum) & Tom Servin (Golden Dissection Kit)

Vet Tech II - Mal Jones (Golden Speculum) & Jackson Boyd (Golden Dissection Kit)

## Chiara Palmieri appointed to prestigious roles in veterinary oncology

We are proud to announce that Professor Chiara Palmieri has been appointed as a member of the Oncology Committee of the World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA), as well as to the board of the international Veterinary Cancer Guidelines and Protocols group (<https://vcgp.org/>).

These significant appointments highlight Chiara's dedication to advancing veterinary oncology on a global scale by developing best practices and international protocols that improve diagnosis, reporting and research outcomes in this field.

## Bob Doneley invited to speak at the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary

Professor Bob Doneley was invited to speak to high school students and recent high school graduates about careers in wildlife research at the [Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary Hospital and Conservation Day](#) on Saturday 24 August. The event was an opportunity for the general public to go behind the scenes and meet the veterinary staff, conservation specialists and wildlife keepers and find out what it takes to work with wildlife.



## SVS Pathology team present at Australia and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists (ANZCVS) Science Week 2024

Professor Rachel Allavena, Dr Viviana Gonzalez-Astudillo and Dr Ticiana Brasil Ervedosa were invited to present at the ANZCVS annual meeting, held from July 25-27 on the Gold Coast. Rachel Allavena, who also served as the chapter convener of the Pathobiology chapter, presented an extensive study on pannus in greyhounds in the Ophthalmology section, as well as an epidemiological study on the impact of liver defects on feedlot cattle in the Pathobiology section. Viviana Gonzalez-Astudillo presented her research on the role of koala retrovirus in primary bone tumours in the Zoo and Wildlife section, and Ticiana Brasil Ervedosa showcased a compelling case report on canine mycotic panophthalmitis in the Ophthalmology section. Additional presentations from SVS in the Pathobiology chapter included that of former student Jun Ren Loh who presented an abstract on pyometra in a puppy, and Dr Michelle Story who presented her doctoral work on canine prostate cancer. Their contributions highlighted the innovative research and clinical expertise within SVS.



## Staff Arrivals and Departures

### Arrivals

Mr Gavin Todd - Animal Attendant (Veterinary)

Miss Margot Moea Madeleine Vero - *Animal Technical Assistant*

Dr Caroline Spelta - Consultant/Contractor

Dr Kate Dutton-Register - Lecturer

Ms Cherry Green - Senior Manager, IT Applications Analysis

Mr Sahil Arora - Senior Principal Software Engineer/Developer

Miss Tia Baratta - Veterinary Nurse

Miss Keahly Mackenzie - Veterinary Nurse

Miss Sophie Alonso - Veterinary Nurse

Ms Isabel Sammes - Veterinary Nurse

Mr Thiago De Almeida Combe - Veterinary Technician

Ms Taleah Harley - Client Liaison Coordinator

Ms Danielle Delangen - ESH Client Liaison

### Departures

Mr Jonathan Geoghegan - Animal Attendant (Veterinary)

Associate Professor Rowland Cobbold - Associate Professor

Mrs Samantha Kempster - Clinical Research/Trials Supervisor

Dr William Allen - Consultant/Contractor

Mrs Kathy Bachmann - Engagement Officer

Mrs Jane Knights - Finance Operations Officer

Dr Mohanathas Gobikrushanth - Lecturer

Ms Tammy Penney - Veterinary Client Liaison Assistant

Miss Genie Doust - Veterinary Nurse

Miss Lucy Hunkin - Veterinary Nurse

Ms Lynette Hilly - Advanced Veterinary Nurse

## Upcoming events and opportunities

### UQ Final 3MT Competition

We are excited that School of Veterinary Sciences PhD student Genevieve Williams will be representing the Faculty of Science in the UQ Final of the 3MT Competition for 2024! The event will bring together the 8 finalists, representing each of UQ's 6 Faculties, the winner of the Combined-Institute competition and a Wildcard entrant. Staff and HDR students from SVS are encouraged to attend to show support for Genevieve.

**Date:** Tuesday 2 October 2024

**Time:** 5:30-7:30pm

**Location:** GHD Auditorium, Advanced Engineering Building (49-200), St Lucia campus

**RSVP:** Please [register](#) to attend as there will be a cocktail function to follow.



[Register to attend](#)

### Queensland Mental Health Week

5-13 October 2024

Queensland Mental Health Week (QMHW) is an annual event aimed at raising awareness about mental health and wellbeing, aligning with **World Mental Health Day on Thursday 10 October**.

The week encourages everyone to consider their mental health, regardless of personal experiences, and promotes seeking help when needed. It highlights the crucial role mental health plays in our daily lives, influencing how we think, feel, and interact with others.

UQ Wellbeing will host a full week packed with self-care activities, blender bikes, stallholders and resources for your mental health and wellbeing, photoboos, and more. Check out [UQ's Queensland Mental Health Week website](#) for more information.

[Learn more](#)



### Teaching and Learning Week 2024

28 October - 1 November 2024

[Teaching and Learning Week 2024](#) will be taking place from Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November, featuring a combination of online, in-person, and hybrid sessions.

The week provides a platform for UQ staff to share and highlight effective teaching tools, techniques, and strategies to enhance student learning.

The theme for this year is "Future Ready," with the following three sub-themes:

- UQ's future student cohorts
- Preparing students for the future: AI and lifelong learning
- Shaping UQ's teaching and learning future: Translating plans into action.

#### Opening Event: Teaching and Learning Week 2024

**Date:** Monday October 28 2024

**Time:** 10am – 12pm

**Venue:** ModWest 11A – 110 and 111, UQ St Lucia Campus

Please [register](#) to attend as there will be a light lunch to follow.

Further details about the program and individual sessions is available on the [T&L Week website](#) where you can also register your attendance online.



[Register to attend](#)

## UQ Thanks You

Tuesday 12 November

This end-of-year celebratory event is an opportunity to say thanks to our teams, working right across UQ, and to have a bit of fun as we wrap up another busy year.



This year, we will be holding events across our 4 main campuses and continuing, fixed-term, and casual staff are welcome to attend. UQ Thanks You events are for staff only, so please register with your staff email address. You can find more details on the event [webpage](#).

### Gatton Event

**Date:** Tuesday 12 November 2024

**Time:** 12 - 3pm

**Location:** Elton Burns Recreation Building (8206), UQ Gatton

[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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