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## EDITOR'S NOTE

It's hard to believe we're halfway through the year, and with it, halfway through 2026 examinations. And that means we're only 6 weeks away from Membership applications for 2027 examinations opening!

We are always open to receiving photo submissions from our members! If you have taken an interesting, stunning, fascinating or beautiful photo and would like to have it featured in one of our Couriers or eNewsletters, please send it through to the College Office. Just like this photo of a lamb not giving its mother any peace, taken and sent in by Dr Anne Quain. Thank you, Dr Quain!

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at Vet Science Week 2026!



## CEO REPORT

The 2026 ANZCVS examinations are now well underway. More than 400 candidates are in the process of sitting examinations, and we wish each of them every success as they take on another stage in their professional journey.

The written papers from all candidates have now been submitted, marking a significant milestone in the examination cycle. This is an intensive period for candidates, Chapters, examination teams, and the College Office, and it highlights the dedication that underpins our College community.

I would especially like to acknowledge the more than 200 dedicated members who have volunteered in numerous examination roles that are needed each year. Those in examiner roles are now undertaking the important work of marking and providing feedback on these papers. The care, time and professional expertise they contribute each year is extraordinary. Together, these efforts guarantee that College examinations remain rigorous, fair, and respected across the veterinary profession.

Our examinations are only possible because of this strong culture of community and collegiality. The willingness of Members and Fellows to give back, support candidates and sustain the standards of the College is something we should all be proud of. It is a clear signal that the core of ANZCVS centres on people, advancement and community.

Vet Science Week 2026 is just five and a half weeks away, featuring over 300 speakers and more than 280 sessions on the beautiful Gold Coast. This event will again highlight the breadth, quality, and diversity of veterinary science. It offers an excellent opportunity to learn, reconnect with colleagues, and experience the unique atmosphere of Vet Science Week.

There is still plenty of time to register, and I encourage you to join us for what promises to be another outstanding College event. Whether you are attending as a delegate, speaker or Chapter representative, your involvement contributes to the collegial atmosphere and shared learning that make Vet Science Week such a valuable experience.

Thank you to everyone contributing to examinations, Vet Science Week and the many activities happening across the College. Your commitment supports the continued growth of our College community. I look forward to seeing many of you at Vet Science Week 2026.

~Stephen Alderman



**Are you on the hunt for your ideal job?  
Or are you seeking to grow your team?**

Did you know we have a Positions Vacant page on our website advertising some of the latest veterinary jobs on the market?

Visit [Positions Vacant](#) or contact the [College Office](#) for more information.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr David Tabrett

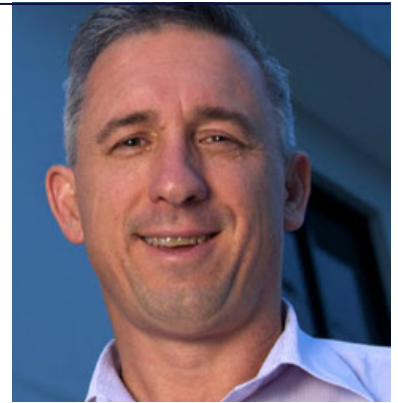
As this edition of the College Courier reaches members, the examination season is upon us. Commencing early this month, the culmination of years of study, clinical experience, and professional commitment will see more than 400 Membership candidates and 35 Fellowship candidates, both within Australia and internationally, sit examinations in their chosen disciplines.

For each candidate, these examinations represent far more than an assessment. They mark a significant milestone in a professional development pathway built upon curiosity, perseverance, and a commitment to advancing standards of veterinary science. On behalf of Council, I wish every candidate success and satisfaction in demonstrating the knowledge and skills they have worked so hard to attain.

Such an undertaking is only possible through the efforts of an extraordinary network of volunteers. I extend my sincere thanks to our Chapter Subject Examination Committees, Head Subject Examiners, Examiners, Board of Examiners, supervisors, mentors, credentialing assessors, and the many others who contribute to the examination process. Their work safeguards the integrity and reputation of College qualifications.

Looking beyond the examination period, I encourage Members and Fellows to consider joining us for Vet Science Week 2026 in July. The event continues to be the premier veterinary conference in Australasia, bringing together clinicians, researchers, educators, and industry leaders from across our profession.

A particular highlight will be the College Awards Dinner, where we recognise outstanding contributions to veterinary science and celebrate the achievements of our colleagues. It is also one of the most rewarding evenings in the College calendar, as we welcome successful Membership and Fellowship candidates and formally acknowledge the dedication and accomplishment that their new qualifications represent.



This spirit of contribution extends well beyond examinations. One of the enduring strengths of the College is the willingness of members to step forward into governance and leadership roles. In particular, I acknowledge those who nominate for election to Council and accept the responsibility of helping guide the future of our organisation.

This year we farewell Dr Wendy Goodwin from Council. Wendy has served the College with distinction across a remarkable range of roles, including Science Week Convenor, Honorary Secretary, Councillor, and President of the Chapter of Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia. Throughout her service, she has provided thoughtful leadership, wise counsel, and an unwavering commitment to the College. On behalf of Council and the membership, I thank Wendy for her many years of contribution.

As Council approaches another leadership transition, I find myself reflecting on the continuity that characterises the College. Councillors, office bearers, examiners, and volunteers each contribute for a period before passing responsibility to those who follow. That cycle of renewal has served the College well for more than five decades. It has been a privilege to play a part in that story and to witness firsthand the commitment and generosity that continue to sustain our profession's community of learning.

As Margaret Mead observed, *“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”*<sup>1</sup>

That sentiment has always felt very much at home within the College community.

**David Tabrett**

<sup>1</sup> Margaret Mead (1901–1978), anthropologist and author.





# CHIEF EXAMINER'S REPORT

A/Prof Jennifer Carter



Hello from blustery Melbourne!

After a whirlwind of exam finalisation, June launches our 2026 examinations cycle with over 400 candidates sitting written papers across 22 Membership and 12 Fellowship subjects. The written examinations for all subjects are delivered in invigilated testing setting through the online Examina platform. Practicals and/or orals for membership subjects are also delivered online with orals exams happening in real time via Zoom. Practical and oral components of the Fellowship subjects are delivered in-person in a Brisbane testing centre in mid-June.

The examining teams and chapter examination committees have been hard at work designing high quality examinations, all of which are submitted for a multiple-step quality assurance review process to ensure the rigour and validity of our College assessments. It is important to remember that all examiners, examination committee members, and Board of Examiners members are volunteers and I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone contributing to this monumental effort.

I am confident that we will be welcoming lots of new Members and Fellows to the College this year.

The College examinations would not be possible without the tireless effort from the College Office staff who all deserve a hearty thanks when you see them at Science Week.

Take care, keep warm and I look forward to seeing many of you at Vet Science Week this year!

~ Jen



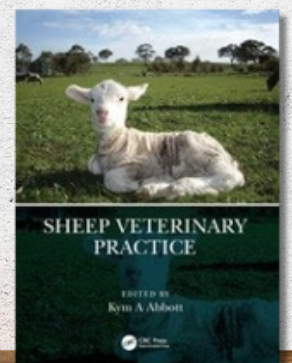
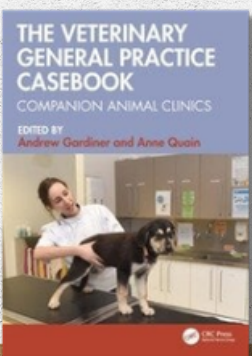
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**INTENTION TO SIT DEADLINE  
FOR  
2027 FELLOWSHIP CANDIDATES**



**Are you a Fellowship Candidate ready to sit  
your Fellowship exam?**

**The deadline to register your intention to sit  
2027 Fellowship Examinations is**

**30 JUNE 2026**

**No applications will be accepted after this date.**

Fellowship Candidates wishing to sit Fellowship examinations in 2027 should note that it is mandatory to register their intention to sit with the College office before 30 June 2026.

No applications to sit the Fellowship examinations will be accepted after this date.

Candidates who register an intention to sit, but do not comply with current credential guidelines will be able to withdraw their application before 31 October 2026.

Please note that the credentialing deadline of 31 October remains the same, and by this date, all requirements outlined in the training guidelines must be completed.



# Project Officer Report

## Dr Rachel Tan

### Vet Science Week 24-26 July 2026

We're looking to see you all next month for VSW26. The program is full of exciting collaborative sessions with 19 participating Chapters. One highlight will be the ANZCVS Pathobiology Chapter's hosting of the Australian Society for Veterinary Pathology and Davis-Thompson Foundation Annual Scientific Conference. Any delegates purchasing a general VSW ticket can attend any of these sessions.

The full preliminary program can be viewed [here](#).

Pre-conference Workshops scheduled for Thursday, 23 July 2026 include:

- **Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation:** Manual Therapy Techniques for Canine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation
- **Small Animal Medicine and Veterinary Oncology:** Changing Paradigms in Small Animal Medicine and Oncology.
- **Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health:** Leaving P<0.05 behind - Towards more thoughtful interpretation of results from controlled trials and observational studies.
- **Small Animal Surgery:** What Could Go Wrong - Quite a lot-and that's exactly the point.
- **Veterinary Dentistry:** Contemporary Endodontics: Evidence, Technique & Materials
- **Veterinary Behaviour:** Residents Day

We have doubled the exhibition hall space for 2026 as a new initiative to encourage greater interaction between delegates and industry. In exciting news, exhibition SOLD OUT last month! This new space will include a demonstration stage and 4 lounges, including the "Recharge Lounge" brought to you by VIN. Chapter sponsorships are still available, so please contact our office team if you have any interested contacts.

Many Chapters are also hosting member social events. These include: Cattle, ECC, Feline, Small Animal Medicine (SAM), Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health, ASVP/DTF/Pathobiology.

In a new wellness initiative, the SAM Chapter is also hosting free "Reconnect and Recharge" sessions prior to the start of each day on the Friday and Saturday. Please see the website for registration information [Social Program - Vet Science Week 2026](#).



A Small Animal Medicine Chapter Initiative

## RECONNECT & RECHARGE

No yoga experience required.  
Work clothes welcome.  
Just bring yourself as you are!

**07:15 - 08:00 Friday 24 July**  
Arrive & Reset  
Gentle movement and breathwork for busy veterinary minds  
Foyer E, Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre

**07:30 - 08:15 Saturday 25 July**  
Rejuvenate & Restore  
A nervous system reset for veterinary professionals  
Foyer E, Gold Coast Convention & Exhibition Centre

**Sign up for these FREE sessions here**  
<https://www.anzcv.com.au/vsw-health-and-wellbeing>

Chelsea is an internist working at the Small Animal Specialist Hospital (SASH, Syd). Alongside her vet career, she is a certified yoga teacher with a strong interest in supporting others' wellbeing through breathwork, mind-body connection, and practical techniques for nervous system regulation.

Keep your eye out for keynote and chapter highlights on our social media and please follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter or Instagram for the latest news.

The college will be heavily utilising digital media and advertising moving forward to keep members up to date on all the latest VSW news.





## Project Officer Report Dr Rachel Tan

### Fellowship Review Project

This project seeks to review all aspects of Fellowship training across the breadth of disciplines and settings, including entry and eligibility requirements, educational framework, learning environments, assessment approaches, feedback processes and supervisor training and support. The team from the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) having completed the final report and is now being evaluated by the Board of Examiners and Project Team. An executive summary which is to accompany the full report release is expected later this year. A feedback process will also be in place for members to provide their comments.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [po@anzcvs.org.au](mailto:po@anzcvs.org.au). Thank you once again for your support.



ANZCVS  
VET SCIENCE  
WEEK 2026  
Friday 24th - Sunday 26th  
July 2026  
[www.vetscienceweek.com.au](http://www.vetscienceweek.com.au)  
Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre



SAVE THE DATE  
ASVP  
Australian Society for  
Veterinary Pathology  
Davis-Thompson  
Foundation  
ASVP & DTF  
Annual Scientific  
Conference  
Special Event hosted at ANZCVS Vet Science Week  
Friday 24 - Sunday 26 July 2026  
[www.asvp.asn.au](http://www.asvp.asn.au)  
Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre

## Shining the Spotlight

Is there someone in your Chapter who has selflessly stepped forward year on year, or has done an exceptional job recently that deserves recognition for their contributions "behind the scenes"?

Reach out to the College Office to have them featured in the next edition of the Courier!

# Heading to Vet Science Week? Book your Pre-Conference Workshop now!



## PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP Veterinary Dentistry

GOLD COAST CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE  
THURSDAY 23 JULY 2026



### Contemporary Endodontics: Evidence, Technique & Materials

Thursday 23 July 2026  
9:30AM to 5:30PM

\$650 Members  
\$700 Non-Members

Gold Coast Convention  
& Exhibition Centre

Dr William Ha  
BDSc GCRC PhD  
DClinDent(Endo) FPFA  
MRACDS(Endo)



This full-day masterclass bridges human and veterinary endodontic evidence to deliver practical, clinically grounded learning across every stage of root canal therapy. Dr Ha – a specialist with over twenty peer-reviewed publications, a Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, and an active researcher and educator – guides participants through contemporary access cavity design, canal preparation philosophy, NiTi instrumentation, advanced obturation materials including BC Sealer and MTA, and frameworks for assessing long-term success and retreatment decisions.

From access cavity design through to canal preparation, file selection, obturation materials, and long-term outcome assessment, this day covers the full breadth of contemporary endodontic practice – with a particular focus on the latest evidence, instrumentation advances, and challenging clinical scenarios such as large open apices and complex anatomy.

#### What You'll Learn

- The human-veterinary evidence interface, and what each field can learn from the other
- Reduced, incisal, and proximal access cavity approaches
- Optimising canal preparation: apical size, taper, irrigation, and activation strategies
- NiTi file systems: alloys, rotary vs reciprocation, OTR, motor customisation, and the XP Shaper for difficult anatomy
- BC Sealer and MTA: properties, technique, and clinical evidence compared to AH Plus
- Defining success: periapical healing, clinical signs, and decision-making around retreatment and failure

#### Who It's For

Suitable for all Members or qualified Veterinarians in the field of Dentistry seeking to refine and update their endodontic practice.



## PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

### Small Animal Medicine and Oncology

THURSDAY 23 JULY 2026



### Changing Paradigms in Small Animal Medicine and Oncology

Thursday 23 July 2026  
8:30AM to 5:00PM

\$495.00 ANZCVS Members  
\$545.00 Non-Members  
\$280.00 Residents

Gold Coast Convention &  
Exhibition Centre

#### Who Is This For?

This pre-conference day highlights emerging diagnostics and treatments that are redefining small animal oncology.

Designed for advanced general practitioners, residents and specialists, the program emphasises practical, practice-changing insights from leading international experts.



Dr Claire Cannon  
Registered Specialist in Veterinary  
Oncology  
Senior Lecturer, University of  
Melbourne

- Liquid biopsies, genomics and mutation-based diagnostics
- Tyrosine Kinase Inhibitors
- Canine Phaeochromocytoma



Dr Sita Withers  
Registered Specialist in Veterinary  
Oncology  
Senior Lecturer, Adelaide University

- Canine Lymphoma - Moving on from "B is better, T is terrible"
- Updates in Cancer Immunotherapy



Dr Sarah Wetzel  
Registered Specialist in Veterinary  
Oncology  
ACVR Veterinary Radiation Oncology  
Resident

- The Old, The New, and The Upcoming: Advancements in Radiation Therapy



Dr Brett Stone  
Registered Specialist in Veterinary  
Pathology  
Veterinary Pathologist, Vetsnostics  
Pathology

- Advanced Diagnostic Techniques

## PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health

GOLD COAST CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE  
THURSDAY 23 JULY 2026



### Leaving P<0.05 behind - Towards more thoughtful interpretation of results from controlled trials and observational studies

Thursday 23 July 2026  
8:30AM to 5:30PM

\$325 Members  
\$375 Non-Members  
\$250 Students

Gold Coast Convention  
& Exhibition Centre

Dr John Morton  
BVSc PhD



Professor  
Mark Stevenson  
MVSc PhD MANZCVSc



P-values are widely misused, often resulting in invalid conclusions. For many years, experts have called for better scientific reasoning when interpreting results of studies. This workshop teaches you a practical, no-math way to correctly interpret data from controlled trials and observational studies.

#### What You'll Learn

- Spot Common Mistakes: Identify misinterpretation of p-values and confidence intervals
- Contorc's Kings: Interpret p-values and confidence intervals using prior evidence
- Check for Bias: Describe how to use frameworks such as the ROBINS (risk-of-bias) tools for assessing the potential for important bias in results from a study.
- Think Critically: Better evaluate your own research and the work of others

#### Who Is This For?

Everyone - clinicians, researchers, and students. You don't need to be a math whiz - no prior statistical knowledge is required! All concepts will be sequentially introduced assuming no preceding knowledge. You will be able to immediately use these skills.



And don't forget about SAM  
Chapter's Health and Wellbeing  
initiative!  
Free gentle breathing and yoga  
sessions on Friday and Saturday  
before the conference commences.  
Click below to register.



## PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP Veterinary Sports Medicine & Rehabilitation

TALLEBUDGERA COMMUNITY CENTRE  
THURSDAY 23 JULY 2026



### Manual Therapy Techniques for Canine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation

This course will provide advanced manual technique training suitable for veterinarians, veterinary nurses, and physiotherapists who have completed training in canine rehabilitation.

Thursday 23 July 2026  
8:30AM to 5:30PM

\$750 Members  
\$850 Non-Members

Tallebudgera  
Community Centre

Ellen Martens  
DPT CCT VC MT



\*Cost inclusive of transport to/from venue, all food, beverages as well as access to demonstration dogs.

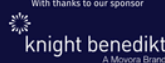
8:00AM Transfers from GCCEC to Tallebudgera Community Centre.

8:30AM Workshop commences at Tallebudgera Community Centre



## PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP Small Animal Surgery

GOLD COAST CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE  
THURSDAY 23 JULY 2026



### What could go wrong? Quite a lot. And that's exactly the point.

Thursday 23 July 2026  
8:30AM to 5:00PM

\$750.00

Gold Coast Convention &  
Exhibition Centre

Dr. Bryden J. Stanley  
BVMS MvetSc  
MANZCVS DACVS



#### Who Is This For?

This day is developed for specialists, small animal surgery residents and advanced practitioners of small animal soft tissue surgery.

#### About the Presenter

Dr. Bryden Stanley is Emerita Professor of Surgery and Honorary Alumnus of Michigan State University. She graduated from Murdoch University in the 1980s, and has had an international career spanning Australia, Europe, Canada and USA.

She has a long-standing passion for veterinary education and research. A world-recognised soft tissue surgeon and Chair of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons, her research has advanced our understanding of upper respiratory surgery and wound healing.

Known for pairing intellectual rigour with a wicked sense of humour, Dr Stanley brings science, surgery, and storytelling together in a way that makes complex topics both accessible and memorable.



A Small Animal  
Medicine Chapter  
Initiative

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# CALL FOR NOMINATIONS BOARD OF EXAMINERS

The Board of Examiners is seeking new Members or Fellows of the College to join the Board of Examiners.

**In order to join the Board, you must have previously served as an examiner for the College**, and have an interest in examinations, assessment, education and the College generally. Expertise in assessment practice and/ or managing training programs is highly desirable.

Interested persons must be available for Board of Examiners meetings, the Examiners Workshop in February annually and examination duties during the examination period, and must be enthusiastic and willing to contribute to Board activities. Successful applicants will be selected by Council following recommendation made by the BoE. It is desirable that within the Board there be representation from a wide breadth of subject backgrounds and working experiences, a mixture of Members and Fellows, a gender balance, and some representation from New Zealand.

Board of Examiners members join either the Training and Credentials Committee or the Examinations Committee. They are expected to attend College examinations to act as observers during the examinations, and attend Board meetings.

These are currently held via Zoom, however there are usually two face-to face meetings, in addition to videoconference meetings as required during the year. BoE members should be able to devote at least five-seven hours per week to duties associated with the Board of Examiners. They are valuable members of a progressive and dynamic team, ably supported by College staff.

For further information please contact the Examinations Team. [A link to the application form can be found here](#). Completed application forms should be forwarded to the College office by email or post.

## HOW TO APPLY

1. Download the [application form here](#).
2. Submit completed application form to the College office by post or email (preferred) to [maryanne.hiscutt@anzcvs.org.au](mailto:maryanne.hiscutt@anzcvs.org.au).

Questions? Please contact the Examinations Team at [examinations@anzcvs.org.au](mailto:examinations@anzcvs.org.au) or phone (07) 3423 2016.

**Applications close 19 June 2026**

# Thank you, Examiners!

The Board of Examiners and the College extend their heartfelt appreciation to each examiner for their unwavering dedication and hard work in preparing, assessing, and conducting examinations across various subjects this year. It has been a record year for the number of candidates being examined, making your efforts even more vital.

Your invaluable contributions are essential to the College's examination process, significantly shaping and elevating the veterinary profession.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment and effort.

## MEMBERSHIP EXAMINERS

Membership Subject	Name
Animal Welfare	Shari Cohen
Animal Welfare	Carly Garling
Animal Welfare	Andrea Harvey
Australasian Wildlife Health Management and Zoo Animal Health Management	Christina Cheng
Australasian Wildlife Health Management and Zoo Animal Health Management	Beett Gardner
Australasian Wildlife Health Management and Zoo Animal Health Management	Claire Madden
Australasian Wildlife Health Management and Zoo Animal Health Management	Gabrielle Tobias
Australasian Wildlife Health Management and Zoo Animal Health Management	Kimberly Vinette Herrin
Avian Health (Poultry)	Karen Gao
Avian Health (Poultry)	Dawn Mills
Avian Health (Poultry)	Soy Rubite
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Liam Flanagan
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Daniella Hsu
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Savannah Spillett
Equine Dentistry	Claire Dennis

*Thank you, Examiners!*

**MEMBERSHIP EXAMINERS**

Membership Subject	Name
Equine Dentistry	James Meyer
Equine Dentistry	Sam Morley
Equine Dentistry	Paul Owens
Equine Dentistry	Rachel Stone
Equine Dentistry	Marieke van den Enden
Equine Dentistry	Jenny Watts
Medicine and Management of Laboratory Animals	Emily Barrick
Medicine and Management of Laboratory Animals	Elizabeth Dodemaide
Medicine and Management of Laboratory Animals	Jenny Kingham
Medicine of Cats	Kath Briscoe
Medicine of Cats	Tessa Clark
Medicine of Cats	Priska Elford
Medicine of Cats	Lowri Ellis-Williams
Medicine of Cats	Gabriele Habacher
Medicine of Cats	Wan-Ju Jao
Medicine of Cats	Alison Jukes
Medicine of Cats	Natalia Mohr
Medicine of Cats	Cicilia Muller
Medicine of Cats	Vibeke Russell
Medicine of Cats	Penelope Seet
Medicine of Cats	Clare Thomson
Medicine of Cats	Sophie Wyatt
Medicine of Cats	Aga Zoltowska
Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery	Fiona Cameron

*Thank you, Examiners!*

**MEMBERSHIP EXAMINERS**

Membership Subject	Name
Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery	Tara Cashman
Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery	Sarah Graham
Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery	Amanda Hulands-Nave
Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery	Suruchi Perera
Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery	Katy Pickles
Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery	Rod Salter
Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery	Leah Skelsey
Small Animal Medicine	Dazlyn Badsha
Small Animal Medicine	Jim Connah
Small Animal Medicine	Nicole Cook
Small Animal Medicine	Samantha Coomes
Small Animal Medicine	Gemma Coulter
Small Animal Medicine	Jessica Diery
Small Animal Medicine	Mitchell Dodds
Small Animal Medicine	Sarah Elliott
Small Animal Medicine	Brendan Gammeter
Small Animal Medicine	Richard Hughes
Small Animal Medicine	Rhea Jagdhane
Small Animal Medicine	Robyn Jarrett
Small Animal Medicine	Clare Koh
Small Animal Medicine	Sarah Nicholls
Small Animal Medicine	Michelle Reaks
Small Animal Medicine	Maddie Roberts
Small Animal Surgery	Kate Anderson

*Thank you, Examiners!*

**MEMBERSHIP EXAMINERS**

Membership Subject	Name
Small Animal Surgery	Oliver Craig
Small Animal Surgery	Melissa Eldridge
Small Animal Surgery	Elita Frazer
Small Animal Surgery	Luke Frichot
Small Animal Surgery	Mitchell Graham
Small Animal Surgery	Adam Hakim
Small Animal Surgery	Emma Hoolihan
Small Animal Surgery	Jenny Liu
Small Animal Surgery	William McLanachan
Small Animal Surgery	Jen Nesci
Small Animal Surgery	Jack Neville-Towle
Small Animal Surgery	Mun Yee (Vanessa) Ng
Small Animal Surgery	Kadie O'Byrne
Small Animal Surgery	Joanne Stumm
Surgery of Horses	Danielle Crosby
Surgery of Horses	Tias Muurlink
Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia	Melanie Catanchin
Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia	Gabby Musk
Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia	Mara Schier
Veterinary Behaviour	Fre Hurlly
Veterinary Behaviour	Jennifer Nesbitt-Hawes
Veterinary Behaviour	Rimini Quinn
Veterinary Behaviour	Isabelle Resch
Veterinary Behaviour	Louise Rourke

*Thank you, Examiners!*

**MEMBERSHIP EXAMINERS**

Membership Subject	Name
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	Kim Binnie
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	Luke Bird
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	Antonia Brown
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	Vivian Chan
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	Pia Clapham
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	Sally Cory
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	Katie Craig
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	Heminee Dave
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	Jeffery Hu
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	Sophie Huxley
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	Carmen Lau
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	Wey Loh
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	Juliette Riddall
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	Caroline Romeo
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	Josie Sinclair
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	Jacquie Tsai
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	Xanthe Warde
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	Andrew Wester
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	Philippa Williams
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	Leah Wright
Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care	Ella Yarsley
Veterinary Epidemiology	Marta Hernandez-Jover
Veterinary Epidemiology	Rahul Shankar
Veterinary Epidemiology	Anke Wiethoelter

*Thank you, Examiners!*

**MEMBERSHIP EXAMINERS**

Membership Subject	Name
Veterinary Pathology	Natalie Courtman
Veterinary Pathology	William Gow
Veterinary Pathology	Gary Lee
Veterinary Pathology	Wilson So
Veterinary Pathology	Julie Wayne
Veterinary Practice (Small Animal)	Elisa Dennis
Veterinary Practice (Small Animal)	Nicolle Kirkwood
Veterinary Practice (Small Animal)	Georgia Ladmore
Veterinary Practice (Small Animal)	John Mallyon
Veterinary Practice (Small Animal)	Sara Pitts
Veterinary Public Health	Bob Biddle
Veterinary Public Health	Leo Foyle
Veterinary Public Health	Nigel French
Veterinary Public Health	Elizabeth Parker
Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Adrian Bryce
Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Paul Crocker
Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Philip Downey
Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Danvy Nguyen
Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Shanaka Sarathchandra
Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal)	Pascal Urlings
Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (Canine)	Rebecca Ainsworth
Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (Canine)	Yoko Clinch
Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (Canine)	Andreane Daigle
Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (Canine)	Stephen Fearnside

*Thank you, Examiners!*

**FELLOWSHIP EXAMINERS**

Fellowship Subject	Name
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Melinda Cowan
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Deborah Monks
Avian Medicine and Surgery	Michelle Sutherland
Equine Surgery	Ben Ahern
Equine Surgery	Natasha Lean
Equine Surgery	Jenny Raffetto
Feline Medicine	Andrea Harvey
Feline Medicine	Richard Malik
Feline Medicine	Carolyn O'Brien
Small Animal Medicine	Linda Abraham
Small Animal Medicine	Abigail Brough
Small Animal Medicine	Susan Ciaravolo
Small Animal Medicine	Amanda Ciavarella
Small Animal Medicine	Romy Heilmann
Small Animal Medicine	Hannah Kwong
Small Animal Medicine	Andrew Mackin
Small Animal Medicine	Bonnie Purcell
Small Animal Medicine	Maddie Roberts
Small Animal Medicine	Alison Stickney
Small Animal Medicine	Guy Wolfenden
Small Animal Medicine	Sophia Wyatt
Small Animal Surgery	Carla Appelgrein
Small Animal Surgery	Alecia Evans
Small Animal Surgery	Chris Franklin

*Thank you, Examiners!*

**FELLOWSHIP EXAMINERS**

Fellowship Subject	Name
Small Animal Surgery	Derniese Goh
Small Animal Surgery	Ben Kaye
Small Animal Surgery	Teng Khoo
Small Animal Surgery	Eben Martin
Small Animal Surgery	Ben Mielke
Small Animal Surgery	Isobel Monotti
Small Animal Surgery	Harvey Saunders
Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia	Gabby Musk
Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia	Tsim Christopher Sun
Veterinary Anaesthesia and Analgesia	Keely Wilson
Veterinary Dermatology	Jeylan Aslan
Veterinary Dermatology	Mandy Burrows
Veterinary Dermatology	Linda Vogelnest
Veterinary Emergency Medicine and Critical Care	James Cooper
Veterinary Emergency Medicine and Critical Care	Rebekah Donaldson
Veterinary Emergency Medicine and Critical Care	Trudi McAlees
Veterinary Emergency Medicine and Critical Care	Sarah Purcell
Veterinary Oncology	Claire Cannon
Veterinary Oncology	Sita Withers
Veterinary Oncology	Sonya Yu
Veterinary Ophthalmology	Sarah Coall
Veterinary Ophthalmology	Rachael Grundon
Veterinary Ophthalmology	Kate Hindley
Veterinary Ophthalmology	Andrea Kashani-Carver

# Thank you, Examiners!

## FELLOWSHIP EXAMINERS

Fellowship Subject	Name
Veterinary Ophthalmology	Vicki Liddle
Veterinary Ophthalmology	Johana Premont
Veterinary Ophthalmology	Gemma Turner
Veterinary Radiology (General Track) and Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal Track)	Cathy Beck
Veterinary Radiology (General Track) and Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal Track)	Jennifer Kan
Veterinary Radiology (General Track) and Veterinary Radiology (Small Animal Track)	Mark Owen



## Shining the Spotlight



### Celebrating Excellence: Dr Lotte Cantley

The ANZCVS College Council is delighted to congratulate Dr Lotte Cantley on the recent awarding of her PhD in Veterinary Science from Massey University — a remarkable achievement that reflects her exceptional dedication to the profession.

Dr Cantley's doctoral research, *Thriving in Clinical Veterinary Practice*, explored the factors that enable veterinarians to

flourish in clinical careers, with a focus on positive leadership, psychological safety, and a sense of purpose and meaning in work. The thesis was recognised on Massey University's Dean's List of Exceptional Theses — a fitting acknowledgement of its quality and relevance to our profession.

Dr Cantley is well known to the ANZCVS community, having served with distinction on College Council. Her research speaks directly to the heart of a sustainable veterinary profession, and we wish her every continued success.



# CHAPTER REPORTS

## Animal Welfare

The Chapter has been very busy in the lead up to Science Week as well as supporting candidates for their membership examinations. The Chapter's Science Week program as always has a wide range of interesting and thought-provoking topics presented by excellent speakers.

There is a strong focus on equine welfare, including a talk by Dr Peter Curl who will delve into Thoroughbred racing. Other topics include animal welfare teaching to veterinary undergraduates as well as farm animal welfare in China. In addition to the wealth of new information available, the opportunity to network with new and familiar colleagues is invaluable.

A huge thanks to Professor Paul McGreevy for his tireless work in bringing together such an exciting program.

The other focus for the Chapter this year has been hosting fortnightly zoom sessions to assist membership candidates prepare for their exam preparations.

Sincere thanks are extended to Dr Simone Maher for arranging and facilitating these as well as to the many presenters who have generously volunteered their time.

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## Dentistry

Dear All,

The College Membership and Fellowship examinations are well underway, a busy and stressful time for candidates and examiners alike. Our best wishes are with all candidates sitting examinations in all subjects, but particularly those in Small Animal Dentistry and Oral Surgery and Equine Dentistry. The hard work and discipline required to get to this point is immense, and, on behalf of the Committee, I wish to acknowledge the time and effort that each candidate, and each examiner, has dedicated for the improvement of the welfare of our veterinary patients, and the advancement of veterinary dentistry.

We have a great Science Week program this year, with something for everyone that faces the 'spectre' of dentistry or oral surgery or medicine in cats, dog or exotics in their professional life. Whether you are in general practice seeing patients with dental disease, in dental referral practice, or in other referral fields where you see oral disease in your patients, we have a wide range of accessible sessions, in collaboration with other Chapters, to help make oral and dental disease, its diagnosis and treatment less mysterious and frustrating.

*Dentistry continued...*

We will tackle some of the current big or controversial questions head on, such as 'Should dental procedures be staged?', 'Are full mouth extractions still the best treatment for stomatitis in cats?', 'What's the safest way to do a dental nerve block without hitting the eye?', 'When should I use (or not use) antibiotics for dental disease?', and 'Why are Greyhounds so special with their anaesthesia needs?'. We will look hard at the real evidence, discuss it with the experts in their fields where we can, and seek your opinions and experience as well.

There will also be lots of top tips and tricks passed on, to make your own day to day dentistry easier, straight from those who actually enjoy this weird but wonderful discipline.

If we don't have it covered in the scheduled talks, we even have a session dedicated to your questions – ask us anything! No questions are stupid, no questions are too simple. We're here to help.

All this, all in one place.

We welcome all members, from all Chapters, and non members alike – if you see dental cases at all, come and see us. Pass this invitation onto your colleagues. We'd love to see them as well. For those who are members (or similar/higher qualification), don't forget to register for the pre-conference workshop on Contemporary Endodontics with Dr William Ha, Head of Endodontics (University of Sydney). It's everything you ever wanted to know but were not sure who to ask. Seats are filling rapidly so secure your place via the following links or the College website.

- [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER – Pre-Conference Workshop ONLY](#)
- [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER – Pre-Conference Workshop and VSW26 Conference](#)

For any further information, please contact me at [secretarydentistry@anzcvs.org.au](mailto:secretarydentistry@anzcvs.org.au) or our fantastic Science Week Convenors, Drs Bec Tucker and Aaron Forsayeth, who have assembled this amazing program, at [swconvenordentistry@anzcvs.org.au](mailto:swconvenordentistry@anzcvs.org.au).

Dr Christine Hawke  
Secretary  
Veterinary Dentistry Chapter



# CHAPTER REPORTS

## Emergency and Critical Care

### Vet Science Week 2026

Our ECC Chapter Convenors, Dr James Cooper and Dr Katy Craig (vice convenor), have been busy preparing an exciting 3-day Vet Science Week program.

The themes of 2026 are Advanced respiratory support and envenomations (think: Ticks and Snakes).

We are very excited to welcome our international keynote speaker, Professor Liz Rozanski, all the way from Tufts University in Boston, Massachusetts.

And no program featuring paralysis ticks and elapid envenomations would be complete without our expert local keynote speakers, Associate Professor Claire Sharp and Queensland's own Dr Ellie Leister.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

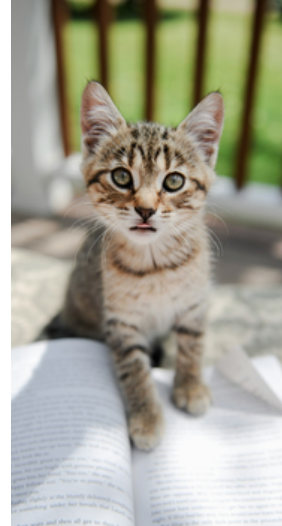
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### To Fellowship and Membership Examination Candidates

To our ECC Membership and Fellowship candidates who have completed the written examinations and are now preparing for oral examinations, congratulations on reaching this important milestone.

Getting through the written component is a significant achievement and reflects the dedication, perseverance, and hard work you have invested in your professional development.

As you prepare for your oral, we wish you every success in the next stage and look forward to celebrating your achievements.



### Chapter Dinner @ Kurrawa Surf Club, Broadbeach

The annual ECC chapter dinner this year is able to go ahead thanks to the generous sponsorship offered by Animal Emergency Australia.

Overlooking the stunning white sands of Broadbeach, join your ECC colleagues and peers after Day 1 of the Vet Science Week Conference. Reconnect with familiar faces or make new connections in a relaxed and social setting. Kurrawa Surf Club is only a 10min stroll from the Gold Coast Convention Centre.

Registration is essential to avoid disappointment. Ticket prices have been subsidised, with thanks again to the generous support of AEA. Click the image below to register.

## GLOBAL EXPERTS in EMERGENCY & CRITICAL CARE



**Prof. Liz Rozanski**  
DVM DACVIM (SAIM)  
DACVECC

Mechanical Ventilation  
&  
Advanced Respiratory  
Support



**Assoc. Prof. Claire Sharp**  
BSc BVMS(Hons) MS  
DACVECC

Snake Envenomation



**Dr. Ellie Leister**  
BVSc MANZCVS (Small  
Animal Medicine) FANZCVS  
(Veterinary Emergency  
Medicine and Critical Care)

Tick Paralysis

### Sponsors of the ECC VSW Program and Chapter Dinner

We would like to extend our gratitude to our beautiful sponsors below for their support in our ECC Chapter SW program.

This support extends to important social networking and learning opportunities, including the Chapter dinner event and our ongoing Bites N Insights Webinar series.




**EMERGENCY AND CRITICAL CARE CHAPTER DINNER 2026**

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Overlooking the stunning white sands of Broadbeach - Join your ECC colleagues and peers for a night of networking, relaxing and socialising.

Thanks to our sponsor, AEA, we are able to subsidise ticket fees for this event. Click here to purchase your ticket.

FRIDAY 24 JULY FROM 6:30PM AU\$50.00pp

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OLD BURLEIGH ROAD, BROADBEACH, 4218

And last of all, we want our Chapter to meet YOUR needs. Feel free to reach out to us with your feedback and ideas on Chapter initiatives.

Warmest,  
ECC Chapter Executive Team  
(Nats Druery, Katie Nash, Michele Rebelo, Taleta Hompas)

# CHAPTER REPORTS

## Epidemiology

### Join us for Vet Science Week 2026 at the Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre, 23-26 July 2026

This year's program starts with our pre-conference workshop (Thursday 23 July 2026), "Leaving  $P < 0.05$  behind – Towards more thoughtful interpretation of results". This full-day, highly practical workshop serves as a refresher in statistics. We hope to welcome colleagues from our more clinically focused Chapters to improve our evidence interpretation, enabling us to better assess your research and that of others.

For Workshop details, [click here](#).

Following the workshop, we have a 2-day program of presentations developed in partnership with the Veterinary Public Health and Zoo & Wildlife Chapters (Friday and Saturday, 24-25 July 2026). We have invited speakers to present on topics we hope will be engaging and relevant for our members:

- Artificial intelligence and emerging technologies in animal health
- Disease surveillance, modelling, and outbreak response
- One Health approaches across human, animal, and environmental systems
- Wildlife health, biosecurity, and cross-sector collaboration.

### Thank you for your abstract submissions!

The Epidemiology and Veterinary Public Health (VPH) Chapters received a total of 33 abstract submissions. We thank all presenters for generously volunteering their time and expertise.

We also look forward to welcoming our members to the joint social event with the Veterinary Public Health Chapter. Please join us for a relaxed evening of networking on Friday, 24 July 2026, from 6:45 pm at the Garden Kitchen & Bar, The Star Gold Coast. [Please click here to register/RSVP](#).

If you have any queries or require further information, please contact your Chapter convenors:

- Tian Chen & Tiffany O'Connor – [swconvenorepi@anzcvs.org.au](mailto:swconvenorepi@anzcvs.org.au)
- Allen Petrey – [swconvenorvph@anzcvs.org.au](mailto:swconvenorvph@anzcvs.org.au)

We are also seeking additional volunteers to join the Vet Science Week convenor team. If you're interested in playing a key role in shaping next year's program, please get in touch.

This is a rewarding opportunity to contribute to your profession and connect with colleagues across Australia and New Zealand.

We look forward to seeing you on the Gold Coast in July!

## Feline

Dear Feline Chapter members,

Medicine of Cats membership candidates in Australia and the United Kingdom sat the written examinations in early June.

Thank you to the examiner team for the substantial work involved in preparing and delivering the written component, and best wishes to candidates as they prepare for the oral examinations later this month.

Planning for Vet Science Week 2026 is now in its final stages. In addition to the feline scientific program circulated earlier, we also have joint sessions with the Small Animal Medicine Chapter.

On Friday morning, Dr Dennis Woerde will present on tubulopathies and glomerular disease. On Sunday morning, Dr Linda Fleeman will discuss new insulin treatments.

We are also looking forward to catching up at the Feline Chapter Dinner on the Friday of Vet Science Week. This year's dinner is rodeo themed, and thanks to Royal Canin, complimentary dinner is available for the first 30 Feline Chapter members who register.

For more information and to register, [click here](#) or the image below.

Non-Feline Chapter Members can also attend, you can purchase a ticket via the same registration link above.

With best regards,

Dr Cecilia Muller  
Secretary, Feline Chapter, ANZCVS



**HARVEST BUFFET**

## FELINE CHAPTER DINNER 2026

Sponsored by **ROYAL CANIN**

Saddle up for a claw-some rodeo themed night that will be pawsitively unforgettable! Celebrate at our exclusive dinner event!

The Feline Chapter Dinner is complimentary for ANZCVS Feline Chapter members only. (Alcoholic beverages available for purchase)

Not a member? You are more than welcome to attend - tickets are available to purchase via the registration link.

Places are strictly limited! Registration is essential.

**FRIDAY 24 JULY FROM 7:00PM**

**HARVEST BUFFET**  
THE STAR GOLD COAST, 1 CASINO DR, BROADBEACH



# CHAPTER REPORTS

## Pathobiology


The Pathobiology Chapter have combined forces with the Australian Society of Veterinary Pathologists for a combined conference held at ANZCVS Science week July 24-26 on the Gold Coast Convention Centre. The conference has two themes on infectious diseases (Friday 24<sup>th</sup>) and veterinary forensics (25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July).

This year, the Chapter and ASVP science week stream will cover:

- Forensics with keynote speakers being Prof Rachel Allavena a veterinary pathologist from University of Queensland, Dr Lydia Marwood from Taronga zoo and Prof Rexon Tse and Dr Nathan Milne medical forensic pathologists from Gold Coast University and Queensland Forensic and Scientific Services. The sessions will cover approach to forensic cases, comparative forensics and emerging research, wounds and weapons, animal cruelty investigations, mass mortality investigations and preparation for court.
- Molecular diagnostics covering PCR, genome and next generation sequencing
- Infectious diseases including highly pathogenic avian influenza, CNS infections in livestock, bacterial gut disease, Chlamydia
- Mystery slides
- Member abstract presentations

The Pathobiology Chapter is looking for new executive committee members to support running the Chapter and delivery of membership examinations.

We are also looking to support our examiners by continuing to build our exam question bank so please contact [secretarypathobiology@anzcvs.org.au](mailto:secretarypathobiology@anzcvs.org.au) to be sent the question templates or refer to the email sent from this address on February 2024.



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## Pig Health and Production

Quickly we find ourselves mid-year! Our pig vets continue to monitor closely the movements of ASF & FMD internationally as we build on our preparedness through our VEBS farm audits and VEBS facilitator projects (Voluntary Enhanced Biosecurity Standards). The conversation also continues around pain relief options during piglet tail docking, and alternative methods for euthanasia for the removal of blunt force for piglets.

Did you know we have a WhatsApp group for pig health advice? While the mixed practice vet sees pigs less and less, or maybe just that 1 unruly pet pig a year, the Pig Advice Group is a great place for the mixed practice vet, or those in research, seeking advice on things like sedation & euthanasia protocols, tusk/ hoof trim advice and vasectomy or castration procedures.

Pig Advice Group   
WhatsApp group

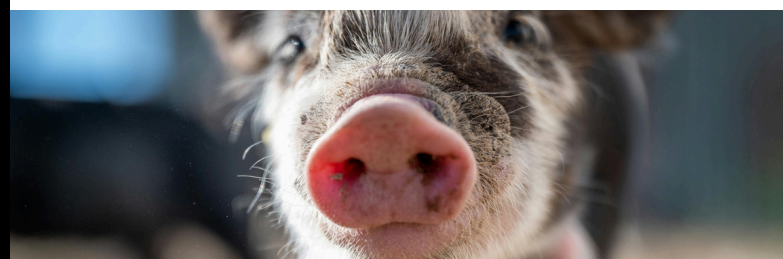


Within the group we have senior swine veterinary specialists, swine nutritionists, production experts and government vets who can help answer your queries. While Improvac (immunological castration vaccine) is widely used on commercial farms, the vasectomy or castration still has its place for the pet pig or hobby farmer.

This is a break year for the Pig Health & Production Chapter exams, & we are looking to ramp up members over the next couple of years. So, if you are interested in sitting the PHP membership exam, now is the time to get involved! We encourage anyone interested in sitting the exams to talk to myself (Molly.Dunstan@anzcvs.org.au) or one of our current members about the benefits of Chapter membership, and to start their preparation early. We will hold an information session for all interested candidates which is a great chance to get advice from those who have been through the exam process already. We are also looking for anyone interested in helping write the exam to reach out!

Over and Snout.

Molly Dunstan (PHP Treasurer and Secretary)



# CHAPTER REPORTS

## Radiology

For the first time in memory, the Radiology Chapter will not be hosting a dedicated stream at Science Week in 2026.

The International Veterinary Radiology Association congress is being held in Japan in July and this has re-directed many of our speakers. Imaging enthusiasts don't despair, however. We will still be collaborating with the Surgery Chapter who have a soft tissue focus for the meeting.

Dr Belinda Hopper will be giving practical advice and current literature reviews on multiphase CT angiography in the assessment of liver masses and imaging of surgical gallbladder disease.

We look forward to seeing you at the Gold Coast for another fabulous meeting.

## Small Animal Medicine

As we head toward VSW26, preparations are well underway for what promises to be another outstanding scientific program.

Alongside the main conference, we are particularly excited about this year's pre-conference workshop, Changing Paradigms in Small Animal Medicine and Oncology, which reflects the increasingly collaborative and multidisciplinary nature of modern veterinary medicine. We look forward to connecting with many of you there and sharing another fantastic meeting together. Big thanks to Dr. Adrian Witham, the SAM VSW26 Convenor, who has put together an excellent program for us.

We would also like to extend our very best wishes to all Membership and Fellowship candidates currently preparing for examinations. We recognise the enormous commitment, resilience and persistence required to undertake postgraduate training while balancing clinical practice and life outside of work. The entire Chapter is cheering you on.

Earlier this year, the SAM Medicine Masterclass in Hobart was a tremendous success as we learned about all things urinary tract related. The feedback from attendees highlighted not only the exceptional quality of the scientific content, but also the collegial atmosphere and practical value of the event.

*Small Animal Medicine continued...*

Comments included:

*"Anyone wanting to practice at a higher level should attend."*

*"It is relevant, high level, but also practical and achievable."*

*"Small numbers mean that networking is easier and the content was also exceptional."*

*"Highly recommend. Very well organised, great location, excellent collegial atmosphere, fabulous speakers who were very happy to answer questions and discuss cases."*

*"It allows us to promote gold-standard care and give owners informed levels of options."*

We are incredibly proud of what the Masterclass has become: high-quality, accessible continuing education that strengthens collaboration between general practitioners and specialists while supporting excellent patient care. Thank you to everyone who attended, contributed and supported the event. Stay tuned for updates regarding the 2027 Masterclass.

We are also delighted to announce another upcoming SAM webinar available to all ANZCVS members. In July 2026, Professor Romy Heilmann will present Clinical pearls & highlights from the 2026 ACVIM-endorsed statement: Consensus statement and systematic review on guidelines for the diagnosis and treatment of chronic inflammatory enteropathy in dogs. As the primary author of this important publication, Professor Heilmann will provide invaluable insight into the practical application of these guidelines in clinical practice. We are extremely fortunate to have her share her expertise with our members. Thank you to Hill's for supporting this event.

As always, we would like to sincerely thank the many volunteers who contribute their time, expertise and energy to the Chapter and College, especially at this busy time of year with exams, AGM prep etc. Whether through examinations, education, mentoring, committees or working groups, your efforts are what allow our community to continue growing and evolving. The strength of the SAM Chapter comes from the willingness of members to contribute to something bigger than themselves and we remain deeply grateful for that support.

We also encourage members attending VSW26 to join us for the SAM Annual General Meeting and the SAM Chapter Dinner. The AGM is an important opportunity to stay informed about Chapter initiatives, contribute to discussions about the future direction of SAM and ANZCVS and connect with colleagues who are helping shape our profession. Member engagement genuinely matters and we would love to see you there.

We look forward to seeing many of you at VSW26.

Elizabeth Thrift  
SAM Chapter President



# CHAPTER REPORTS

## Surgery

Dear Members and Fellows,

This edition of the College Courier comes right during the midpoint of the examination process, so on behalf of the Chapter, I would like to congratulate the candidates on making it through the written exams, and wish you all luck for the remaining oral/practical examinations. Again, I would like to thank the tireless efforts of the examination teams, who make a complicated and stressful process run as smoothly as humanly possible. I hope that we'll be welcoming all candidates to the college and/or Fellowship list as the next edition of the Courier is released.

This is also the last edition prior to Science Week 2026, and if you haven't already, I would strongly recommend that all of you sign up for what promises to be a program jam-packed with soft-tissue goodness, lead by our main guest speaker Dr Bryden Stanley. For those of you who have not had the pleasure of Dr Stanley's tutelage, it is not to be missed. Kicking off with the preliminary day, which promises to be the go-to for state-of-the-art instruction on everything from larynx to perineum. Afterwards, the following days will cover more detail and overview of soft tissue surgery with a focus on respiratory and reconstructive surgery. I hope to see everyone there.

As we come towards the end of the college year, I would also like to take the opportunity to strongly encourage everyone to attend both the College and Chapter AGMs, which will be held live after the Science Week schedule. I would also very much like to recommend that everyone consider joining the Chapter Committee and/or volunteer as an examiner for the upcoming year. If you would like to join the teams, please contact me at [presidentsurgery@anzcvs.org.au](mailto:presidentsurgery@anzcvs.org.au).

While I will forward a summary of the following positions to everyone in the coming months, I would like to get the cogs turning by introducing a few positions within the committee/s and what to expect if you decide to join us:

**Chapter President:** If you would like to have a guiding hand on the direction of the Chapter, including guiding the examination teams and Science Week, this is the best position.

**Chapter Secretary:** This role is currently vacant. This job is not very intensive and mostly involves scheduling meetings and writing minutes. As a member of the Chapter Executive, it also enables you to have an important say in any decision-making within the Chapter committee.

**Chapter Treasurer:** Our most able and hard-working member of the committee Dr Brenton Chambers manages the running budget of the Chapter.

*Surgery continued...*

**General Chapter Committee and Science Week Convenors:** It's thanks to these amazing people that the Science Week program has been improving year-on-year for as long as I can remember. This is a great position to get involved in Science Week and dip your toe into Chapter committee, and we can never have enough people dividing up the work.

**Subject Standards Committee:** Currently has two members (both Fellows), we would ideally like to have be 3-4 strong with at least one more Fellow. These are the people who manage the subject guidelines and review candidate's documentation including training programs and credentials. If you feel like these processes go way too slowly, then the best solution is to join us.

**Subject Examination Committee:** The SEC includes the examiners (one team for fellowships and one for memberships) headed by the SEC Chair, and Head Subject Examiner. We are always looking for experienced examiners who would like to spend 2+ years on the committee to help balance the team and take over a leadership role. That said, if you have time to join for just one year, then you are most welcome to put your hand up for the next year. Most of the work for these committees happens in the second half of the year for the exam writing component, and then the written exam marking and oral/practical exam administration occurs just before Science Week.

Our Chapter is strongest when all these roles are full of enthusiastic individuals, so if any of the above roles are of any interest to you, please let me know. We are also very happy to welcome interested members who may want to transition into roles to shadow the current executive with a view to taking over the following year.

It is a great way to give back to the College and the Chapter and make your opinion heard, as well as getting plenty of professional development experience, and networking opportunities. All Chapter Members are eligible for any positions (except for the Fellowship examination committee, who are also required to be registered specialists).

Once again, I'd like to thank all current contributors to the Chapter Committees, and to warmly welcome all interested parties to get involved.

Good luck to all candidates on your remaining examinations.

Blaine McCracken BVSc MVS MVSc MAAL GCUT FANZCVS (SA Surgery)  
President of the Surgery Chapter

# CHAPTER REPORTS

## Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation

The Veterinary Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation (VSMR) Chapter looks forward to delivering a practical and engaging programme at ANZCVS Vet Science Week 2026 on the Gold Coast. This year's offering highlights both advanced clinical skills and the growing role of rehabilitation in veterinary practice.

The programme begins with a pre-conference workshop on Thursday 23 July 2026 at the Tallebudgera Community Centre, led by international expert Ellen Martens. The workshop, Manual Therapy Techniques for Canine Sports Medicine and Rehabilitation, is designed for veterinarians, physiotherapists and nurses with prior rehabilitation training. It provides a strong focus on hands-on learning, integrating the science of manual therapy with practical application in dogs. Topics include joint mobilisation, biomechanics, and advanced assessment and treatment techniques, with structured lab sessions to consolidate skills.

Ellen Martens, an internationally recognised leader in animal rehabilitation and education, also features prominently in the Science Week programme. As an international keynote speaker, she will explore the science behind manual therapies, case-based clinical applications, and European approaches to canine sports medicine.

Across the conference, the VSMR stream delivers a multidisciplinary and clinically relevant programme. Sessions will cover diagnostic musculoskeletal ultrasound, extracorporeal shockwave therapy, and contemporary approaches to pain management and rehabilitation. Dedicated sessions examining the intersection of behaviour, pain and rehabilitation emphasise the importance of a collaborative, team-based approach to patient care.

Together, the workshop and conference stream provide valuable opportunities to enhance practical skills, engage with leading experts, and strengthen professional networks. Whether already working in rehabilitation or looking to incorporate these principles into general practice, the VSMR programme offers relevant, evidence-based learning that can be immediately applied.

The VSMR Chapter looks forward to welcoming delegates to what promises to be a highly practical, collaborative and forward-thinking programme at Vet Science Week 2026.



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This past month, we have seen several attempts coming from a sender using the email address [thehumpals@neitel.net](mailto:thehumpals@neitel.net). The sender requests a "Zoom chat", and when responded to confirm the Zoom call, the sender immediately requests a payment to be made.

Stay alert to scams and phishing attempts, as scammers are always devising clever tactics to deceive. They may even appear to come from a fellow College member or someone you know.

Is the sender's email address their usual email address? A quick phone call can help verify the legitimacy of a request and protect your valuable finances or data from being compromised.

If you find yourself a recipient of a scam email or phishing attempt, report the email by right-clicking on the email, hover the cursor over Report and click on Report Phishing.

**CHECK | REJECT | PROTECT**

**A reminder to members on the correct use of postnominals:**

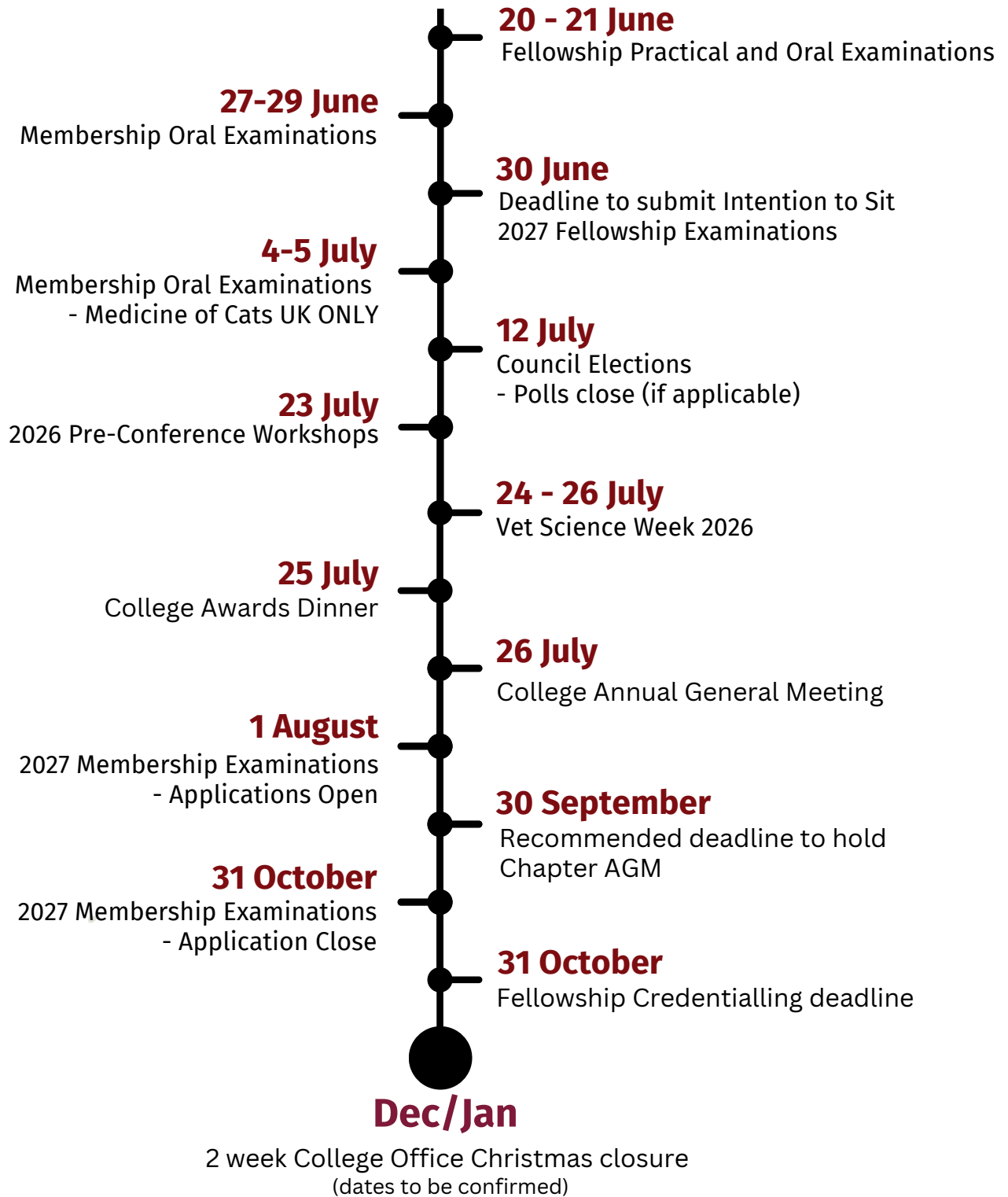
**If awarded in or before 2010:**

Use of the initials MACVSc or MANZCVS for Members / FACVSc or FANZCVS for Fellows; followed by the subject(s) in brackets.  
Example: FACVSc (Veterinary Radiology)

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Example: MANZCVS (Animal Welfare)

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