

AVA NSW Division Regional Conference 2015

Uro-Genital CONDITIONS

Registration Brochure

11-13 September 2015

Tamworth Regional Entertainment Conference Centre





About the AVA

The Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) is the professional organisation representing veterinarians across Australia.

The AVA aims to advance veterinary science by promoting continuing education for members.

The conference

The NSW Division Regional Conference theme in 2015 is Uro-Genital Conditions. Streams will include Small Animal, Large Animal and Nursing.

It will be held at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment Conference Centre (TRECC) in Tamworth from 11 - 13 September 2015.



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Keynote plenary speakers



Excellent nurses stream



The venue

The Tamworth Regional Entertainment Conference Centre is the largest venue in its area and located on the outskirts of Tamworth.

The venue is easily accessible by car (complimentary parking is provided for guests) and is a short 15 minute drive from Tamworth airport.

The Centre is located at:

**Greg Norman Drive
Tamworth, NSW , 2340**



SPECIAL OFFER

All full-weekend paying veterinarians may bring 1 veterinary nurse for **FREE**.

**Does not include Saturday night conference dinner.*

Keynote Speakers



Dr Joanna White BVSc (hons) DipACVIM (Internal Medicine) PhD

*Specialist in Small Animal Medicine
SASH, North Ryde, NSW, Australia*

Joanna graduated from the University of Sydney and spent 6 years in general practice prior to completing a PhD in Feline Kidney Disease.

She completed a residency in small animal internal medicine at Massey University and is a Diplomat of the ACVIM. Whilst undertaking her residency Joanna undertook Masters in Veterinary Epidemiology. Her Masters Research topic is asymptomatic bacterial urinary tract infections in cats.

While she is interested in all areas of feline medicine, she particularly enjoys treating “mature” cats. Joanna’s primary interest is kidney disease in cats and dogs. Joanna has one tabby cat that has grown up with three little boys - she has attitude!



Dr Stephen Fearnside BVSc(Hons) FACVSc (Surgery)

*Specialist in Small Animal Surgery
SASH, North Ryde, NSW, Australia*

Stephen graduated from The University of Sydney with Honours in 1995.

He completed his internship in The Northern Sydney Veterinary Specialist Centre in 1999 and in 2000 commenced his Small Animal Surgery Residency at The West Chermide Veterinary Specialist Centre in Brisbane.

On completion of his residency training, Stephen was appointed as the Head of the Small Animal Department at The University of Sydney Veterinary Teaching Hospital at Camden.

In 2004, he was awarded his Fellowship in Small Animal Surgery and was also awarded with the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists award for best publication in the Australian Veterinary Practitioner in that year.

He has served as a Fellowship Examiner in surgery for the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists and has lectured both undergraduates and postgraduates in Australia and overseas.

Steve’s particular interests are in surgical diseases of the spine, cancer surgery (surgical oncology) and canine arthroscopic surgery.

Register for the full-weekend registration & receive 14 Vet Ed Continuing Education Points.

Automatically added to your account post-conference.

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Conference theme

The theme of the conference will be **URO-GENITAL CONDITIONS** which will include **THREE** streams: Small Animal, Large Animal and Nursing. Some sessions will be combined for all attendees.

Topics to be covered over the conference include: Glomerula Disease, Cattle Obstetrics, Emergency Animal Diseases, Reptiles Uro-Genital Conditions, Conditions of Backyard Chooks and Pigs, Equine Obstetrics, Lower urinary tract conditions, Diagnosis of renal conditions, Biosecurity and many more! *Please see the program page for full details.*

Accommodation options

Golden Guitar Motor Inn

2-8 Ringers Road
Tamworth NSW 2340
P: 02 6762 2999
W: www.goldenguitarmotorinn.com.au

Plumes on the Green

25 Ringers Road
Tamworth NSW 2340
P: 02 6762 1140
W: www.plumesonthegreen.com.au

Motel 359

359 Goonoo Goonoo Road
Tamworth NSW 2340
P: 02 6762 4100
W: www.motel359.com.au

Apex Motor Inn

350-356 Goonoo Goonoo Road
Tamworth NSW 2340
P: 02 6765 9258
W: www.apexmotorinn.com.au

Social activities

Casual drinks for delegates and Industry will be held on Friday evening in the exhibition hall, commencing at 6.30pm. Saturday night dinner will also be held in the exhibition hall and will commence at 7.00pm. Dinner is included in full registration for paying delegates only. Additional tickets can be purchased for guests and nurses.

For accompanying persons and those planning to stay longer, there are many surrounding activities:

Big Golden Guitar Tourist Centre

Phone: 02 6765 2688

Web: <http://www.biggoldenguitar.com.au>

Tamworth Historical Society

Phone: 02 6765 7492

Web: <http://www.tamworthhistoricalsocietynsw.org>

Tamworth Regional Gallery

Phone: 02 6767 5248

Web: <http://www.tamworthregionalgallery.com.au>



Local speakers

Dr Rod Reece BVSc, MSc (Tropical Veterinary Science), PhD, MACVSc (Avian Health), FACVSc (Avian Management & Disease)

Senior Veterinary Research Officer

Department of Primary Industries

Rod graduated with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree from the University of Sydney Faculty of Veterinary Science in 1971.

Rod then worked as a veterinary pathologist specialising in avian diseases for the Victorian Department of Agriculture at the Veterinary Research Institute. He was involved in the diagnosis of a wide range of diseases of poultry, in extension work and in research into inclusion body hepatitis and runting and stunting syndrome of broiler chickens.

Rod has worked as a veterinary pathologist in the Regional Veterinary Laboratory (RVL), and State Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory (SVDL) at EMAI since 1994, acting as Officer-in-Charge at various times on a short term basis and longer term from 2007 to 2008. Rod was registered as a Specialist in Avian Medicine (Poultry) in 1995 and is an Honorary Associate of the University of Sydney Faculty of Veterinary Science.

Dr Merrilyn Fitzgerald BVSc

Veterinarian

Pacific Vet Care

Merrilyn is not only a highly experienced equine veterinarian, she is also an avid competitor on the showjumping circuit.

Merrilyn performs a full range of Equine Reproduction services and has purpose built facilities at her property at Bonville. These facilities include individual post and rail paddocks with shelters, an undercover crush as well as spot lit foaling paddocks.

Dr Steven Ferguson BVSc

Practice Partner/ Veterinarian

Macarthur Vet Group

Steve is a partner at Macarthur Veterinary Group, three practices in outer southwest Sydney employing 45 vets, nurses and admin staff where he has been working since soon after graduating from Sydney University.

Steve is passionate about continuing education and has attained a Masters in small animal medicine and surgery as well as a cert IV in practice management. His particular areas of interest in practice include surgery and practice management.

Steve is a member of the NSW AVA committee, serving as president in 2012 and a long serving executive of the local Highlands Branch. He is currently the NSW division policy councillor.

Dr Stuart Keller BVSc, MACVSc

Senior Veterinarian/ Director

Tamworth Equine Veterinary Centre

The senior veterinarian and founder of Tamworth Equine Veterinary Centre, Stuart has been in practice for 30 years with varying periods in mixed rural and equine settings. Stuart has resided in Tamworth for the last 21 years with a large part of the time as a partner in a mixed animal practice.

Stuart's expertise is diagnosis and surgery but he also has particular interest in artificial breeding technologies, such as embryo transfer and developing new services for the freezing and distribution of stallion semen. Stuart currently holds the appointments as honorary veterinarian to the Australian Quarterhorse Association and to the National Cutting Horse Association.

Local speakers

Dr Robert Johnson BVSc MANZCVS (Feline) CertZooMed BA CMAVA

Director/ Veterinarian

South Penrith Veterinary Clinic

Robert Johnson graduated BVSc from the University of Sydney in 1977. As well as running a small animal, wildlife and reptile practice in Penrith he is also the President of the Australian Veterinary Association.

Robert is a member of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (Feline Medicine) and holds a Certificate in Zoological Medicine from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons.

Robert's research interests include the in situ conservation of the Fijian Crested Iguana, *Brachylophus vitiensis*, the collection of baseline haematological and biochemical data of captive and free living Australian herpetofauna, anaesthesia of frogs and coccidiosis in echidnas. Robert also lectures in reptile medicine (Year 4) and veterinary professional studies (Year 1) at James Cook University Townsville.

Dr Ben Gardiner BVSc

Principal Veterinarian

Nandewar Animal Health Services

Ben graduated from the University of Sydney in 1979 and immediately began working with small animals and then a dairy practice in New Zealand. He then returned home to work as a partner of Barraba Veterinary Clinic in rural Australia and has provided over 30 years of veterinary services to the districts of Barraba, Manilla and Bingara in northern New South Wales.

Ben has received many accreditations working with large animals and was awarded the Bovine Practitioner of the Year award in 2011 from the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (Cattle Chapter).





Conference program

Social Events Friday 11 September - 06.30pm - Trade Opening & Welcome Drinks
Saturday 12 September - 07.00pm - 11.00pm - Conference Dinner (See booking form for prices)

Saturday 12 September 2015

08.00 - 08.20	Registration	
08.20 - 08.30	Welcome & Announcements	
08.30 - 09.30	COMBINED: Dr Joanna White Diagnosis of Renal Conditions.	
09.30 - 10.30	COMBINED: Dr Steve Fearnside Lower Urinary Tract Conditions: Initial Diagnostics and Surgical Considerations.	
10.30 - 11.00	Morning Tea in the Trade Display Area.	
	VETS	NURSES
11.00 - 12.00	Dr Joanna White Treatment of Chronic Kidney Disease.	Dr Michael Kidd Dealing with Difficult Clients.
12.00 - 13.00	Dr Steve Fearnside Lower Urinary Tract Conditions and their management.	Dr Steven Ferguson Keeping the clinic safe and hygienic.
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch in the Trade Display Area.	
14.00 - 15.00	Dr Steve Fearnside What's new in Surgical Management of Urinary Tract Conditions.	Dr Joanna White Nursing Renal Patients.
15.00 - 16.00	Dr Joanna White Acute Kidney Disease.	Dr Merrilyn Fitzgerald Fluid Therapy.
16.00 - 16.30	Afternoon Tea in the Trade Display Area.	
16.30 - 17.30	COMBINED: Speaker TBC - Mental Health: Wellness and Wellbeing	

Sunday 13 September 2015

08.00 - 08.15	Registration & Announcements		
	SMALL ANIMAL	NURSES	LARGE ANIMAL
08.15 - 09.15	Dr Joanna White Glomerula Disease.	Dr Merrilyn Fitzgerald Nursing the Equine Patient.	Dr Ben Gardiner Bovine Uro-Genital Conditions. Bulls and Cows.
09.15 - 10.15	Dr Steve Fearnside Case Studies.	Dr Merrilyn Fitzgerald Getting the most from pathology tests.	Dr Rod Reece Campylobacter and Trichomoniasis. They still cause problems.
10.15 - 10.45	Morning Tea in the Trade Display Area.		
	COMBINED SMALL ANIMAL & NURSES		LARGE ANIMAL
10.45 - 11.45	Dr Robert Johnson Reptiles Uro-Genital Conditions.		Dr Ted Irwin Emergency Animal Diseases. When to suspect. What to do.
11.45 - 12.45	Dr Robert Johnson Rabbits, Guinea Pigs & Native Animals Uro-Genital Conditions.		Dr Ted Irwin The likely exotics / EADs.
12.45 - 13.45	Lunch in the Trade Display Area.		
	SMALL ANIMAL	NURSES	LARGE ANIMAL
13.45 - 14.45	Dr Rod Reece Conditions of backyard Chooks & Pigs.	Dr Robert Johnson Tips for nursing & caring for Reptiles and Wildlife.	Dr Stuart Keller Equine Obstetrics.
14.45 - 15.45	Dr Rod Reece Moore Backyard Chooks and Pigs.		Dr Stuart Keller Equine Post Partum Conditions



BOOK IT

Register prior to 12 Aug for Early Bird

To register
[CLICK HERE](#)

	AVA Members	Non AVA Members	Nurses
Early Bird - Full Weekend (<12 August 2015 (1 free nurse)	\$640	\$1,320	\$280
Full Weekend (1 free nurse)	\$740	\$1,420	\$330
One Day Registration	\$385	\$770	\$200
Welcome Drinks (Accompanying Person)	\$33	\$66	\$33
Saturday Dinner (Free Nurses/ Additional Guests)	\$90	\$180	\$90
Student - Early Bird - Full weekend (<12 August 2015)	\$250	\$500	N/A
Student - Full Weekend	\$270	\$540	N/A
Student - One Day registration	\$125	\$250	N/A
New Graduate (1-3 yr) - Early Bird - Full Weekend (<12 August 2015)	\$400	\$800	N/A
New Graduate (1-3 yr) - Full Weekend	\$450	\$900	N/A
New Graduate (1-3 yr) - One Day Registration	\$300	\$600	N/A

Friday Night Drinks, Saturday Night Dinner, lunches and teas included in full registration. Single day registrations do not include drinks or dinner. Please note free nurse registration does not include Saturday dinner or Friday Night Drinks. These need to be paid separately.

HANDY TIP: Every full-weekend paying vet is entitled to bring 1 FREE nurse to all sessions!

