LUMPS AND BUMPS IN PRACTICE

Keynote speaker
Dr David Vail

Equine Lectures
on Friday of conference

AVA Victorian Division
Annual Conference 2016

Moonee Valley Racecourse
McPherson Street Moonee Ponds VIC
www.thevalley.com.au
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 VIC Division Annual Conference theme is ‘ONCOLOGY – lumps and bumps in practice’.

Streams will include Small Animal and Nursing on the Saturday and Sunday and an Equine Stream on the Friday.

A race night will be held on the Friday night as the main social function and a reception will be held in the Exhibition area on the Saturday night at the completion of Saturday’s streams.

THE VENUE

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SPECIAL OFFER

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

*Does not include Saturday night conference dinner for veterinary nurse

Register for all three days and receive 19 Vet Ed Continuing Education Points. Points are automatically added to your account post-conference.
It is with a great deal of pleasure that I invite all veterinarians and veterinary nurses to attend the AVA Victorian Division’s next Annual Conference on 18–20 March 2016. This conference will be held at Moonee Valley Racecourse, Moonee Ponds.

Moonee Valley Racecourse is situated only 8km from Melbourne’s CBD and the venue offers free parking for delegates over all days.

We have a very strong continuing education program for delegates built around our international keynote speaker, Dr David Vail from Colorado State University. David is currently Professor and Barbara A. Suran Chair in Comparative Oncology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a member of the UW Carbone Comprehensive Cancer Center. The veterinary program will also feature Dr Charles Kuntz, Dr Maureen Cooper, Dr Emma Whiston and Dr Brian McErlean.

We have taken the opportunity of the venue’s theme and included an EVA equine stream that will be held on Friday 18th March. This will lead into the main conference social event that will be held on the Friday night - a race night dinner. Delegates will be invited to enjoy a sit down dinner at the races in our own private terraced area - the Valley View Room. The night includes entry, a two course dinner, drinks and a racebook for each attendee. The room will have it’s own private tote facility so it should be a really fun night.

2 for 1 offer:
We will once again be offering a free nurse registration with any full-weekend veterinarian registration from the same practice.

The nurse program is also very strong with lectures covered by Dr David Vail, Dr Maureen Cooper, Dr Amy Sledziona, Ms Lesley Sanderson and Ms Carol Bradley.

At the conclusion of the education streams, delegates will be invited to enjoy canapes and drinks in the Exhibition Area. This is a great chance to network with colleagues and conference sponsors.

If you require accommodation over the weekend, I urge you to book early as it is also Grand Prix weekend in Melbourne and hotels will fill up fast. If you require suggestions for accommodation, please call the AVA Victorian Division on (03) 9600 2930.

The AVA Victorian Division has been presenting annual conferences for a number of years. They have been very successful and well supported. Moonee Valley is shaping as one of the best yet. I hope to see you there.

Dr Paul Martin
Victorian Division President
INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER

Keynote speaker
Dr David Vail

Residency in Medical Oncology, Colorado State University
M.S. in Comparative Oncology, Colorado State University
D.V.M., University of Sasckatchewan
B.Sc. in Pathogenic Microbiology, University of Alberta

Dr Vail’s research involves the design and implementation of comparative oncology clinical trials through the inclusion of companion animal dogs and cats with spontaneous tumors. These spontaneous tumors have similar biological behavior as their counterparts in humans. The information obtained from these clinical trials help inform both the design of future trials in humans as well as provide preliminary data on ongoing drug development programs for animal health.

Dr Vail has published over 120 peer-reviewed scientific manuscripts and 50 book chapters in the field of veterinary and comparative oncology. David is co-editor of the textbook Small Animal Clinical Oncology, past North American Journal Editor for Veterinary and Comparative Oncology, President of the Canine Comparative Oncology and Genomics Consortium (CCOGC) and a founding member of the Comparative Oncology Trials Consortium (COTC).

LOCAL SPEAKERS

Dr Charles Kuntz DVM, MS, MACVSc, Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons, Registered Specialist of Small Animal Surgery, Fellow of Surgical Oncology
Founder and Director of South Paws - Speciality surgery for Animals

Dr Maureen Cooper DVM, MANZCVS small animal medicine, FANZCVS veterinary oncology
Co-owner of Victorian Animal Cancer Care

Dr Emma Whiston BVSc
Senior Veterinarian at My Best Friend - veterinary home euthanasia service

Dr Brian McErlean MVB MRCVS
Recipient of LIFE Award for excellence in suicide prevention at the 2015 National Suicide Prevention Conference, AVA Benevolent Fund Trustee, Developer of a veterinarian specific suicide prevention program under the Western Australian OneLife Project for the AVA

Dr Megan Dietze BVSc(Hons) MVS GCHE
Senior Lecturer and Head of Programs for Veterinary Nursing at Melbourne Polytechnic

Dr Amy Sledziona BVSc
Veterinarian at Lort Smith Animal Hospital

Ms Carol Bradley Associate Fellow of The Higher Education Academy (RVC)
Clinical Tutor in Small Animal Surgery & Clinical Skills Centre Manager at University of Melbourne Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences

Ms Lesley Sanderson VN
Veterinary Nurse Educator, Team Leader of Operations at GO TAFE Animal Sciences
FRIDAY 18 MARCH 2016  EVA EQUINE STREAM

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<td>12.45pm–1.45pm</td>
<td>Dr Sarah Gray (Ballarat Equine Clinic)</td>
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<td>Work up of the primary and referral colic case and when to refer</td>
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<td>1.45pm-2.45pm</td>
<td>Dr Sarah Gray (Ballarat Equine Clinic)</td>
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<td>Complications of colic and review of current prognostic indicators and outcomes</td>
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<td>2.45pm–3.45pm</td>
<td>Dr Brett Tennent-Brown (University of Melbourne)</td>
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<td>Chronic colic and weight loss</td>
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<td>3.45pm–4.00pm</td>
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<td>Dr Laura Nath (Equinemed)</td>
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<td>Colic and diarrhoea in foals</td>
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<td>5.00pm–6.00pm</td>
<td>Dr Laura Nath (Equinemed)</td>
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<td>Acute and chronic diarrhoea</td>
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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Friday Race Night Dinner at the Valley

**Time:** 6.15pm-10.45pm  
**Venue:** Valley View Room  
(-private terraced area)  
**Includes:** 2 course dinner, beverages, admission to races, racebook, private tote facilities

This social event is included in the full weekend veterinarian registration but does not allow complimentary vet nurse to attend. Guest tickets for vet nurses and partners can be purchased for $99 each.

Saturday Night Reception in Exhibition Area

**Time:** 5.15pm-7.15pm  
**Venue:** Exhibition Area (Celebrity Room)  
**Includes:** Canapes, beverages

This social event is included in the full weekend veterinarian registration but does not allow complimentary vet nurse to attend. Guest tickets for vet nurses can be purchased for $39 each.
# SATURDAY 19 MARCH 2016

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| 8.30am–9.45am | Combined: Dr David Vail  
Oncology; general principles:  
Goals of Veterinary Oncology. What practitioners need to know.  
Clinical Staging of Cancer  
Post Treatment follow-up. What tests are important |
| 9.45am–10.30am| Combined: Dr Emma Whiston  
“Is it time? How to best facilitate the end of life decision process for your client”  
Pre-euthanasia, euthanasia and post-euthanasia |
| 10.30am–11.00am| Morning tea                                                            |

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| 11.00am–11.15am | Dr Robert Johnson, AVA National President  
AVA National Update |
| 11.15am–12.15pm | Dr David Vail  
**Diagnostics:** Biopsy techniques, cytology, imaging |
| 12.15pm – 1.15pm | Dr David Vail  
**Therapies:** Chemotherapy types, applications, adverse events, safe handling |
| 1.15pm–2.15pm | Lunch                                                                        |
| 2.15pm–3.15pm | Dr David Vail  
**Therapies (continued):** Immunotherapy, anti-tumour vaccines, mono-clonal antibodies, targeted therapies, radiotherapy |
| 3.15pm–3.45pm | AVA Victorian Division Annual Meeting |
| 3.45pm–4.15pm | Afternoon tea                                                              |
| 4.15pm–5.15pm | Dr David Vail  
**Specific Tumor types:** Mast cell and other skin tumours |

# SUNDAY 20 MARCH 2016

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| 8.30am–9.30am | Dr Maureen Cooper  
**Lymphoma - Dogs** |
| 9.30pm–10.30pm | Dr Maureen Cooper  
**Lymphoma - Cats** |
| 10.30pm–11.00am | Morning tea                                                            |
| 11.00am–12.00pm | Dr Brian McErlean  
**What do I have to do to be happy in this job?** |
| 12.00pm–1.00pm | Dr David Vail  
**Bone cancers** |
| 1.00pm–2.00pm | Lunch                                                                        |
| 2.00pm–3.00pm | Dr Charles Kuntz  
**Oral Tumours** |
| 3.00pm–4.00pm | Dr David Vail & Dr Charles Kuntz  
**Case studies** |
| 4.00pm–4.15pm | Afternoon tea                                                              |
| 4.15pm–5.15pm | Dr David Vail & Dr Charles Kuntz  
**Case studies** |
### FRIDAY PRICING

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<td>EVA Equine Lectures</td>
<td>$120</td>
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<td>$170</td>
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<td>Early bird full weekend (5 February 2016)</td>
<td>$660</td>
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<td>Saturday reception drinks (accompanying guest)</td>
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<td>Student – full weekend</td>
<td>$270</td>
<td>$540</td>
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<td>$420</td>
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<td>$320</td>
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<td>$470</td>
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The race night on Friday Night, the reception on Saturday night, lunches and teas included in full registration of Saturday/Sunday conference sessions. Single day registrations do not include the race night or reception drinks. Please note complimentary nurse registration does not include race night or reception drinks. These need to be paid separately. Prices include GST.

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