AVA Victorian Division Annual Conference 2015
in conjunction with AVA East Coast Conference Roadshow 2015

CARDIO

RESPIRATORY

DISEASE IN DOMESTIC ANIMALS

Registration Brochure
13-15 March 2015
RACV Torquay Resort, Torquay, VIC
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 Victorian Division State Conference theme in 2015 is ‘Cardiorespiratory Disease in Domestic Animals’. Streams will include veterinary and nursing.

It will be held at the RACV Torquay Resort from 13 - 15 March 2015.

The venue

Perched within the backdrop of the Torquay and Jan Juc beaches, RACV Torquay Resort is set on an expansive golf course with spectacular ocean views and direct beach access.

In addition to fantastic conferencing facilities, RACV Torquay Resort features a range of facilities including a family friendly restaurant and bar, day spa, indoor pool and children’s playground.

The Club is located at:

1 Great Ocean Road, Torquay (a leisurely 75 minute drive from Melbourne CBD and 40 minutes from Avalon airport).

SPECIAL OFFER

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

*Does not include Saturday night conference dinner
Dr Mark Rishniw
BVSc MS PhD DipACVIM (Internal Medicine and Cardiology)
Lecturer in Internal Medicine and Cardiology, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, USA

Mark graduated from the University of Melbourne’s Faculty of Veterinary Science in 1987. He practised for four years and then completed two residency programs (Internal Medicine at Washington State University and Cardiology at University of California, Davis). Along the way he obtained a MS (physiology). After a year as a Registrar at the University of Melbourne in 1996, Mark moved to Cornell as a Lecturer in Cardiology for three years.

In 2000, he started a PhD (physiology and developmental biology), which he completed in 2009. Midway through his PhD, Mark joined the Simpson Lab as a part-time post-doctoral associate. He has remained a small part of the Simpson Lab since that time. Mark is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in both Internal Medicine and Cardiology.

Mark’s interests are clinical research, cardiology and occasionally gastro-intestinal diseases. His main function in the laboratory is to divert the Laboratory Director (Simpson) sufficiently to allow the rest of the staff to get stuff done.

Dr Richard Woolley
BVetMed DipECVIM-CA (Cardiology) MRCVS
Specialist in Veterinary Cardiology, Head of Cardiorespiratory Pet Referrals Victoria

Richard is the only specialist veterinary cardiologist in Victoria, and one of only a handful registered specialist veterinary cardiologists in Australia. He has many years of experience in cardiology and respiratory medicine of all animals, from mice to gorillas. He has worked in academia and in private practice, lectured extensively, and his present focus is on specialist cardiorespiratory medicine of dogs and cats.

Having graduated from the Royal Veterinary College London in 2002, Dr Woolley passed the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination in the same year. After graduation he completed a one-year rotating internship in small animal medicine and surgery at the University of Edinburgh, and then remained at Edinburgh University to complete a three-year cardiopulmonary residency, including one year working in the small animal internal medicine department.

Richard passed the first part of the European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine – Companion Animals diploma in 2006 and was employed as a veterinary cardiologist by the University of Edinburgh after completing his residency. During this time Richard also completed externships in the veterinary cardiology departments at Cornell and Florida Universities. In 2007 Richard came to Australia and has been working in Melbourne since then. That year he also passed the second part of his diploma and subsequently registered as a Veterinary Cardiology Specialist in Australia.

Richard’s professional interests and areas of publication include advanced echocardiography techniques, pimobendan in mitral valve disease, pacemaker implantation, balloon valvuloplasty, the use of Canine Ductal Occluders in PDAs and stem cell therapy.

Register for the full-weekend registration & receive 14 Vet Ed Continuing Education Points. Automatically added to your account post-conference.
Local speakers

**Dr Marjorie Milne**  
**BVSc (Hons) FANZCVSc (Radiology) GradCert UniTeach**  
*Senior Lecturer in Diagnostic Imaging, The University of Melbourne and Registered Specialist in Veterinary Radiology*

Dr Milne works as a clinical radiologist and senior lecturer at the University of Melbourne Veterinary Hospital, where she supervises two residents and teaches veterinary students about veterinary diagnostic imaging. She has an interest in adult education in particular visual perception and decision making in Diagnostic Imaging. Dr Milne’s clinical interests centre around the advanced imaging modalities of CT and MRI, and she is undertaking a PhD part time investigating the mechanisms behind canine epilepsy. Dr Milne enjoys working at a cutting edge veterinary imaging facility, and also loves the challenges that come with imaging all species.

**Dr Jennifer Carter**  
**DVM**  
*Lecturer in Anaesthesia, The University of Melbourne*

Jennifer graduated with a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine in 2005. She continued her postgraduate training at North Carolina State University with an internship in small animal medicine and surgery before completing a residency in anaesthesia and becoming a Diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Anesthesiologists.

Upon completion of her residency, Jennifer joined Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, where she taught veterinary students anaesthesiology, part of which included supervision of students performing anaesthesia for small and large animal surgical laboratories. She also taught respiratory physiology. Jennifer became a Certified Veterinary Pain Practitioner with the International Veterinary Academy of Pain Management in 2012.

Throughout her professional career, Jennifer has authored peer-reviewed publications and has presented at a number of conferences in the USA. Her primary research and clinical interests are in the fields of pain management and haemodynamics.

**Dr Elise Boller**  
**DVM, Diplomate ACVECC**  
*Lecturer in Emergency and Critical Care and Residency Program Director, The University of Melbourne*

Dr Elise Boller was born in California and grew up in Florida. She graduated from Colorado State University in 2001 with a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine before completing a small animal medical and surgical internship at VCA West Los Angeles Animal Hospital. In 2005, she became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care following residency training in at the University of Pennsylvania. She then practiced in a private veterinary referral centre as an emergency and critical care specialist.

After two years in private practice, she returned to the School of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania where she served as a veterinarian in the intensive care unit for the five years preceding her appointment with the University of Melbourne, Faculty of Veterinary Science. During this time, she was involved in clinical and didactic teaching of senior veterinary students, interns and residents.

Elise’s current interests include sepsis, coagulation, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, communication, and optimisation of referral based medicine.
Local speakers

**Dr Trish Stewart**  
B(VetSc) MANZCVSc, Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, Dip VET, Grad Cert VET  
*Teacher of Veterinary Nursing and Coordinator of Recognition in Prior Learning (RPL), School of Health Sciences, Box Hill Institute of TAFE and current AVA Victorian Division President*

Trish graduated from the University of Melbourne in 1980 and worked in mixed practice in rural Victoria for 4 years. After this she became a small animal surgical resident and then the surgical registrar at the University of Melbourne Veterinary School in 1985/6. At the end of her time at the University she completed a Masters of Veterinary Studies in small animal surgery and successfully completed exams for Membership of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists in small animal surgery. In 1987 Trish travelled and did locums in the UK and Europe. On her return to Australia she worked full-time work in small animal practice. After beginning a family in the early 90s she then combined part time practice work with as well as teaching vet nurse students at Box Hill Institute. Trish became a permanent teacher at Box Hill in 2002 and went on to complete three post graduate teaching qualifications there. She continues to do part-time veterinary locums in small animal veterinary clinics around Melbourne.

**Ms Carol Bradley**  
VN, Cert III in Health Sterilizing Technician, Cert IV in Assessment & Workplace Training  
*Veterinary Clinical Skills Laboratory Manager & Nurse Educator, The University of Melbourne*

Carol has over 32 years' experience in veterinary surgical nursing at the University of Melbourne, Veterinary Science Hospital. From 1982 – 2009 Carol was the Head of the Central Sterilizing Supply Department and Supervisor of the Small Animal and Equine Operating Theatres at the University of Melbourne’s Veterinary Teaching School, Werribee. During this time she participated in the clinical training of undergraduate veterinary students in aseptic technique, operating room etiquette, introduction to surgical skills and sterilizing processes. In 1997 she was the first veterinary nurse to successfully apply and pass the Certificate III in Sterilizing and Processing Technique Course delivered through the Mayfield Education Centre (human nursing). She attained her Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training through the University of Melbourne in 2004. Carol was awarded her Associate Fellow of the Higher Education Academy through the Royal Veterinary College of London (RVC) in 2013. Carol has been involved in educational media for undergraduates, postgraduates and nurses and is a co-author of the software package “Virtual Surgery”, an online learning tool for veterinary undergraduates and nurses. She is currently the Clinical Skills Centre Manager/Nurse Educator for the University of Melbourne’s Veterinary Faculty, tutoring in the fundamentals of surgery and assessing 3rd DVM students in clinical skills.

**Ms Tenille Petrilli**  
BSc Dip Ed TAE VN  
*Teacher, Agriculture & Animal Sciences, Melbourne Polytechnic*

Tenille is the current Victorian President of the Veterinary Nurses Council of Australia (VNCA) and has been lecturing animal studies and veterinary nursing now for 9 years. Tenille started out as a work experience student in a small animal clinic, situated in Western Australia. She completed her vet nursing qualification, progressed into a double major science degree at university and finished off a post graduated diploma in education all whilst working at the same vet clinic over a period of 10 years. In 2009 Tenille was chosen to be apart of a scientific research team working on the rare and elusive Arabian leopard in the Middle East which then led to her involvement in a similar project in 2011 trapping, collaring and researching leopard numbers, behaviours and activities in Africa. Tenille also played a major role in the development and co-ordination of the first animal handling program for Chevron in Western Australia. This program would ensure that all animals in mining areas would be protected, handled and treated with the upmost care and respect.

**Ms Grace Parker**  
BSc (Hons) VN PGCE TAE  
*Teacher of Animal Studies and Veterinary Nursing, Melbourne Polytechnic*

Grace is a UK qualified Veterinary nurse and Veterinary Nurse Educator. After completing a Bachelor of Science honours degree in England, she pursued a career in veterinary nursing. Her veterinary nursing career included general practice as well as emergency nursing both in the UK and Australia. Her teaching career began in England and 3 years ago moved across to Australia. She worked at Victoria University as Education Manager of the Animal Studies and Veterinary nursing department and then to NMIT/Melbourne Polytechnic in both the TAFE and HE departments developing Animal Studies and veterinary nursing training, including the Associate Degree of Veterinary Nursing.
Accommodation options

RACV Torquay Resort
1 Great Ocean Road
Torquay VIC
P: 03 5261 1600
Quote CODE: AVA Conference
Website: [click here](#)

Wyndham Resort Torquay
100 The Esplanade
Torquay VIC
P: 03 5261 1500

RACV Torquay Resort
2 Sands Boulevard
Torquay VIC
P: 03 5264 3333
Website: [click here](#)

Social activities

The Friday night Welcome Reception for delegates and industry will be held in the Spring Creek Retreat Room, commencing at 6.30pm and concluding at 8.30pm.

The Saturday night conference dinner will also be held in the Rincon Room and will commence at 7.00pm and is included in full registration for paying delegates only. The Dinner includes a three course meal and all beverages. Additional tickets can be purchased for guests and nurses.

Golf

The RACV Torquay Golf Club is a challenging course for all golfers. The 18-hole traditional links-style golf course was redeveloped by Ogilvy Clayton, a Melbourne design team headed by former US Open champion Geoff Ogilvy and Mike Clayton, winner of many Australian and overseas tournaments. This fully irrigated Par 71 golf course features wide-open couch fairways, undulating greens, fescue roughs, wetlands and ocean views.

Conference delegates will be contacted closer to the conference date to consider whether they wish to participate in a group booking of golf.

2 for 1 offer

We will once again be offering a free nurse registration with any full-weekend veterinarian registration (excluding graduate registration) from the same practice. The nurse program is also very strong and the majority of lectures will be delivered by our veterinary stream presenters.
### Conference program

**Social Events**
- Friday 13 March: 06.30pm-08.30pm - Welcome Reception in Spring Creek Retreat Room
- Saturday 14 March: 07.00pm-11.00pm - Conference Dinner in Rincon Room

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BOOK IT

Register prior to 13 Feb for Early Bird

To register CLICK HERE

AVA Members | Non AVA Members | Nurses
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Early Bird - Full Weekend <-13 Feb 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 (<-13 Feb 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 (<-13 Feb 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: All full-weekend paying vet ($640-740) is entitled to bring 1 FREE nurse to all sessions!

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