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ILL THRIFT

Chronic disease
in small and large animals

22–24 September 2017

Holiday Inn, Cairns Harbourside, Cairns Queensland

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Our members are veterinarians in practice, industry, government and academia. For nearly 100 years, we've represented vets in every corner of Australia – and we always will.

As Australia's only collective voice for vets, we are experienced advocates and active leaders on all issues of animal health and welfare.

About the program and speakers

This year AVA North Queensland Branch Meeting will be held at the Cairns Harbourside Holiday Inn, 22–24 September. The theme is 'Ill Thrift' with both large and small animal streams looking at conditions that cause chronic disease.

Dr Richard Squires is talking on heartworm disease and companion animal vaccination guidelines and Dr Joanne Meers discusses the latest on the new subtype of canine parvovirus and vaccine efficiency studies for feline immunodeficiency virus, the AIDS of the cat world.

The large animal stream focusses on ill thrift conditions in cattle and horses including bovine Johne's disease and parasitism in horses. Drs Robert Hedlefs, Con Constantinoiu, Jamie Wearn from JCU and Bill Tranter, Tablelands dairy practitioner will, be sharing their knowledge.



Destination

Cairns, in Tropical North Queensland, is situated on the edge of the Coral Sea and is known as the gateway to the Barrier Reef, where the sea meets the rainforest-draped hills of the Great Dividing Range. Several idyllic tropical white sandy bays are to be found to the north of the city, while Kuranda and the Tablelands beckon from the range.

Cairns epitomises Australia's laid back lifestyle and the tropical climate calls for light casual clothes balmy nights under the stars, with the local temperature during September averaging from a minimum of 18 to a high of 28 degrees.

As well as the famous Great Barrier Reef there is the World Heritage listed Wet Tropics Rainforest around Daintree and Cape Tribulation to explore.

Venue

Located on the Cairns Esplanade overlooking beautiful Trinity Bay, Holiday Inn Cairns Harbourside is a popular retreat. Surrounded by lush tropical gardens and boasting breathtaking ocean and hinterland views, they offer 173 rooms, each with a private balcony and located 5km from the airport.

There are a wide range of hotel amenities, from restaurants, pool, 24 hr room service, free shuttle bus to CBD and kids eat and stay free* (*see website for details).

Holiday Inn Cairns are offering an early bird special! Book before early bird closes on Sunday 27 August 2017 and receive a discount. Standard rooms start from \$179 early bird rate and Ocean view rooms start from \$209 early bird rate.

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Conference program

Friday 22 September		
6.30pm–late	Exhibition open and Welcome BBQ	
Saturday 23 September		
	Small animal	Large animal
8.00am–8.50am	Delegate registration	
9.00am–9.30am	History of parasitology <i>Dr Glen Coleman</i>	
9.30am–10.30am	Parasitology – canine heartworm <i>Dr Con Constantinoiu</i>	Recent research in the diagnosis and control of BJD in Qld <i>Dr Robert Hedlefs</i>
10.30am–11.00am	Exhibition open and morning tea	
11.00am–12.00pm	Clinical management of canine and feline heartworm disease <i>Dr Richard Squires</i>	Haemonchus contortus in small ruminants <i>Dr Con Constantinoiu</i>
12.00pm–1.00pm	An update on canine and feline vaccination practices and guidelines <i>Dr Richard Squires</i>	Ill Thrift – dairy cattle in the sub tropics <i>Dr Bill Tranter</i>
1.00pm–2.00pm	Exhibition open and lunch	
2.00pm–3.00pm	Unusual clinical manifestations of canine leptospirosis <i>Dr Richard Squires</i>	Ill Thrift – beef cattle in the wet tropics <i>Dr Bill Tranter</i>
3.00pm–3.30pm	Exhibition open and afternoon tea	
3.30pm–4.30pm	Canine Parvovirus subtypes – what do they mean? <i>Dr Joanne Meers</i>	Overview of biosecurity for equine practices <i>Dr Andrew Easton</i>
4.30pm–5.30pm	Annual meeting	
6.30pm–late	Pre-dinner drinks and canapes. Gala dinner	
Sunday 24 September		
	Small animal	Large animal
8.30am–8.50am	Delegate registration	
9.00am–9.30am	Veterinary dealings with the worlds most dangerous bird <i>Dr Graham Laurisden</i>	
9.30am–10.30am	FIV – updates on vaccine efficiency studies <i>Dr Joanne Meers</i>	Hendra Virus update <i>Dr Jamie Wearn</i>
10.30am–11.00am	Exhibition open and morning tea	
11.00am–12.00pm	Chronic kidney disease <i>Dr Marcus Gunew</i>	Hepatic disease <i>Dr Jamie Wearn</i>
12.00pm–1.00pm	Hyperthyroidism <i>Dr Marcus Gunew</i>	GI parasitism <i>Dr Jamie Wearn</i>
1.00pm–2.00pm	Exhibition open and lunch	



Speakers

Glen Coleman

BVSc PhD



Professor Glen Coleman is a graduate of the University of Queensland Veterinary School and practised for several years in Townsville, the United Kingdom and south east Queensland. In 1995 he was appointed lecturer in veterinary parasitology, and continues to undertake research into companion animal parasites, with a focus on drug resistance.

In 2005 he received a UQ Excellence in Teaching Award and in 2007 he was the recipient of a Carrick Award for Australian University Teaching. Two of his current research higher degree students are investigating the development of professional skills in veterinary and veterinary technology undergraduates.

Among his recent teaching and learning projects was an Australian Learning and Teaching Council funded project on assessment policy and how it impacts upon practice. He provides advice on assessment issues to the European and Australasian bodies responsible for the credentialing and examination of veterinarians for specialist qualifications.

He was a member of the steering group for the ALTC Learning and Teaching Academic Standards project in Health and related fields (including veterinary science). Previously Associate Dean, Academic, for the Faculty of Science, and Head of the School of Veterinary Science, Glen has recently taken the role as Executive Dean - University of Southern Queensland.

Andrew Easton

BVSc MACVSc CMAVA



Dr Andrew graduated from the University of Queensland in 1992. He has practiced as far a field as the UK as well as locuming around Australia before settling in Kuranda in 1995. Since then Andrew has gained his membership to the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists in Dentistry (Small animal and Equine) in 2001 and has been involved in the examination of other veterinarians in the field of Equine Dentistry for the College. Andrew has also completed postgraduate training in avian medicine.

Andrew has been heavily involved with the Australian Veterinary Association on a local, state and national level and received a Distinguished Service award in 2007 from the Qld branch and was awarded a Fellowship of the Australian Veterinary Association in 2014.

Andrew's main interests are anything dental from small animal general dentistry, endodontics (root canals etc) to orthodontics. Andrew is also a highly experienced equine veterinary dentist. Andrew is also interested in all aspects of equine medicine as well as anything exotic from birds to reptiles.

Richard Squires

BVSc (Hons) PhD DVR Dip ACVIM
Dip ECVIM-CA GCertEd



Richard Squires leads the veterinary clinical sciences team at James Cook University.

Richard graduated from Bristol University. After a spell in practice he obtained postgraduate clinical training at the Universities of Cambridge and Pennsylvania and research training in molecular virology at the University of Glasgow.

Richard held faculty positions at the Universities of Liverpool, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and at Massey University prior to taking up his current position in 2007.

Richard is a member of the World Small Animal Veterinary Association's eight-member Scientific Advisory Committee and of its four-member Vaccination Guidelines Group.

Marcus Gunew

BVSc BSc FACVSc



Marcus discovered his love for cats whilst still at The University of Sydney and upon graduating he moved to Brisbane to fulfil his dream of working at the largest Feline Only practice in Australia. Since arriving in 1996, Marcus has been responsible for the many changes and advancements within the practice that makes The Cat Clinic such a good place for sick cats to visit.

With a special interest in ultrasonography and endoscopy, Marcus is usually found diagnosing and treating our really sick cats. He became a Registered Specialist in Feline Medicine in 2009, but by far Marcus's best life achievement are his 2 beautiful daughters, Georgia and Anna whom you may often see down visiting their dad and keeping an eye on all the kittens.

Away from work, Marcus thoroughly enjoys spending time outdoors, and has become an avid runner. For several years now he has had a keen interest in distance running and trail running, even having competed in numerous triathlons. Marcus and his family share their home with 2 Burmese cats, a beautiful little brown Burmese lady named 'Rosie', and a handsome yet very cheeky red Burmese boy named 'Mango'. There are also a number of chickens and a happy little Border Collie called 'Oreo' who has become a great running partner for her Dad.



Robert Hedlefs

BVSc Grad Cert Public Sect FAVA



Dr Hedlefs is a long term resident of north Queensland with a keen interest in the cattle industry and the management of endemic and exotic diseases in tropical regions.

Dr Hedlefs has worked in private practice mainly with cattle in Victoria and Queensland and undertaken research on disease surveillance systems for production animals in PNG, Fiji and the Solomon Islands.

With the introduction of an undergraduate veterinary degree Associate Professor Hedlefs developed and delivered the Public Veterinary Medicine component of the undergraduate veterinary degree at James Cook University and currently delivers Cattle Health and Production components to this degree program.

Graham Lauridsen

BVSc



Graham started work in Tully in 1996. Graham enjoys all aspects of Veterinary work in Tropical North Queensland. He deals with the region's Cassowaries in conjunction with Qld National Parks. He has co-authored a number of articles on this iconic endangered species.

Graham lives near Tully with his wife Helen and 2 children. When not at work Graham enjoys golf and bushwalking. Graham is based in Tully but spends time in Mission Beach and Cardwell as the need arises.

Joanne Meers

BVSc Grad Dip Path PhD

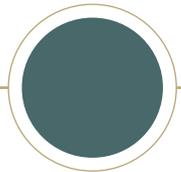


Dr Meers is an Associate Professor in Veterinary Virology in the School of Veterinary Science.

Dr Meers' research has focused on a variety of viruses of veterinary importance including viruses of both domestic and native animal species. Her research interests include viral diseases of livestock in developing countries including Newcastle disease and avian influenza, koala retrovirus, feline immunodeficiency virus and canine parvovirus.

Constantin Constantinoiu

BVSc PhD



Constantin Constantinoiu graduated the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Bucharest, Romania in 1990 and finished his PhD at Osaka Prefecture University, Osaka, Japan in 2004.

He worked as a postdoctoral fellow (2005-2008) with the School of Veterinary Science from University of Queensland and Animal Research Institute (Yeerongpilly) from Department of Primary Industries, Queensland.

From 2009 he has been working with the School of Veterinary and Biomedicine Sciences from James Cook University as a lecturer in Veterinary Parasitology.

Bill Tranter

BVSc MACVSc PhD



Bill is a veterinarian working with Tableland Veterinary Service - a private veterinary practice with 18 vets providing animal health services to the beef and dairy industries of northern Queensland

He is an Adjunct professor at James Cook University teaching cattle health and production to veterinary students in Townsville and providing clinical training for final year students at Malanda.

Bill also owns and manages a small grazing property at Malanda with 150 breeders.

Jamie Wearn

BVSc



Jamie graduated from the Faculty of Veterinary Science at the University of Sydney in 2003 where he then continued on in internship in equine medicine and surgery. His path to specialisation commenced with a fellowship in equine medicine at the Hagyard Equine Medicine Institute in Kentucky USA in 2007 before a large animal medicine residency at Virginia Tech, in Virginia, USA graduating in 2010.

He achieved large animal medicine diplomate status of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine in 2010. Following this he returned to private equine practice on the Gold Coast before being appointed as the equine internal medicine faculty at the James Cook University in 2014.



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Student /1st year graduate member	\$340	\$410
Saturday only AVA Member Does not include evening socials	\$400	\$400
Saturday only Non-Member Does not include evening socials	\$800	\$800
Saturday only Student/1yr grad Does not include evening socials	\$300	\$300
Sunday only AVA Member Does not include evening socials	\$230	\$230
Sunday only Non-Member Does not include evening socials	\$460	\$460
Sunday only Student/1yr grad Does not include evening socials	\$170	\$170
Accompanying guest	AVA Members & Guest	Non-member Vet
Includes morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea , Friday & Saturday evening social functions.	\$290	\$580
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Friday evening social event	AVA Members & Guest	Non-member Vet
Includes drinks & dinner.	\$70	\$140
Saturday evening social event	AVA Members & Guest	Non-member Vet
Includes pre-dinner drinks, canapes and dinner.	\$135	\$270

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