

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

CARDIO

RESPIRATORY

DISEASE IN DOMESTIC ANIMALS

"Heart of the Matter"

Registration Brochure

20-22 March 2015
Chifley Hotel, Wollongong, NSW



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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 Annual Conference theme in 2015 is 'Cardiorespiratory Disease in Domestic Animals'. Streams will include Small Animal and Nursing.

It will be held at the Chifley Hotel in Wollongong from 20 - 22 March 2015.



Keep up to date



Keynote plenary speakers



Excellent nurses stream

The venue

The Chifley Hotel is a four star hotel and conference facility located in the heart of Wollongong city.

The venue is easily accessible by train (station 15 minute walk) or by car (hotel parking is provided for guests at \$15 per day or alternatively there are a few free parks in front of the hotel).

The Club is located at:

**60 - 62 Harbour Street
 Wollongong, NSW, 2500**



SPECIAL OFFER

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

**Does not include Saturday night conference dinner*



AVA NSW President - Welcome



It is with a great deal of pleasure that I invite all Veterinarians and Veterinary Nurses to attend the AVA, NSW Division's next Annual Conference on 20-22 March 2015. This conference will be held at the very stylish Chifley Hotel in Wollongong.

We have a very strong continuing education program for delegates built around our International speaker, **cardiologist Dr. Mark Rishniw** from Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. Mark will be supported by local speakers: Dr. Niek Beijerink, a cardiologist from Sydney University and Dr. Rita Singh who is currently working as the specialist cardiologist at SASH in Sydney.

The theme of the conference is:

THE HEART of the MATTER CARDIORESPIRATORY DISEASE of DOMESTIC ANIMALS

The weekend will cover imaging, diagnosis and treatment of Cardiorespiratory conditions.

The Chifley Hotel sits beside Wollongong Golf course only one minute walk from beautiful beaches and a short stroll to Wollongong shops, cafes, restaurants, parks and Wollongong Harbour. It is also a short drive to the beautiful south coast escarpment and attractions. Not that delegates will have time to enjoy these attractions. They will be enthralled by the quality of the lectures, however for family and friends the Wollongong is an ideal destination.

2 for 1 offer:

We will once again be offering a free nurses registration with any full-weekend veterinarian registration from the same practice. The nurses program is also very strong and the majority of lectures will be presented by our main speakers supported by NSW Division committee members and experienced practitioners Dr. Steve Ferguson and Dr. Mick Kidd.

Saturday evening we will be having our conference dinner to which family and friends are welcome (see registration form). We will be having some entertainment and the new NSW Division president will be introduced.

As at all regional conferences, there will be a session on mental health to which delegate's friends and family are also welcome. This could be the most valuable session of the entire weekend. The AVA is committed to discussions on mental health issues in a non-threatening environment. Our aim is to make people aware of mental health issues and to recognise the signs of mental health in themselves and others.

The AVA NSW Division has been presenting regional conferences for a number of years. They have been very successful and well supported. Wollongong is shaping as one of the best yet. See you at the Gong

Geoff Scarlett

NSW Division President
Conference Convenor

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

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Conference theme

The theme of the three conferences will be **CARDIORESPIRATORY DISEASE IN DOMESTIC ANIMALS** which will include **TWO** streams: Small Animal and Nursing. Some sessions will be combined for all attendees.

Topics to be covered over the conference include: Cardiac Cases, Diagnosis of CHF, Anaesthetic Monitoring, Resuscitation, Echocardiography, Murmurs & Chronic Cough, Pericardial Disease, Asthma, Cardiotherapeutics, Heart Failure, Cardiac Intervention, Nutrition for Cardiac Patients and many more...

Accommodation options

Chifley Hotel

Discount accommodation code: #666450

60-62 Harbour Street
 Wollongong NSW 2500
 P: 02 4201 2111

W: www.silverneedlehotels.com/chifley/wollongong

Best Western City Sands

Corrimal Street
 Wollongong NSW 2500
 P: 02 4222 3111

W: www.bestwestern.com.au/wollongong

Adina Apartment Hotel

19 Market Street
 Wollongong NSW 2500
 P: 02 4250 5000
 W: www.tfehotels.com

City Beach Motel

22 Crown Street
 Wollongong NSW 2500
 P: 02 4229 7288

W: www.norrismotels.com.au/citybeach

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:

Grand Pacific Drive

Phone: N/A

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

Jamberoo Action Park

Phone: 02 4236 0114

Web: <https://www.jamberoo.net/>

Wollongong Information & Activities

Phone: 1800 240 737

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

Keynote Speakers



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 Faculty of Veterinary Science in 1987. He practiced 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.

Local Speakers



Dr Niek Beijerink DVM, PhD, ECVIM-CA (Cardiology)

*Senior Lecturer in Small Animal Medicine and Cardiology
University of Sydney, NSW, AUS*

Dr Niek Beijerink graduated with veterinary degree from Utrecht University in The Netherlands. He completed a PhD (canine endocrinology and reproduction) in 2007 and then a residency in Small Animal Cardiology in 2010.

Niek is a Diplomate of European College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Cardiology).

He commenced working as a Specialist in Small Animal Cardiology at Sydney University in August 2011, and is responsible for the clinical service and teaching in this area.

Some of his active research interests are heart failure therapy, cardiac CT imaging, and stem cell therapy for heart disease.



Local speakers



Dr Rita Singh BSc, BVMS (hons), Dip Vet Clin Stud, FACVSc, Dip ACVIM (Cardiology)

*Specialist in Veterinary Cardiology
 Small Animal Specialist Hospital (SASH)*

Rita graduated from Murdoch University in Perth, Western Australia in 1995. She worked in general practice in Buckinghamshire, England for 2 years before returning to Australia to complete a rotating internship in Small Animal Medicine and Surgery at the University of Sydney. She then completed a 3 year residency in Small Animal Internal Medicine at the Veterinary Specialist Centre in Sydney and successfully passed her specialist exams in Small Internal Animal Medicine in 2006.

During her time as a resident, she came to realise that cardiology was her true passion and went onto to complete a Veterinary Cardiology Residency at the University of California, Davis. Rita successfully passed her board exams and became a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine (Cardiology) in 2011.

Rita loves all aspects of cardiology especially echocardiography and interventional procedures for congenital disease, ECGs and pacemaker placement. She also has a passion for Boxer dogs and Jack Russell Terriers.



Dr Michael Kidd BVSc, Cert1V (Workplace Assessment)

*Practice Director & Veterinarian/ Teacher - Veterinary Nurses
 Hurlstone Park Veterinary Hospital/ TAFE NSW*

Michael is the owner of Hurlstone Park Veterinary Hospital and has worked there continuously since the 1980s. He enjoys all aspects of veterinary practice and has much experience and expertise in surgery and medicine. Michael has a special interest in animal acupuncture and has treated a vast number of patients over the past 20 years, offering another option for most musculo-skeletal conditions including arthritis, degenerative joint disease etc.

On days off he is usually involved in the teaching and workplace assessment of student veterinary nurses in the Sydney metropolitan area. Michael was also a honorary committee member of the NSW Canine Research Foundation for twenty years, including eight years as vice president. He is actively involved in the Australian Veterinary Association.



Dr Steven Ferguson BVSc(hons 1) MVS

*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.



Conference program

Social Events Friday 20 March - 06.30pm - Trade Opening & Welcome Drinks in Exhibition Area
 Saturday 21 March - 07.00pm - 11.00pm - Conference Dinner in Exhibition Area (See booking form for prices)

Saturday 21 March 2015

08.00 - 08.20	Registration	
08.20 - 08.30	Welcome and Announcements - AVA CEO/President	
08.30 - 09.15	COMBINED: Dr Mark Rishniw, Dr Niek Beijerink and Dr Rita Singh Triage of Cardiac Cases	
09.15 - 10.15	COMBINED: Dr Mark Rishniw Assessing Left Atrial Size by Radiographs and Echocardiography	
10.15 - 10.45	Morning Tea in the Trade Display Area.	
	SMALL ANIMAL	NURSES
10.45 - 11.45	Dr Niek Beijerink ECG: Tracing the Problem	Dr Michael Kidd & Dr Steven Ferguson Anaesthetic Monitoring: Keeping them alive
11.45 - 12.45	Dr Niek Beijerink Radiology of the Thorax	Dr Michael Kidd & Dr Steven Ferguson Resuscitation: Bringing them back from the brink.
12.45 - 13.45	Lunch in the Trade Display Area.	
	SMALL ANIMAL	NURSES
13.45 - 14.45	Dr Mark Rishniw Diagnosis of CHF in Dogs: Back to Basics	Dr Steven Ferguson Biosecurity in Veterinary Practice: Clean up that mess
14.45 - 15.45	Dr Mark Rishniw Diagnosis of CHF in Cats: And you thought it was easy!	Dr Michael Kidd Dealing with Difficult Clients & Patients
15.45 - 16.00	AVA NSW Division Annual Meeting - Don't go away!	
16.00 - 16.30	Afternoon Tea in the Trade Display Area.	
16.30 - 17.30	COMBINED: Various Speakers - Mental Health	

Sunday 22 March 2015

08.00 - 08.30	Registration & Welcome/Announcements	
	SMALL ANIMAL	NURSES
08.30 - 09.30	Dr Rita Singh Dogs with Murmurs & Chronic Cough: Nobody's sleeping	Dr Niek Beijerink Blood Pressure Measurements: Not that difficult.
09.30 - 10.30	Dr Rita Singh Pericardial Disease	Dr Niek Beijerink Felina Asthma: Snuffling Cats
10.30 - 11.00	Morning Tea in the Trade Display Area.	
	SMALL ANIMAL	NURSES
11.00 - 12.00	Dr Mark Rishniw Cardiotherapeutics in Dogs: A critical approach.	Dr Rita Singh Heart Failure Therapy and Management
12.00 - 13.00	Dr Mark Rishniw Cardiotherapeutics in Dogs continued.	Dr Niek Beijerink Making the Perfect Quality Chest X-Ray: Say Cheese
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch in the Trade Display Area.	
	SMALL ANIMAL	NURSES
14.00 - 15.00	Dr Mark Rishniw Cardiotherapeutics in Cats: Science or Faith?	Dr Rita Singh Setting up and recording ECGs
15.00 - 16.00	Dr Niek Beijerink Cardiac Intervention	Dr Rita Singh Fluid Therapy: Drips and Drops
16.00 - 16.15	Afternoon Tea in the Trade Display Area.	
16.15 - 17.15	COMBINED: Dr Mark Rishniw, Dr Niek Beijerink & Dr Rita Singh Case Studies	



BOOK IT

Register prior to 20
Jan for Early Bird

To register
[CLICK HERE](#)

	AVA Members	Non AVA Members	Nurses
Early Bird - Full Weekend (<20 Jan 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 (<20 Jan 2014)	\$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 (<20 Jan 2014)	\$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. All prices include GST.

HANDY TIP: All full-weekend paying vet (\$640-740) is entitled to bring 1 FREE nurse to all sessions!

