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East Coast Conference Roadshow 2016

11-13 MARCH 2016



# NCOLOGY

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**Keynote  
speaker**  
Dr David Vail

**Local  
speaker**  
Dr Kathleen  
O'Connell

*Concurrent large animal and nurses streams  
Equine and Northern Beef Medicine*

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## THE CONFERENCE

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

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

The QLD Division Annual Conference theme is **'ONCOLOGY – lumps and bumps in practice'**.

Streams will include small animal, nursing and a large animal stream focusing on **Equine and Northern Beef Medicine** on Saturday and Sunday.

A welcome social event will be held on the Friday night and a gala dinner will be held on the Saturday night.

## THE DESTINATION



This low-key beachfront hotel is 4.5 km from Bluewater Lagoon, 7 km from Mackay Regional Botanic Gardens and 12 km from Mackay Golf Course.

The relaxed, bright rooms and suites feature flat-screen TVs, free high-speed Internet and private balconies. Upgraded rooms add lounge areas, whirlpool tubs and sea views.

The maritime-themed restaurant serves upscale seafood cuisine and hosts high tea (reservation required). There's also a lagoon pool set in a tropical garden with access to the beach.



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## VETED POINTS

Register for the full-weekend registration  
and receive **12.5 Vet Ed**  
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## AVA QLD PRESIDENT WELCOME

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I invite all veterinarians and veterinary nurses to attend the AVA QLD Division's next Annual Conference on 11–13 March 2016. This conference will be held at the Ocean International, Mackay.

We have a very strong continuing education program for delegates built around our International speaker, Professor David Vail from Colorado State University. David will be supported by local Oncology specialist Dr Kathleen O'Connell. We will also be hosting many other local speakers.

The theme is '**ONCOLOGY – lumps and bumps in practice**' with small animal, nursing streams and a large animal stream focusing on **Equine and Northern Beef Medicine**.

Ocean International is ideally positioned on beautiful pristine beachfront at Illawong Beach, Mackay. It is 6km from the Mackay airport, located on the north coast of Queensland, surrounded by 31 white sandy beaches, the spacious accommodation comes standard with sweeping views of the Coral Sea or tropical gardens from your private balcony or terrace. Cool off in the pool or take a short stroll to the beach! Mention the AVA conference for discounted accommodation rates.

This will be a wonderful weekend of updating your oncology, equine and beef medicine knowledge.

I look forward to seeing you in Mackay.

**Michael O'Donoghue**  
QLD Division President







## SATURDAY 12 MARCH 2016

	Oncology-diagnostics and therapies	Nursing and managing patients in oncology and general medicine	Northern beef medicine
8.00–8.20am	Registration		
8.20–8.30am	Welcome and announcements		
8.30–9.30am	<b>Combined vets and nurses</b> – <i>Dr David Vail</i> The art and science of veterinary oncology – an Introduction		<b>Overview</b> – <i>Professor Peter Chenoweth</i> James Cook University and the Northern Beef Industry
9.30–10.30am	<b>Combined vets and nurses: Diagnostics I</b> – <i>Dr Kathleen O'Connell</i> The diagnostic workup: what is that lump?		<b>FMD preparedness</b> – <i>Dr Allison Crook</i> Is Queensland ready?
10.30–11.00am	Morning tea		
11.00–12.00pm	<b>Diagnostics II</b> – <i>Dr David Vail</i> Imaging local and distant disease	<b>Communicating compassionately in a crisis</b> – <i>Dr Trish Clarke</i>	<b>Cattle disease diagnostic capabilities in the north</b> – <i>Dr Allan Kessell</i>
12.00–1.00pm	<b>Therapies I</b> – <i>Dr Kathleen O'Connell</i> Surgery and radiation therapy in the cancer patient – used alone or in combination	<b>Palliative care</b> – <i>Dr David Vail</i> Treating the patient not the cancer	<b>Should I do a Necropsy?</b> – <i>Dr Allan Kessell</i>
1.00–2.00pm	Lunch		
2.00–3.00pm	<b>Therapies II</b> – <i>Dr David Vail</i> Immunologic and targeted cancer therapies	<b>Practising ethical veterinary nursing</b> – <i>Dr Trish Clarke</i> Do you understand your obligations about veterinary drugs and poisons?	<b>Managing productivity issues</b> – <i>Dr Rob Hedlefs</i> BJD and endemic disease
3.00–3.45pm	<b>Therapies III</b> – <i>Dr Kathleen O'Connell</i> Chemotherapy in the cancer patient	<b>What makes an effective veterinary healthcare team?</b> – <i>Dr Trish Clarke</i>	<b>Bull Breeding Soundness</b> – <i>Professor Peter Chenoweth</i> Tips and Tricks
3.45–4.15pm	Afternoon tea		
4.15–5.00pm	<b>AVA Queensland Division annual meeting</b>	<b>Keeping up to date with the latest</b> – <i>Dr Trish Clarke</i> The 'whys' and 'hows' for the professional veterinary nurse	<b>AVA Queensland Division annual meeting</b>

# SUNDAY 13 MARCH 2016

	Specific tumors	Nurses	Equine medicine
8.00–8.30am	Registration		
8.30–9.30am	<b>Mast cell cancer</b> – <i>Dr David Vail</i> Confusion and controversy	<b>Chemotherapy in pets</b> – <i>Dr Kathleen O’Connell</i> How to safely manage cytotoxic patients	<b>Colic Strategies</b> – <i>Dr Jamie Wearn</i> Diagnosis and management
9.30–10.30am	<b>How to manage soft tissue Ssarcomas in dogs</b> – <i>Dr Kathleen O’Connell</i>	<b>Beyond chemotherapy</b> – <i>Dr David Vail</i> New and future cancer therapies	<b>Neurological evaluation of the horse</b> – <i>Dr Jamie Wearn</i>
10.30–11.00am	Morning tea		
11.00–12.30pm	<b>Wellness session</b> – <i>Combined vets and nurses</i> Supporting our profession and families		
12.30–1.30pm	Lunch		
1.30–2.30pm	<b>Sarcomas</b> – <i>Dr David Vail</i> When bones soften and soft tissues harden	<b>Managing cancer patients after surgery</b> – <i>Dr Kathleen O’Connell</i> Rehabilitation and wound care	<b>Hendra virus</b> – <i>Dr Nina Kung</i> What’s the latest research
2.30–3.30pm	<b>How to manage lymphoma and leukaemia in dogs and cats</b> – <i>Dr Kathleen O’Connell</i>	<b>The top three challenges for veterinary nurses</b> – <i>Dr Trish Clarke</i> Forum discussion	<b>Hendra issues</b> – <i>Dr Richard L’Estrange</i> Vaccine update
3.30–4.00pm	Afternoon tea		
4.00–5.00pm	<b>Combined vets and nurses</b> – <i>Dr David Vail</i> Case studies: giving lip service to oral tumours		<b>Equine OHS issues</b> – <i>Forum</i> What you need to know about when to protect yourself and others

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

*These social event are included in the full weekend registration. Additional tickets may be purchased.*



### Friday night welcome function

**Time:** 6.30pm–9.00pm  
**Venue:** Ocean International, poolside courtyard  
**Includes:** Drinks and canapes



### Saturday night pre-dinner drinks

**Time:** 6.30pm–7.15pm  
**Venue:** Ocean International, exhibition area  
**Includes:** Drinks and canapes



### Saturday night gala dinner

**Time:** 7.15pm–11.00pm  
**Venue:** Ocean International, Galleons restaurant  
**Includes:** Drinks and 3 course meal



## CONFERENCE SPEAKERS



**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 Saskatchewan  
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  
speaker**  
Dr Kathleen  
O'Connell

*BVSc FANZCVS (Specialist)*

Kathleen has been dedicated to the field of oncology since working on the human melanoma vaccine trial at the Princess Alexandra Hospital in 2001 as a researcher. She credits her background in immunology research in addition to publication of a thesis on tumour cell metastasis with piquing her interest in the specialty of oncology. After a

number of years in cancer research she completed a bachelor of veterinary science, graduating from the University of Queensland in 2006 with first class honours.

Following graduation, she worked in general practice in Brisbane before commencing training as a resident in Veterinary Oncology in 2008, supervised by Dr Maurine Thomson. In 2010 she attained MANZCVS in Small Animal Medicine and then in 2013 attained FANZCVS and became a registered specialist in Veterinary Oncology. She is currently working in private referral practice at Veterinary Specialist Services as a part owner of Veterinary Oncology Specialists. Her main areas of interest include haematological cancers, melanoma and mast cell tumours.





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 to 7 Feb 2016  
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## CONFERENCE PRICING

	AVA members	Non AVA members	Vet Nurses	Student Members	Other
<b>Early bird full weekend</b> (before 7 February 2016)	\$595	\$1150	N/A	N/A	
<b>Full weekend</b>	\$695	\$1300	\$450	\$495	
<b>One day registration</b>	\$295	\$590	\$150	\$195	
<b>Accompanying person</b>					\$295
<b>Friday night welcome function</b>	\$55	\$110	\$55	\$55	
<b>Saturday night pre-dinner drinks and gala dinner</b>	\$130	\$260	\$130	\$130	



*The Friday night welcome drinks, Saturday night gala dinner, lunches and teas are included in full weekend registration.*

*Single day registrations do not include the Friday night drinks or Saturday gala dinner.*

*Prices include GST.*



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