



# College Courier

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## PRESIDENT'S FINAL MESSAGE



Dear Colleagues

I trust this finds you and your families in good health.

### Plans for College Science Week in the future:

College Science week has been held on the Gold Coast for the past fourteen years. Our responsibility to the members of the College dictates that the Council must continue to assess the suitability of the venue and location for Science Week. As a conference venue the QT goes to great lengths to meet our needs, but has approached capacity with our higher attendance numbers over recent years. Over recent years we have had high numbers of registrants: 2010 – 475, 2011 – 435, 2012 – 390 and 2013 – 523. This year for the first time attendance has been capped at 500 registrants - I would urge you to get your registration forms into the College office as soon as possible. If Science Week continues to grow to greater than 500 delegates, we will need to consider a larger venue; however taking on a venue such as a Convention Centre could expose the College to considerable financial risk. With this in mind Council continues to investigate other venues for future conferences.

Consideration is also being given to separating the examinations from the Conference in future. These two activities are massive undertakings in their own right and delivering both back to back in the same venue is proving more and more difficult for our examiners, the Board of Examiners, the College Council and College staff. The current hotel, QT Gold Coast provides us with outstanding service and all that we need to conduct the examinations, including a large number of individual hotel rooms for examinations.

There are arguments either way - if the examinations are separated from the Conference we risk losing the attendance of examiners and candidates who

have already travelled to College examinations. Even if we provided complimentary CSW registration, examiners would still need to pay their own travel expenses to the CSW venue at a later date, as well as taking additional time off work; both of these considerations may be a disincentive. In addition we may not be able to utilise overseas examiners as Science Week speakers - many Chapters utilise speakers who have also acted as examiners. Examination candidates may not return for Science Week after their examinations.

As our annual examinations approach I wish each candidate every success and hope you are rewarded for your hard work and commitment.

### College Staff

Following Science Week this year Elaine Lowe will reduce her working week to two days and a new Assistant College Manager will be appointed for three days per week. Robyn Pettigrew, our Examinations Officer, will this year take over the role of coordinating examinations with Elaine Lowe's assistance. Our Executive Officer Kim Hudson has settled into his role and his legal background and knowledge has been invaluable to Council. Our administrative assistant Sharon Tinsley continues to provides a high standard of support to College office staff and Council. The College Membership is very fortunate to have a dedicated, knowledgeable and enthusiastic staff to support the running of the College and I thank them sincerely for their ongoing hard work.

### Council Elections and Voting

The College Council is the body that administers the College on behalf of the Membership. Your involvement is essential. Two places on council are available for election this year. Nominations for these positions are currently being called. Dr Norm Williamson has indicated that he will end his term on Council in July and not stand again. This creates a vacancy for a New Zealand member on Council as the Constitution requires that one member of Council be resident in New Zealand, if possible.





## PRESIDENT'S FINAL MESSAGE Cont.

Dr Caroline Mansfield's first three-year term on Council expires this year and she is standing for re-election. Caroline plays a vital role on Council, especially through her valuable contribution as President Elect.

All members should consider nominating for Council, if you have an interest in the future and objectives of the College and a desire to make a significant contribution to the veterinary profession. Councillors are offered directorship training and extensive support from the College office and find the experience of serving on Council to be a most rewarding and enjoyable one. All financial Members and Fellows of the College are eligible for nomination and election for Council.

As a member of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists, you are encouraged to vote in the 2014 Council election. Council, as the Board of Directors of the College, manages the day to day operations and strategic objectives of the College and therefore significantly influences the future of the veterinary profession in Australia and New Zealand.

### The Future of the College

Our College continues to grow in numbers at both Membership and Fellowship level. Our Membership is a relatively unique product and is offered to veterinarians in a broad range of subjects. A strong, enthusiastic and dedicated Chapter Executive and Examination Committee is essential for the running of your Chapter, Science Week and the Examination process. Our College is run primarily by its voluntary workforce. I would urge you to become involved. Talking with friends and colleagues in other fields it is sad to note that many volunteer organisations are struggling to find the altruistic volunteers needed to function and are increasingly relying on paid staff. Remember, it is your College and your assistance is needed for it to continue to function. Get involved, become an active Chapter member, stand for the executive, help with Science Week, become an examiner, stand for Council. Please do not leave it to someone else.

Finally, there are many people I wish to thank for their support over the past three years, in particular Elaine Lowe, Rob Labuc and Mandy Burrows for their support and untiring efforts for the College. College Council - Caroline Mansfield, Mike Paton, Norm Williamson and Mark Owen, our hardworking Board of Examiners, in particular Assistant Chief Examiners - Tias Muurlink and Carolyn Guy, College Staff, Examiners, Chapter Executives and all the Membership of the College. As I finish my term as President I am proud to leave our College with an expanding Membership and in a sustainable and strong financial position. I thank the Membership for your trust and support.

As always I am available to all members for any issues related to the college - please do not hesitate to contact me [paemoses@hotmail.com](mailto:paemoses@hotmail.com) or through the College office – [admin@anzcvcs.org.au](mailto:admin@anzcvcs.org.au).

Fond regards  
Philip Moses  
College President

## COLLEGE SCIENCE WEEK 2014

A great opportunity exists for you to be part of this valuable integrated multi-stream programme, with ample time to interact socially and scientifically with key members of the profession from Australia, New Zealand and beyond, in the following disciplines:

<b>Small Animal Medicine</b>	<b>Small Animal Surgery</b>
<b>Equine</b>	<b>Animal Welfare</b>
<b>Cattle</b>	<b>Epidemiology</b>
<b>Ophthalmology</b>	<b>Dentistry</b>
<b>Anaesthesia and Emergency Medicine</b>	<b>Radiology</b>
<b>Feline</b>	<b>Animal Reproduction</b>
<b>Behaviour</b>	<b>Dermatology</b>
<b>Aus. Wildlife and Zoo Animals</b>	<b>Oncology</b>

College Science Week is the flagship event of the ANZ College and presents material from the **CUTTING EDGE**, including scientific and clinical updates from Australian, New Zealand and overseas experts.

As always this meeting is **NOT RESTRICTED** to College Members – all Veterinarians are welcome. We have, however, been advised by the venue management that registration numbers are limited to 500, so you are urged to get your registrations in to the College Office without delay.

Details of the full programme and registration packets will be available from March 2014 on the College website [www.anzcvcs.org.au](http://www.anzcvcs.org.au) or from Mrs. Elaine Lowe telephone +61 (0)7 3423 2016, fax +61 (0) 7 3423 2977 or email [admin@anzcvcs.org.au](mailto:admin@anzcvcs.org.au)

## COLLEGE MANAGER'S REPORT

### CURRENT COLLEGE STATISTICS

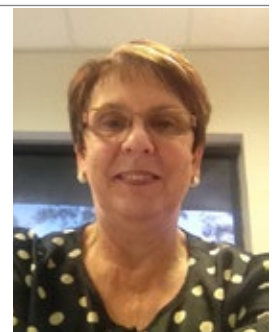
The College currently has a Membership of 2238; 1727 reside in Australia 292 in New Zealand and 219 overseas.

### 2014 EXAMINATION CANDIDATURE

The healthy 2014 examination candidature indicates the strength and relevance of the College examination system.

22 candidates will sit fellowship examinations in 10 subjects this year.

At the membership level, 190 candidates will sit the examinations, including 11 candidates sitting medicine of cats in the UK. Membership examinations will be held in 23 subjects.





## COLLEGE MANAGER'S REPORT Cont.

### COLLEGE OFFICE

The College Council is carefully reviewing the ongoing needs of the College Office in order to strategically consider all options for the Office leadership moving forward. Mrs. Lowe has indicated her intention to reduce her working week to two days and a part time College Manager to work with Elaine will be appointed for three days per week following Science Week. The Examinations Officer Ms Robyn Pettigrew, will continue to handle all examination functions and Mr. Kim Hudson the Executive Officer will continue to ensure effective and efficient management of the College's business activities. The College Council and Board of Examiners will endeavour to assist to maintain the smooth running of the College.

Ms Sharon Tinsley, our administrative assistant, started her fifth year with the College on 23 November 2013 and continues to efficiently, professionally and cheerfully assist all office staff on a permanent part time basis.

### PLENARIES

Plenary sessions will be held each morning of the conference, two by the Board of Examiners committees and one by Council. All registrants are welcome to attend these plenaries.

### COUNSELLING

Unsuccessful examination candidates will, once again, be invited to attend a guidance counselling session (up to 1 hour at no expense) with a fully-briefed clinical psychologist. The guidance session will be available either in person on the date of collection of Australian exam results at the QT Hotel, or via phone or Skype at another time for both Australian and overseas candidates. The aim of this session is to assist unsuccessful candidates to come to terms with their result, debrief and discuss coping strategies and plans to assist with an attempt to re-sit. Please note these sessions are not able to provide examination information such as a breakdown of marks, details of examination performance, or College examination processes; available information of this type may be obtained through contact with the College Office. Unsuccessful candidates collecting results from the QT hotel who wish to attend a face-to-face guidance counselling session that day may book in through the College Science Week registration desk on Friday 11 July. Unsuccessful candidates receiving notification of results via email or mail who wish to attend a phone/Skype guidance counselling session at a later date may book in by phoning the College Office from Monday 14 July on +61 (7) 3423 2016.

### ADVERTISING

Advertising by third party Continuing Education Providers and Positions Vacant advertisers must be pre-approved by the EO and incurs the following charges:

Advertising on the College website for thirty days will be charged at \$A350 plus GST for non-members and companies and \$A250 plus GST for members, veterinary practices and institutions when the advertisement is requested by a member of the College.

Advertising via email broadcast will attract all of the following (current-subject to change) fees and charges plus GST:

- administration charge of \$A350 (\$A250 for members, veterinary practices and institutions when the advertisement is requested by a member of the College)
- email distribution fee of \$A90 plus GST
- cost of emails sent

Advertising in the College Courier will be charged at \$A500 plus GST for non-members and companies and \$A400 plus GST for members, veterinary practices and institutions when the advertisement is requested by a member of the College. This rate is applicable for a quarter page advertisement in the e-Courier.

All advertisements by Continuing Education Providers and Positions Vacant advertisers will be accompanied by the relevant disclosure as follows:

### CONTINUING EDUCATION DISCLOSURE:

The Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists (The College) hereby provides information about continuing veterinary education activities conducted by organisations within its region that share its objectives, provided there are clear benefits through doing so for the College, its members or College examination candidates. Participation in continuing veterinary education activities referred to on this page shall not be a prerequisite for sitting College examinations and shall not be taken as assuming success at College examinations. Cooperation between The College and CVE organisations who share its objectives shall not be exclusive. The College and its Chapters shall remain autonomous at all times. The College and its Chapters shall not endorse or promote a company or its products. College activities and College standards shall not be influenced by commercial issues or commercial considerations.

### POSITIONS VACANT DISCLOSURE:

The Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists (The College) distributes information about employment opportunities as a service to its members. The contents and wording of this advertisement have been compiled by the advertiser and in no way reflect an



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endorsement of the advertiser or the job opportunity by the College, its officers or its employees. Positions Vacant advertisements are accepted for publication on condition that the advertiser indemnifies the College, its officers and employees. The advertiser is solely responsible for all actions, suits, claims, loss and/or damages resulting from anything distributed by the College on its behalf.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

### It's that time of year again...

...when just about everything is happening! As those of you busy studying well know, Membership and Fellowship examinations are almost upon us for another year. I'd like to thank all those people involved in this year's examination process; as the College largely relies on volunteers, we appreciate the fact that time has to be found in already busy work and family schedules to do all this extra work. (And my sympathies to all our Candidates burning the midnight candle for another month or two.) Membership and Fellowship are the lifeblood of the College and your collective efforts make the College both what it is today, and what it can become in future.



I am looking forward to attending my first Science Week at the Gold Coast in July and meeting many of you for the first time. If you haven't already received them, details of the Science Week 2014 program and registration can be found in the College Manager's column or the College website. Remember attendance numbers are capped so those wanting to attend should secure their registration now so as to not be disappointed!

Don't forget on Friday 11 July at Science Week the plenary forum Shaping the future of our college – a shared responsibility? will be held at 8am, and the College's annual general meeting will start at 5:30pm. Chapter annual general meetings will also be held from Thursday 10 July to Saturday 12th July. Plenaries and annual general meetings offer you the chance to be actively involved in the future of your College and I urge all of you to attend if possible.

And finally – don't forget to vote in the Council elections!

### A quick word on privacy

In order to carry out its operations, the College necessarily collects personal information from members and Candidates. This typically includes your name, contact details and details of your Membership or Fellowship subjects, programs and reports. Under the College's Privacy policy, this information will only be shared where there is a need to communicate your personal information to someone else in order to allow them to carry out some function for the College. For example, Chapter Executives need to know who is in their Chapter; those involved in the

examination process (eg. examiners, Chapter Examination Committees, the Chief Examiner) need to know who they will be examining.

Under the privacy policy, where the College intends to release your personal information to anyone else (who doesn't need the information for a College related activity), the College will seek your permission to do so first.

On this note, those members of the College who receive personal information about others must remember that they too can not simply pass on this information to anyone else unless the recipient also needs this information to carry out a College function. For example sometimes it may be common knowledge who is intending to sit upcoming examinations, but this does not mean that Candidate names can be shared or discussed simply because it is assumed that they already know who is sitting. If there is ever any doubt as to what information can be shared, please feel free to call me for advice!

## CORRECT USE OF COLLEGE ACRONYM

**The correct acronym for the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists is ANZCVS.**

Members who gained membership prior to July 2011 may elect to adopt the current postnominals if they wish (MANZCVS OR FANZCVS), or continue to use the old postnominals if they prefer. Members who gained membership after July 2011 must use the current postnominals (MANZCVS or FANZCVS)

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### EQUINE

We are fast approaching July and sunny Science Week 2014. This not only provides the usual informative sessions and chance to mingle, even sit examinations! Science Week 2014 is a bumper year for the equine chapter as it leads into the legendary Bain-Fallon conference which starts when Science week ends-Even more reason for Equine veterinarians and their families to come and spend a little longer on the Gold Coast. This year we have not only a Nutrition based theme to presentations but a collaborative one at that. During Science week, the Equine chapter is collaborating with others including the Ophthalmology, Animal Reproduction and Dentistry chapters to provide not only variety, some different seats on chairs and specialist presentations in the respective fields. Speaking of which, we are also delighted that Dr. Andrew Waller Head of Bacteriology at the Animal Health Trust in Newmarket has accepted an invitation to present sessions pertaining to some pioneering work regarding Strangles Strep Zooepidemicus. We are also fortunate enough to have many local world class researchers speaking- including Andrew van Eps and Simon Bailey on Laminitis. See



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the programme for full details (and lots of other great speakers that I've probably offended! sorry).

Last year we introduced a session of residents/researchers seminars and we were looking to expand this segment of science week. Thanks to the support and enthusiasm of Equine Veterinarians Australia (EVA), we are delighted to announce a joint session on Sunday 13th July following Science week and leading into Bain Fallon. This will be an opportunity for both researchers and practitioners to present their work and be eligible for prizes, cash and a podium finish at the Bain Fallon Dinner. We strongly encourage as many of you and or your colleagues to enter. *Just Do it folks!*

For further details contact Dr. Gareth Trope [gtrope@csu.edu.au](mailto:gtrope@csu.edu.au) or refer to the EVA website submissions due 9th May to [eva.applications@eva.org.au](mailto:eva.applications@eva.org.au).

Finally we genuinely wish all the candidates for examination our support and encouragement and look forward to satisfied faces and broad smiles at Science week 2014. If anyone has any news or suggestions please contact John Chopin ([johnbchopin@gmail.com](mailto:johnbchopin@gmail.com)), Gareth Trope or Charlie El-Hage ([cmeh@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:cmeh@unimelb.edu.au)) we are always appreciative of feedback (promise!).

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### DERMATOLOGY

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The Dermatology Chapter would like to report the death of Dr. Peter Ihrke a supporter of Chapter initiatives for many years.

#### Dr. Peter Ihrke

Peter was a remarkable veterinary dermatologist who inspired many to share his passion. He trained 35 dermatology residents (including two Australians) and loved to travel the world speaking to veterinarians and students from all corners of the globe. Peter thought very highly of the Australian dermatology group and jumped at any chance he could to spend time here speaking and enjoying our beautiful country and fine wine. We are all grateful for your incredible contribution to our profession Peter and will miss you dearly.

People can honour his memory with a donation to Peter's favourite charity. Donations can be made to "Send a Girl to School" through Heifer International. (<http://www.heifer.org/gift-catalog/empowerment/send-a-girl-to-school-donation.html>)

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### THE VETERINARY ANAESTHESIA, EMERGENCY AND CRITICAL CARE

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It is with a heavy heart that I report to the college on the premature deaths of two colleagues and friends from the world of Anaesthesia and Emergency and Critical Care.

Associate Professor Martin Pearson BVSc PhD DVA Dipl ECVA MRCA was a registered specialist in anaesthesia and the superintendent of

the University of Queensland's veterinary teaching hospital. Martin taught anaesthesia to undergraduate and post-graduate students at the University of Queensland. Prior to taking this post Martin led the anaesthesia department at University of Sydney for eight years also as associate professor. Martin worked extensively in private practice during his career at the South Tamworth Animal Hospital and was a prolific researcher who conducted research most recently in the evaluation Alfaxalone. Martin's work with this agent contributed to its registration in Australia where it is now the most prominent injectable anaesthetic in veterinary practice.

Professor Pearson's life was tragically cut short in a hit and run accident on Anzac day while pursuing his passion for long distance bike riding.

Martin was active in the college and had a shared passion for research and education. His research was ground breaking and particularly relevant to Australia. Many Australian veterinarians have experienced his guiding hand in anaesthesia lectures and tutorials.

Professor Steve Haskins was a great friend of the college and a personal friend and mentor to myself, many members of our practice, and to countless emergency and critical care veterinarians worldwide. He gave much of his time to our hospital guiding and encouraging, always humble with his opinions and subtle with his guidance – no one could have asked for more from a teacher. Double boarded in Anaesthesia and Emergency and Critical care, like Martin he devoted his life to teaching and research. He taught emergency and critical care at the University of California (Davis) and more recently he taught anaesthesia at the University of Pennsylvania. Steve published more than 400 peer -reviewed papers (he was coy about exactly how many). Steve loved flying light planes and was a skilful and careful pilot. Unfortunately despite his rigorous attention to detail and care while flying, Steve was killed in a light plane crash on 26 April in Arizona.

On behalf of our chapter I wish every sympathy to the family and friends of both men, so influential in the chapter and in the science of Anaesthesia, Emergency and Critical Care.

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### SURGERY

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#### Vale

##### Paul Gotis-Graham

Paul Gotis-Graham, veterinarian, animal lover, idealist and Renaissance man, died on the 13th January 2014 from acute myeloid leukaemia at the age of 47. For six long years, Paul fought the aggressive leukaemia with the same spirit and determination as he displayed in building his eminent veterinary career, pursuing excellence in all aspects of his life, while supporting his friends and colleagues. An inspiration to all who knew him, Paul lived his life to the full until the end.



Paul – and his dog "Primo"



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Paul graduated from the Faculty of Veterinary Science with first class honours in 1989, and ranked 2nd in his year. The son of a veterinarian, Paul was particularly close to his mother and his two brothers Constantine (Con) and Ian. Paul ended up taking over his father's declining practice at Casula, buying him out in 1993 and continuing to run the practice till 2011. This was a substantial undertaking for a new graduate and Paul gave himself the brief of transforming the practice into a progressive one that focused on the needs of the clients and patients, whilst simultaneously upgrading the plant and facilities to ensure that the veterinary care was of the highest quality. Through hard work, determination and significant natural ability, Paul was highly successful in this venture. He was greatly aided by his business partner and first wife, Miriam Meek. Together, they made a formidable and compassionate veterinary team. They were soon joined by other veterinarians, too many to list here, although Penny Tisdall and Agnes Chiu deserve a special mention because they shared Paul's vision of veterinary practice. Over the years, branch practices in neighbouring suburbs provided for clients over a larger geographical area, while the main hospital at Casula was the centre where surgery was undertaken, animals with major problems were hospitalised and the colony of blood donors domiciled.

Paul was one of that endangered species, the omniscient clinician, comfortable with each and every aspect of small animal practice. His passion, however, was surgery, a discipline for which he showed both great aptitude and ability. Paul bought the best available range of surgery instrumentation, especially for the practise of his favoured orthopaedics. He undertook advanced training in orthopaedics through courses, workshops and independent study. He completed his MACVSc in Small Animal Surgery by examination at the first attempt, and subsequently became an active member of that Chapter of the College, serving as its Treasurer (2004-2010), MACVSc examiner and was an active and dynamic member of its organising committee. Paul embraced the concept of life-long learning, and he kept abreast of the latest developments in veterinary knowledge by constantly reading journals, attending seminars and courses, and undertaking cutting edge workshops. He would become excited by new techniques and new technology, and his enthusiasm was contagious.

Paul spent his whole career serving the people and pets of south-western Sydney. It's a complex part of Sydney, with a multicultural mix of people of widely varying socioeconomic status and personal values. Paul and his team took all this into their stride, dealing most effectively with people from all walks of life. This speaks volumes for his ability to relate to different people and be a cogent and effective communicator, and an advocate for his patients. While offering outstanding medical and surgical services to his clients, Paul managed to create a thriving business enterprise. It was a matter of routine for Paul to conduct major surgeries on patients whose owners had strong emotional commitment, but without the accompanying ability to pay. It didn't matter to Paul and his team— they would more often than not just give it a go, and hope the people would eventually give him some recompense. Clearly, his joy came from helping the animal. Paul also had the notion of what he called

“a learning case” – where if the owner didn't have the ability to pay, but the case represented a surgical or medical challenge which made the undertaking worthwhile, he would proceed to test and hone his surgical skills, while permitting him to develop or master a new technique. There is no doubt that by the end of his career he was routinely performing both orthopaedic and soft tissues procedures that most other practitioners would refer to a specialist surgeon, but at a fraction of the price of a referral surgeon. This meant a lot to his clients in the Liverpool area.

As an owner and manager, Paul was demanding of his staff who he expected to live up to his high but practicable standards. Luckily, by and large they did, and he built enduring relationships with many vets who worked as part of his team over the years. It was because he set the bar so high but at the same time was incredibly supportive and respectful, that he was a fantastic mentor for associates who were willing to put in the hard yards.

It was not possible for Paul to continue full-time practice after he became ill, but when in remission, he would return to the practice, and especially the operating theatre. Around this time Paul found additional ways to give something back to the profession by taking an active role in the management of the Centre for Veterinary Education (CVE; formerly the Postgraduate Foundation in Veterinary Science or PGF) and the Faculty of Veterinary Science, at the University of Sydney. Paul became a member of the CVE Council and challenged everybody with his take on the future of our rapidly changing profession, especially in relation to trends in practice and the use of technology. He also worked for the CVE as a consultant, and helped chair conferences and symposia, as well as being a sounding board for the Director, particularly during restructure of the organisation in 2013 through a change management process. In 2012 Paul returned to the Veterinary Faculty as a Tutor in Anatomy, and there was never a more effective demonstrator in this discipline than Paul, teaching students the importance of structure and function from the perspectives of both surgery and diagnostic imaging. Paul's intellectual curiosity and quiet confidence and competence also greatly buoyed the spirits of his anatomy colleagues. His was a grounding and welcome presence in the teaching team. He also helped out by doing sessional work at the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, mainly on weekends, where as usual, he was an engaging, challenging and inspirational teacher.

There was a great deal more to Paul than veterinary science, as he was one of those individuals who worked and played hard, in equal measure. He was passionate about swimming, cycling, eating, cooking and dancing. He read widely, in all genres, had wide-ranging and eclectic tastes in cinema and fiction, and had a deep understanding of politics and world affairs. It's hard to know how he managed to squeeze all these interests into his life, considering the long hours he put in at Casula Veterinary Hospital and Elizabeth Drive Animal Hospital. Paul had an extraordinary large circle of acquaintances, from academics to bohemians, covering every social demographic imaginable. During his long battle with cancer, these friendships were deepened and strengthened, and special credit goes to his wife Kate who supported him through everything with her extraordinary love, strength of will and ability to make the most out of

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everything, and move forward. He also was greatly supported by his older brothers Con and Ian, and indeed his illness brought them closer together. Paul was one of those people to make strong and enduring friendships, and he will leave a substantial legacy. His team at Casula continue to practice veterinary medicine with the philosophy he instilled in them, and Agnes is without doubt a deserving yet reluctant protégé, and very proud to accept the baton from Paul. Penny Tisdall is now the senior surgical specialist in Adelaide, and no doubt her career trajectory had a lot to do with the formative years she spent with Paul as a new graduate.

The profession has lost an extraordinary clinician and role model. His friends have lost an astonishing soul mate and mentor; someone who enriched their lives. For Ian and Con, they have lost their “beautiful younger brother”. For those of us who were luckily enough to know Paul, and even luckier to be a colleague or friend, we have lost a very special human being – a man of many talents who cared deeply about people and life. Paul always said, ‘It’s about making a difference’ and what a difference he had made to everyone he touched. Vale Paul Gotis Graham.

### Quotes from PGG in relation to practice

- The JOY in veterinary practice -
  - “It’s about making a difference, whether it’s to clients, pets, staff or the business.
  - It’s about personal change which then allows you to enact change in others.
  - You have to find this joy in whatever you do.
  - It is independent of others and is infectious.”
- His belief in mentoring / training new colleagues –
  - “Firm guidance is what helps people get confidence.
  - When you start to see the improvement in skillsets there is great joy in the fact that you are working as a team.
  - You are all there for a similar reason, which is to do a good job so trust develops and this allows greater improvement in learning.”
- “A lot of fun those times. I think we all learnt a lot from each other. Your intellectual rigour, maybe my naive optimistic outlook and Mims endless capacity for hard work.”



Paul – completing a pyometra surgery



Paul, with Gary Norsworthy, Richard Malik and Jane Sykes (right to left) at the CVE Feline Medicine Course in 2012.



Paul – CVE Councillor, in front of “The Round House”

## THE AQUATIC ANIMAL HEALTH

The Aquatic Animal Health Chapter of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists has renewed its membership as an Allied Veterinary Organisation of the World Aquatic Veterinary Medical Association (wavma.org). There are many reciprocal benefits for the members of each organisation as they provide support and a strong experiential knowledge base with one another.

This year, two Members of the Aquatic Animal Health Chapter of the ANZCVS serve as Board Members of the WAVMA, and one on the Credentialing Committee of the WAVMA. These are just some of the ways our Chapter Members are facilitating the exchange of knowledge between veterinarians with a special interest in aquatic animal health on a global scale.

## DENTISTRY

The Dentistry Chapter is turning 21 in 2014! To celebrate, we are organising an exciting educational and social program for the 2014 Science Week.

To start things off, the Emergency, Critical Care and Anaesthesia Chapter and the Dentistry Chapter are undertaking their first Science Week collaboration. Exciting topics covering orofacial traumatology will be



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tackled from ECC, Anaesthesia and Dentistry perspectives, promising a multi-disciplinary collaboration or perhaps even a controversy or two!

The exciting topic of rotary endodontics will also be very well represented this year. Dr Ross Applegarth BDS MDSc FICD MRACDS (Endo), a guest speaker from the human dentistry field, will be presenting a lecture on the principles and practice of rotary endodontics. Thanks to SybronEndo, this year will also see the inaugural Dentistry Chapter practical workshop on rotary endodontics. The workshop is restricted to members of the Dentistry Chapter and is included with Saturday registration if a position is reserved. At the time of writing, there are still a small number of places available at the workshop. Interested parties are advised to contact Rodney Salter at [ozvetden@bigpond.com](mailto:ozvetden@bigpond.com) ASAP to reserve their spot.

On a more relaxed note, the chapter is hosting a celebratory 21st anniversary dinner for Chapter Members and their partners at the Chiangmai Thai restaurant in Surfer's Paradise at 7pm on Friday 11 July. Please contact Rodney Salter at [ozvetden@bigpond.com](mailto:ozvetden@bigpond.com) to confirm your attendance.

Science week, the Dentistry Chapter AGM and their associated social opportunities promise to be excellent opportunities to reflect on the history of the Dentistry Chapter, partake in cutting edge continuing education, and catch up with other Chapter Members. A larger attendance at the AGM will also allow us to develop a more balanced development plan for the future.

Hope to see you there!

## VETERINARY ZOO AND WILDLIFE MEDICINE

The Chapter of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine is looking forward to again convening a scientific program at Science Week this year. Thursday we have a day of great talks lined up, covering native and exotic species including koalas, birds, and giant pandas. Then Friday morning we again join forces with the Epidemiology Chapter, following on from our very successful combined session back in 2010, with an invited presentation from Professor Hamish McCallum from Griffith University on the ecology of infectious diseases, and a number of other talks including a session on viral diseases in bats. Looking forward to catch up with everyone on the Gold Coast. Hope to see you at our sessions!

## EPIDEMIOLOGY

The Veterinary Epidemiology Chapter are anticipating a varied and stimulating Science Week conference. This year there will be joint sessions with both the Animal Welfare and Zoo and Wildlife Medicine Chapters. This will be a great opportunity to showcase cross-disciplinary research and explore issues in common with our colleagues in these specialisations. There are also some sessions that may be of interest to those interested in diseases of ruminants and horses.

In addition, the Chapter have secured Dr Andrew Catley of Tufts University to deliver a pre-conference workshop on Participatory Epidemiology (PE). PE is an emerging branch of epidemiology that has its roots in very resource-poor and conflict-affected areas of Africa. It is primarily a means to improve animal disease management by involving the animal-owning community in defining the problems, making decisions and developing solutions. Over time, PE approaches and methods have been adapted to other contexts, including disease surveillance in Europe and large-scale disease control programs in SE Asia. In Australia and New Zealand, participatory approaches could be used in syndromic surveillance programs and One Health activities. For more information about the workshop or to register, contact Rachel Wicks ([rachel.wicks@daff.gov.au](mailto:rachel.wicks@daff.gov.au)) or Beth Cookson ([beth.cookson@daff.gov.au](mailto:beth.cookson@daff.gov.au)).

## AVIAN

The Avian Chapter is presenting a session as part of the Zoo & Wildlife Chapters program on Thursday 10th July from 3.30pm at Science Week.

Topics include Vascular Access ports in birds & exotics, Thyroid Disease in Cockatiels, Mass mortality in wild birds in NSW, & Wild Birds in General Practice.

Hope to see you there.

Karen Dobson





## THE PAUL GOTIS-GRAHAM MEMORIAL AWARD

The College Council has recently approved the introduction of an award in honour of Paul Gotis-Graham. This award will be a joint award between the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists and the Centre of Veterinary Education at the University of Sydney.

### BACKGROUND:

Paul Gotis-Graham (1967-2014) was an inspirational veterinary surgeon with a special interest in surgery. He attained his Membership of the ANZCVS in Surgery and was actively involved as a member of the Surgery Chapter executive, being Treasurer from 2004-2010, an examiner and an active committee member.

He was involved with the CVE over many years, both as a Member of Council and as a consultant from time to time. He continued to be actively involved with the development of the CVE until March 2013 when the leukaemia he had been battling proved refractory to therapy.

Paul was an Honours graduate from the University of Sydney and enjoyed teaching and mentoring his colleagues. In 2011-12 he returned part-time to his alma mater to teach anatomy to undergraduate students with a particular emphasis on the relevance of anatomy to surgery.

The ANZCVS and CVE believe that the Paul Gotis-Graham Award will be a fitting legacy to a veterinary surgeon who gave so much of himself to the College, the CVE and others.

Criteria for the award is as follows:

1. This award will be made to a worthy recipient who has passed the requirements for Membership to the ANZCVS in the area of Small Animal Surgery.
2. The award shall be made to the candidate who receives the highest overall mark in all components of the Membership examination among those candidates who are not enrolled in an approved Fellowship, Diplomate or residency Master's training program.
3. The award will be called The Paul Gotis-Graham Memorial Award and will be presented at the College Science Week Awards dinner by a representative or nominee of the Centre of Veterinary Education (CVE).
4. The recipient will be entitled to one free full registration at a CVE surgery conference of their choosing.
5. The recipient will also be presented with a commemorative medallion.

## INTRODUCTION OF A MANDATORY INTENTION TO SIT DATE FOR FELLOWSHIP CANDIDATES

Closing date to register intention to sit for Fellowship examinations in 2015:

**30 JUNE 2014 - NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**

Fellowship Candidates wishing to sit Fellowship examinations in 2015 should note that it will become mandatory to register their intention to sit with the College office before **30 June 2014**.

**NO** applications to sit the Fellowship examinations will be accepted after this date. Candidates who register an intention to sit, but do not comply with current credential guidelines will be able to withdraw their application before the 31 October.

Please note that the Credentials date of 31st October remains the same, and at this time all requirements outlined in the Training guidelines must be completed.



## AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SCIENTISTS

### NOMINATION OF COUNCILLORS 2014 - 2017

FULL NAME OF NOMINEE<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to stand for election for Council 2014-2017 \_\_\_\_\_

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Please include a personal statement of the nominee (no greater than 100 words) and return to the Chief Executive Officer, ANZCVS, Building 3, Garden City Office Park, 2404 Logan Road, Eight Mile Plains, Qld. 4113, Australia.

### CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS: 23 MAY 2014 RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCILLORS

1. Councillors should hold copies of and be familiar with the current Constitution.
2. Councillors have an obligation to participate actively in College affairs and activities and to this end should familiarise themselves with the decisions of the Council and Board of Examiners by reading all Minutes, Policies, Memoranda and Reports distributed by the College Office. Councillors should respond to College issues raised in these documents.
3. Councillors should maintain an active interest in the affairs and activities of the College and its Chapters and provide an avenue of liaison and guidance.
4. Councillors have an obligation to attend in-person Council meetings and the Annual General Meeting where fares, accommodation and necessary meals are paid by the College.
5. Councillors should act as ambassadors for the College by promoting membership and fellowship.
6. Councillors have the same legal responsibilities as the directors of any company of limited liability.
7. All elected Councillors must be prepared to offer themselves for office.
8. Councillors will receive extensive support from College management staff, plus training in corporate governance.

<sup>1</sup> Details required by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. <sup>2</sup> Must be a current member of the College



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## College Apparel

### NEW COLLEGE MERCHANDISE

College Polar Fleece vests, colour Navy, displaying the new College name are now available.



**\$40**

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- SILK SCARF ..... \$60.00 INCLUDING GST
- TIES ..... \$45.00 INCLUDING GST
- PENS ..... \$15.00 INCLUDING GST

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