Sustainability

2012 AVA Annual Conference
The nation’s premier veterinary event
20–25 May, Canberra

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welcome...

From the President

I look forward to welcoming you to our conference in the national capital from 20 to 25 May. This year’s location provides an opportunity for us to focus on issues of national importance to the veterinary profession.

The theme for the 2012 conference is ‘sustainability’. There is probably no more important topic for the broader profession than the safeguarding of our long-term future. Important areas for consideration include the supply of veterinarians, undergraduate education for various career paths in veterinary science, animal populations, community involvement by the profession, food safety and security, animal welfare, relationships with animal owners, animals in urban environments, and native animals. These areas all impact on the short and long-term future of the veterinary profession in Australia and internationally.

This year the members’ forum will be a plenary session within the conference program to ensure that all attendees can have the opportunity to provide feedback to the AVA Board and staff. I encourage all members to come to the forum and participate in the discussion about our only professional representative organisation.

There will also be the usual impressive trade exhibition from our industry supporters. These partnerships between the profession and industry are vital to the AVA and our members so we can be kept up-to-date with the latest developments that we use in our veterinary businesses.

One of the most important features of our annual conference is being the central gathering point for veterinarians from all different careers, and the industries and government departments that support our work. Whether you come to catch up with old friends, the latest clinical information or recent industry innovations, I hope your conference experience is a great one, and you return home with a renewed enthusiasm for our wonderful profession.

I look forward to seeing you in Canberra in May.

Barry Smyth
AVA President

From the Local Organising Committee

The beacon that is the AVA Annual Conference is once again beckoning its members to draw them to the nation’s capital!

The members of the ACT Division welcome you from your field of endeavour to enjoy refreshment and illumination beside the peaceful water that is Lake Burley Griffin.

Come and savour the autumnal gold and clarets radiating from the leafy glades while on an early morning run. For those staying at a distance from the convention centre, it’s a refreshing walk or cycle, to hear the latest issues relating to sustainability and the profession.

Take in the lectures and seminars from the leading lights of the moment or visit the Bob Taylor Wellness Room to reveal your hidden artistic talent or have your health checked. Unwind by catching up with friends, dining or enjoying a coffee in one of the countless restaurants or cafes of which Canberra boasts more per head of population than any other Australian city.

Come to this conference in our beautiful, cultured city; a city blessed with museums and galleries that has grown into a vibrant community.

John Aspley Davis
President, ACT Division

Introducing our international speakers

Professor Joe Brownlie

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The issue of who is responsible for the diagnosis and control of disease is at best confused. The line between personal responsibility, organisational responsibility and overall government responsibility is too often ill defined; such obfuscation prevents effective management and control of potentially life-threatening events. What role is the veterinarian going to play in meeting the enormous challenges facing humanity?

How are we to respond as a responsible profession? Do we lead or follow?

Who owns disease, and what role – the vet will be explored by our distinguished international speaker, Joe Brownlie, Emeritus Professor of Veterinary Pathology at the Royal Veterinary College, whose research on infectious diseases both in livestock and in companion animals led to the discovery and characterisation of new viruses of bacterial agents such as BVD in cattle and coronavirus in dogs. A prolific researcher for over 41 years, Joe has supervised 32 PhD students.

He has received a number of national and international awards; most recently receiving a Commander of the Order of the British Empire for Services to Science.
Dr Jennifer Hodgson
Find out what is new in equine bacterial infections and antibiotic susceptibility testing with Jennifer Hodgson, Associate Professor of Microbiology in the Department of Biomedical Sciences and Pathobiology in the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine at Virginia Tech.

Jennifer has been Associate Dean of learning and teaching at the University of Sydney’s Faculty of Veterinary Science and is a diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Microbiology.

Her primary research interest involves respiratory disease in young performance horses but she is also engaged with investigations of infectious diseases in horses and cattle.

Professor John Webster
University of Bristol
Many consider Emeritus Professor John Webster to be the ‘father’ of modern animal welfare. John was part of the group that came up with ‘the five freedoms’ – principles which have gained international recognition as standards for defining the elements of good welfare in domestic animals. He will talk about educating veterinarians in animal welfare.

His primary focus has been on agriculture and veterinary teaching and research. In his position as Professor of Animal Husbandry at the University of Bristol Veterinary School he established a unit for the study of animal welfare and behaviour, one of the largest such groups in the world (over 60 strong).

Dr Debra Horwitz
Aggression, soiling, problem behavior and modern therapeutics will all be covered in sessions by behavioural expert Dr Debra Horwitz.

Debra is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine and a behavioural consultant for the Veterinary Information Network. She co-authored Blackwell’s Five-Minute Veterinary Consult Clinical Companion: Canine and Feline Behavior and Lifelearn Behavior Client Handouts. She is an editor and contributor to the BSAVA Manual of Canine and Feline Behavioural Medicine and also the behaviour section editor for The 5 Minute Veterinary Consult: Canine and Feline.

Professor David Van Metre
Metabolic diseases, Haemorrhagic Bowel Syndrome and challenging cases in the beef industry are just some of the topics covered by Dr Van Metre.

Professor in the Animal Population Health Institute at Colorado State University, USA. He completed a residency in food animal medicine at the University of California, Davis in 1993, receiving diplomat status in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine that year.

David’s research interests include clostridial diseases of ruminants, bilingual livestock worker training, and livestock disease surveillance.

Dr Richard DeBowes
Come and be inspired during two days of concentrated sessions from a master in the subject of communication and practice management.

Topics to be covered include the human-pet-veterinarian bond, sales, care, compliance, what folks are buying (and not buying) from veterinarians, communications, leadership and teamwork, a journey through understanding our native paradigms (and how they might be incorrect in regard to our practice and our clients), emotional intelligence (Goleman’s model from Harvard), servant leadership in medicine (Greenleaf’s model), and connecting and advocating through relationship centred care.

Rick serves as the Associate Dean for Veterinary Development and External Relations at Washington University. His interests include equine general and orthopaedic surgery, lameness diagnosis, and joint biology. His administrative interests include faculty and program development, fundraising, the promotion of non-technical competencies (life skills), medical communications and personal/servant leadership.

Dr David Hodgson
Practical clinical disease management and diagnosis are the topics to be covered by Dr David Hodgson, head of the Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences in the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, Virginia Tech. He is a diplomate in the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, and Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine.

During his tenure at the University of Sydney he has served as a professor in equine medicine, head of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences, director of one of the two Veterinary Teaching Hospitals, and director of the Faculty Horse Unit. He has been a faculty member in equine medicine at Washington State and held adjunct positions at the University of Pretoria in South Africa and the University of Glasgow Veterinary School in the United Kingdom.

He is widely published and has received many awards including the Ian Clunies Ross Medal, the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation award for meritorious contributions to equine research in Australia, the Norden Distinguished Teacher award and a Vice-Chancellor’s award for teaching excellence from the University of Sydney.

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Dave Fowler
Learn how to approach those difficult but common surgical cases we all dread. Reconstructive surgery, minimally invasive surgery, and tracheal conditions are just some of the topics Dave Fowler will be covering.

Dave received his DVM degree from Colorado State University in 1980 and completed a rotating internship in small animal medicine and surgery at the Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM) in Canada which led to a surgical residency at the WCVM and a faculty position. His academic career focused primarily in the area of reconstructive surgery. He has also developed several microvascular reconstructive techniques for advanced wound reconstruction.
Plenary sessions

There will be four plenary sessions – one each day – all with the sustainability based theme.

On Sunday, we’ll look at *Who owns disease, and what role – the vet* with international speaker Professor Joe Brownlie CBE. Refer to page 2 for biography

On Monday, as well as the Kesteven medal speech, we’ll look at *Sustainability of Agriculture and Animal Welfare* with international speaker Professor John Webster. Refer to page 3 for biography

On Tuesday, we’ll look at *Political sustainability of the veterinary profession* with Senator Chris Back.

**Dr Chris Back**
Dr Chris Back, Liberal senator representing Western Australia commenced his new term in the Senate on 1 July 2011.
Chris graduated as a veterinarian from the University of Queensland and actively worked predominantly in large animal practice in Western Australia, Victoria and the United States. He has worked in private practice and also lectured at Muresk Institute of Agriculture where he introduced the first equine management course in Australasia.

On Thursday, in the Ben Cunneen memorial lecture Paul Baker will take a look at *Practice sustainability: Infectious disease and OHS implications*.

**Paul Baker**
Paul Baker was a founding practitioner of Meridian Lawyers.
He is widely regarded as one of Australia’s leading veterinary lawyers having been involved in acting for members of the profession since the mid 1980’s. Paul’s extensive knowledge of the profession and the challenges faced by veterinarians means that he is conscious of not only legal but practical issues facing practitioners.
He is a regular presenter on veterinary law topics and is well known to members of the profession generally.

Breakfast sessions

Start your day with one of our popular breakfast sessions and hear from industry experts. A continental breakfast is provided. Register for all breakfasts on the registration form.

**Numbers are limited, book early.**
Venue: National Convention Centre Canberra

**Pfizer Animal Health breakfast**
Monday 21 May
6.45am for a 7.00am start – 8.00am

**AVA Platinum Supporter**

**Hill’s Pet Nutrition breakfast**
Tuesday 22 May
6.45am for a 7.00am start – 8.00am
Sustainability – The 4 P’s
Presented by: Dr Rick De Bowes and Dr Mark O’Byrne

**Bloodline**

**Christian Fellowship breakfast**
Tuesday 22 May
6.45am for a 7.00am start – 8.00am
Guest speaker: Alistair Coe MLA

**Royal Canin breakfast**
Wednesday 23 May
6.45am for a 7.00am start – 8.00am
Covering all bases for recovery
Presented by: Kamal Chaggar

Members’ forum

Tuesday 22 May 5.00pm–6.15pm
National Convention Centre Canberra
The members’ forum is an increasingly important communication opportunity for the AVA. This year it’s being held during the main conference program to allow as many members as possible to participate. It’s an opportunity for AVA members to discuss some of the current issues facing the association and the profession, and to hear from the Board about its strategic priorities. Members will again be able to vote online for discussion topics via the conference website, and to suggest additional topics.
Register for the forum on the registration form.
Field trips and workshops

Numbers are strictly limited for our field trips and workshops. To register select the workshop or field trip on the registration form.

Australian Vet Nurses Education Forum
Friday 18 May 9.00am–5.00pm
Saturday 19 May 9.00am–4.00pm
Canberra Institute of Technology, Bruce campus
Haydon Drive, Bruce
Cost: $150
Registration includes morning and afternoon tea, lunches and dinner on Friday night.
Registrations close 15 May. For more information, contact Dr David Jones on david.jones@tafesa.edu.au or 61 (08) 8207 1185
Young Member Equine Lameness Workshop
Hosted by Canberra Equine Hospital
Sunday 20 May 8.30am (registration) 9.00am start–5.00pm
Canberra Equine Hospital
Cost: EVA Young or Student member – $300
AVA member – $400
Non-member – $800
For any new graduates or veterinarians treating horses, understanding a basic lameness examination is a must. The workshop will break down a lameness examination into simple techniques and stages. The day will include lectures and practical sessions covering the lameness work-up, from clinical examination, diagnostics, and therapeutics (including farriery). Diagnostics will incorporate radiograph and nerve-block practical sessions. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.
A bus will depart the National Convention Centre Canberra at 8.00am sharp.
Australian Holistic Veterinarians Workshop
A practical guide to localising neurological lesions.
Presented by Dr Christine Thomson
Friday 25 May 8.30am–5.00pm
ACT Companion Dog Club
corner Narrabundah Lane and Jerrabomberra Avenue, Symonston
Cost: AVH member – $300
AVA member – $385
Non-AVA member – $600
Are you comfortable with localising neurological lesions?
The neurological examination is designed to assess the function of the central and peripheral nervous system. Interpreting the results is essential for identifying where the lesion is located in the nervous system.
This workshop will guide you through making a conceptual map of the nervous system, which can then be used to interpret the results of the neurological examination and hands-on opportunity to practice the key tests performed in the neurological examination, using dogs. Reference will be made to horses and other types of animals. Case studies illustrating key neurological syndromes will also be presented.
Registration cost includes bus transport, morning and afternoon tea and lunch. The bus will depart the National Convention Centre Canberra at 8.30am sharp.
Equine Veterinarians Australia – Pathology Workshop
Friday 25 May 9.00am–5.00pm
Science, Forensic and Engineering Centre. Canberra Institute of Technology
Room D 115, D Block, Bruce campus
Cost: EVA members – $650
Young EVA and Student member – $500
AVA member – $750
Non-member – $1,150
EVA’s workshop on ‘How to do Pathology’ is aimed at providing delegates with the theoretical and practical skills necessary to perform many of the in-house laboratory techniques used in equine practice. The ‘how to’ of making and interpretation of blood smears, analysis and cytology of various body fluids, making and interpretation of gram stains, bacterial culture and antimicrobial sensitivities, and how to do an abortion investigation. Registration cost includes bus transport, morning and afternoon tea and lunch.
A bus will leave the National Convention Centre Canberra at 8.15am sharp and return at the completion of the workshop.
Australian Veterinary Behaviour Interest Group – AFP Canine Operations Centre Visit
Friday 25 May 9.00am–12.30pm
AFP Canine Operations Centre
Cost: Member – $20 per person
Non-member – $40
A bus will leave at 9.00am sharp from the National Convention Centre Canberra and return at approximately 12.30pm.
Australian Veterinary Association Practice Management Workshop
Presented by Rick DeBowes
Friday 25 May 8.00am–5.00pm
National Convention Centre Canberra
Cost: AVAPM member – $750
AVA member – $880
Non-member – $1,560
This workshop will be a journey through understanding native paragons (and how they might be incorrect in regards to our practice and our clients), emotional intelligence (Goleman’s model from Harvard), servant leadership in medicine (Greenleaf’s model), connecting and advocating through relationship centred care.
Registration cost includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch.
Australian Veterinary Dental Society
Basic Dental Wetlab
Friday 25 May 9.00am–5.00pm
Canberra Institute of Technology, Bruce campus
Cost: AVDS member – $400
AVA member – $500
Non-member – $1,000
This wetlab will focus on the fundamental skills of periodontal probing and charting, cleaning and scaling and dental extractions. The majority of the wetlab will involve extraction work where participants will have an opportunity to remove all teeth in their specimen.
A bus will leave the National Convention Centre Canberra at 8.15am sharp and return at the completion of the workshop.
Australian Veterinary Dental Society
Intermediate Dental Wetlab
Friday 25 May 9.00am–5.00pm
Canberra Institute of Technology, Bruce campus
Cost: AVDS member – $400
AVA member – $500
Non-member – $1,000
This workshop aims to cover dental radiology, oral fracture repair techniques, vital pulpotomy and the production of an inclined plane. Other topics of interest to participants may be covered if time permits.
A bus will leave the National Convention Centre Canberra at 7.45am sharp and return at the completion of the workshop.
Australian Holistic Veterinarians Workshop
Presented by Drs Kim Lim, Rowan Kilmartin and Kate Haines
Introduction to animal biomechanical medicine, an osteopathic and chiropractic approach
Saturday 26 May 9.00am–5.00pm
ACT Companion Dog Club. Corner Narrabundah Lane and Jerrabomberra Avenue, Symonston
Cost: AHV member – $300
AVA member – $385
Non-AVA member – $600
Do you want to learn more on how to help your patients recover from painful backs, gait analysis, or osteopathic approach to trigger point? Learn more about understanding the potential relationships between biomechanical dysfunction and some behaviour and other disorders, such as localised skin irritation, tail chasers, lick granulomas, and seizure cases. This practical workshop will help dispel some misconceptions of how chiropractors and osteopaths practice and show you how useful these modalities can be to introduce to your work and patients. It will incorporate case series, videos and demonstrations as well as hands-on practical canine sessions for take-home messages you can use straight away.
Registration cost includes bus transport, morning and afternoon tea and lunch. The bus will depart the National Convention Centre Canberra at 8.30am sharp.
Australian Holistic Veterinarians – Kayaking and lunch case
Sunday 27 May 9.00am–3.00pm
Meet at Parks Place, by the international flags on Lake Burley Griffin
Cost: $155
Immerse yourself in nature as you experience the 2–3 hour kayak wetlands tour. Departing from Commonwealth Place, paddle east towards the new Kingston foreshore development, skirting around the new Kingston Harbour, before heading into the wetland area. Follow up with a three-course lunch at Pork Barrel and share a 10 minute case or discussion.
Church service
Sunday 20 May 3.45pm–4.30pm
National Convention Centre Canberra

Welcome reception and exhibition opening
Sunday 20 May 6.00pm–8.00pm
Main Foyer and Exhibition Hall
National Convention Centre Canberra
Cost: Inclusive for registered delegates and accompanying guests. Additional tickets: $60

Happy hour
Monday 21 May 6.00pm–7.00pm
Tuesday 22 May 6.15pm–7.15pm
Wednesday 23 May 6.00pm–7.00pm
Exhibition Hall
National Convention Centre Canberra
Cost: Inclusive for registered delegates and accompanying guests.
Additional tickets: $40 per person

Meet and greet dinner
Sunday 20 May 8.00pm
Zen Yai Thai Restaurant
111 London Circuit, Canberra City
Cost: $35 includes banquet. Drinks not included. BYO (corkage applies) and licensed.
A great opportunity to meet other delegates and make new friends at the start of the week. Meet at the onsite registration desk at 8.00pm.

Australian Veterinary Behaviour Interest Group dinner
Monday 21 May 7.00pm
Flavours of India. 70 Bunda Street, Civic
Cost: AVBIG member and AVBIG guest – $35
Non-AVBIG member – $70 per person
(includes banquet dinner)

Australian Veterinary History Society Annual dinner
Monday 21 May 7.00pm
Banana Leaf. 240–250 City Walk, Civic
Cost: To register, select the dinner on the registration form and pay on the night.

Australian Cattle Veterinarians casual buffet dinner
Chewing the Cud
Monday 21 May 7.30pm
Waldorf on London Restaurant. Corner London Circuit and Akuna Street, Canberra (5 minutes walk from the National Convention Centre Canberra)
Cost: ACV member and ACV guest – $35
Non-ACV member – $70
Cost includes venue hire and buffet dinner. A cash bar will be available.

Australian Veterinarians in Industry dinner
Monday 21 May 7:30pm
Andeche Restaurant. 222 City Walk, City Centre
Cost: AVI Member and AVI guest – $80
Non-AVI member – $160
Includes three course meal and drinks. Meet at the National Convention Centre Canberra registration desk at 7.15pm for a short walk to the restaurant.

Equine and Dine – Equine Veterinarians Australia drinks and canapés
Monday 21 May 7.30–9.30pm
The Uni Pub. 17 London Circuit
www.unipub.com.au (14 minutes’ walk from the National Convention Centre Canberra)
Cost: EVA Member and EVA guest – $55
Non-EVA member – $110
Please note this is not a sit down dinner. Price includes drinks (excluding spirits) and substantial canapés.

Australian Veterinarians for Animal Welfare and Ethics annual dinner
Tuesday 22 May 7.30pm
The Chairman and Yip. 108 Bunda Street, Civic
Cost: AVAWE member and AVAWE guest – $70
Non-AVAWE member – $140
Includes banquet dinner, dessert and drinks.

Australian Veterinarians in Public Health One Health cocktail mixer
Tuesday 22 May 6.00pm–9.00pm
Venue TBC
Cost: AVPH member and AVPH guest – $39
Student – $29, Non-AVPH member – $78
Limited numbers
Entry price gets you two cocktails, canapés, a special guest speaker and all the networking you can handle.
Don’t miss this exciting opportunity!

Australian Small Animal Veterinary Association Recent Graduates dinner
Wednesday 23 May 7.00pm–11.00pm
Crowne Plaza. 1 Binara Street, Canberra
Cost: ASAVA member – Free of charge
Partners (non-veterinarian) – $60
A casual dinner for 2009–2011 graduates. The night is always entertaining and sometimes touching, as our guests share stories of their first years in practice. It’s a great way to meet people and walk away feeling you have learnt something, while also having a good time. This is an ASAVA member and their partners only event. If you would like to join ASAVA please contact the ASAVA office on 02 9431 5090 or asava@ava.com.au.

Australian Holistic Veterinarians dinner
Wednesday 23 May 7.00pm
Blu Ginger. 5 Genge Street, Canberra City
Cost: AHV member and AHV guest – $40
Non-AHV member – $80
Includes a 3-course banquet dinner. Drinks not included.

Australian Cattle and Sheep Vets dinner
Wednesday 23 May 7.00pm
Glebe Room, Crowne Plaza
1 Binara Street, Canberra (short walk from the National Convention Centre Canberra)
Cost: ACV, ASV member and guest – $60
Non-ACV and ASV member – $120
Cost includes venue hire and a two-course meal. A cash bar will be available.

University of Melbourne Alumni cocktail reception
Hosted by the Dean – Professor Ken Hinchliff
Wednesday 23 May 6.30pm–8.30pm
Skyline Room 15th Floor Rydges Lakeside.
1 London Circuit. Canapes and first drink complimentary. Cash bar also available.

University of Sydney Alumni cocktail reception
Hosted by the Dean – Professor Rosanne Taylor
Wednesday 23 May
Tour and private viewing: 5.30pm–6.30pm
Reception: 6.30pm–8.30pm
The National Portrait Gallery
King Edward Terrace, Parkes
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Tour and private viewing: 5.30pm–6.30pm
Reception: 6.30pm–8.30pm
The National Portrait Gallery
King Edward Terrace, Parkes
Cost: Cocktail reception – $25 per person
Private viewing and cocktail reception – $35 per person
Dress: Business attire
Join the Dean and the executive members of the new Veterinary Science Alumni Association (USVSSA), at a cocktail reception for alumni and friends. You are welcome to bring a guest. You are also invited to a private viewing of the portrait collection.
Enquiries: Ms Skaidy Gulbis, Alumni Relations Officer, at skaidy.gulbis@sydney.edu.au or +61 (02) 9351 8020.

Cycling and fun runs
Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 6.30am – Cycling
Wednesday, 6.30am – Fun run
Calling all cycling and running enthusiasts. Canberra has a great network of world-class cycle and walking tracks with dedicated bicycle lanes through parks and forests, past national attractions, around lakes and into connecting suburbs. Bikes are available for hire.
Indicate your interest in participating on the registration form. You will be contacted personally to discuss options.
Registration information

Register online at www.ava.com.au/conference

All amounts listed are in Australian dollars and inclusive of 10% Australian GST. An AVA member number must be included to qualify for the member rate.

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- Attendance at scientific sessions (on nominated day only)
- Admittance to industry exhibition (on nominated day only)
- Satchel including conference materials
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea (on nominated day only)
- Happy hour (Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday only)
- Certificate of attendance (post-conference)
- Copy of proceedings

Day registration (Sunday only) includes:
- Opening plenary session
- Welcome reception
- Admittance to industry exhibition – 6pm–8pm (on Sunday only)

Exhibition only registration includes:
- Admittance to industry exhibition (on nominated day only)
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea (on nominated day only)
- Happy hour (Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday only)

Practice registration includes:
- Practice registration name badge (one per practice)
- Attendance at scientific sessions (one per person per day)
- Admittance to industry exhibition (one per person per day)
- Satchel including conference materials (one per person)
- Welcome reception (one per person)
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea (one per person per day)
- Happy hour – Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday only (one per person per day)
- Copy of proceedings

Note:
- Online registrations only
- No certificates of attendance will be provided – Vet Ed points will need to be claimed individually from the AVA website
- AVA member numbers must be supplied to receive the discounted member rate.

Accompanying guest registration includes:
- Welcome reception
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea
- Accompanying guests name badge
- Happy hour (Monday–Wednesday)

Registration desk opening hours

Sunday 20 May 3.00pm–8.00pm
Monday 21 May 7.00am–7.00pm
Tuesday 22 May 7.00am–7.15pm
Wednesday 23 May 7.00am–7.00pm
Thursday 24 May 7.00am–5.30pm

Registration confirmation

Written confirmation and a tax invoice will be issued upon receipt of the registration form and full payment. Please note that registrations cannot be processed without receipt of payment.

Cancellation of registration

Cancellations must be received in writing to the Conference Secretariat by Friday 13 April 2012. Cancellations received prior to 13 April 2012 will receive a full refund minus $150 administration fee. Cancellations received after 13 April 2012 will not be refunded. Substitute delegates will be accepted.

Delegate registration includes:
- Attendance at scientific sessions
- Admittance to industry exhibition
- Satchel including conference materials
- Open plenary session
- Welcome reception
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea (Monday–Thursday)
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Pfizer Win Rewards points accepted.

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Online registration not available.

Fax registration form to +61 (02) 9437 9068

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Practice registration includes:
- Practice registration name badge (one per practice)
- Attendance at scientific sessions (one per person per day)
- Admittance to industry exhibition (one per person per day)
- Satchel including conference materials (one per person)
- Welcome reception (one per person)
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea (one per person per day)
- Happy hour – Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday only (one per person per day)
- Copy of proceedings

Note:
- Online registrations only
- No certificates of attendance will be provided – Vet Ed points will need to be claimed individually from the AVA website
- AVA member numbers must be supplied to receive the discounted member rate.

Accompanying guest registration includes:
- Welcome reception
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea
- Accompanying guests name badge
- Happy hour (Monday–Wednesday)
General information

Venue
National Convention Centre Canberra
31 Constitution Avenue
Canberra, ACT 2601 Australia
Telephone: +61 (02) 6276 5200
Website: www.nccc.com.au

 Accommodation
Accommodation has been secured at various hotels around Canberra. For details and to book visit the ‘Getting there, staying there’ page of our website.

Tours and sightseeing
There is something for everyone in Canberra. Find out more about Canberra and join us on our Canberra and Beyond Tour. Visit the ‘Getting there, staying there’ page of our website.

Child care
Please refer to the ‘Getting there, staying there’ page of our website.

Vet Ed and continuing education points
The AVA Annual Conference offers delegates 28 hours of continuing education over the full week.
To have your attendance at the conference recognised for the purposes of continuing education you must have your name badge scanned at the entrance to the exhibition each day.
AVA members must include their AVA member number when registering for automatic awarding of AVA Vet Ed points.
Additional points can be earned by completing quizzes offered at selected sessions or by attending one of the pre- or post- conference workshops. Delegates are also encouraged to visit the National Veterinary Examination stand. All completed trials will attract one (1) Vet Ed or continuing education point.

Industry exhibition
Over 80 companies will be exhibiting in the industry exhibition making this the largest veterinary exhibition in Australia.
Pre-plan your visit to the exhibition and see who’s exhibiting before the conference even begins. Visit the ‘Exhibitors’ page of our website for the latest information.

Bob Taylor Wellness Room
The Veterinary Health Group and AVA Benevolent Fund invite you to the Wellness Room in the exhibition. Delegates can complete the anonymous online health survey, participate in wellness checks or view the art and photography exhibition. Visit the ‘Delegates’ page of our website.

Download the conference handbook app
We have created a mobile web app for the 2012 AVA Annual Conference. It will allow you to use your smart phone or tablet onsite to easily access session details, speaker bios and maps.

Program
All speakers and sessions were confirmed and correct at the time of printing. The AVA reserve the right to amend the program details as required. For program updates visit the ‘Program’ page of our website.

Registration enquiries
Website: www.ava.com.au/conference
Telephone: +61 (02) 9211 7343
Fax: + 61 (02) 9211 7601
E-mail: ava@infosalons.com.au
Post: PO Box K1385, Haymarket NSW 1240

Visit www.ava.com.au/conference for more information
## Registration form/tax invoice

### Delegate information

AVA member number:  
Title:  
First name:  
Surname:  

Company/Organisation/Practice:  
Mailing address:  
Suburb:  
State:  
Postcode:  
Phone:  
Fax:  
Mobile:  
E-mail (for confirmation and invoicing):  

Dietary/special requirements:  

### 2012 registration

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Name of accompanying guest:  

### Field trip/workshops

For full details, see page 5 of the registration brochure or visit www.ava.com.au/conference. Please tick the field trip or workshop you would like to attend.

- **Australian Nurse Educators Forum**: $150
- **Basic Dental Wetlab**:  
  - AVDS Member – $400  
  - AVA Member – $500  
  - Non Member – $1,000
- **Intermediate Level Dental Wetlab**:  
  - AVDS Member – $400  
  - AVA Member – $500  
  - Non Member – $1,000
- **Equine Veterinarians Australia – Pathology Workshop**:  
  - EVA members – $650  
  - Young/Student Members – $500  
  - Non–members – $1,150
- **Australian Veterinary Behaviour Interest Group – AFP Canine Operators Centre visit**:  
  - AVBIG AVA members – $20  
  - Non–members – $40
- **Australian Holistic Veterinarians – A practical guide to localizing neurological lesions**:  
  - AHV members – $300  
  - AVA members – $385  
  - Non–AVA members – $600
- **Australian Veterinary Association Practice Management Workshop**:  
  - AVAPM member – $750  
  - AVA member – $880  
  - Non–member – $1,560
- **Australian Holistic Veterinarians – Introduction to Animal Biomechanical Medicine, an Osteopathic and Chiropractic approach**:  
  - AHV members – $300  
  - AVA members – $385  
  - Non–AVA members – $600
- **Young Member Equine Lameness Workshop**:  
  - EVA Young member/student – $300  
  - AVA member – $400  
  - Non–AVA member – $800
- **Australian Holistic Veterinarians – Kayaking and lunch cases**:  
  - $155

### Registration subtotal:

Please indicate which streams (up to three) 3 streams you will be spending the most time in:

- Acupuncture
- Australian veterinary reserve
- Avian
- Behaviour
- Cattle
- Conservation biology
- Dental
- Education
- Equine
- Greyhounds
- History
- Holistics
- Industry
- Practice Management
- Public health
- Sheep
- Small animals
- Unusual and Exotic
- Welfare

**Field trip and/ workshops subtotal:** $
**Social program**

The Welcome reception and Happy hours are included in all full registrations and accompanying guest registration fees. Happy hour is included for day and exhibition only registrants on the day of attendance only. Please indicate if attending.

**Church service** – Sunday 20 May
- Inclusive – please tick if attending
- N/A

**AVA members’ forum** – Tuesday 22 May
- Inclusive – please tick if attending
- N/A

**Welcome reception** – Sunday 20 May
- Inclusive – please tick if attending
- N/A

**Meet and greet dinner** – Sunday 20 May
- $35 per person

**Happy hour** – Please tick for each day attending
- Mon 21 May
- Tue 22 May
- Wed 23 May
- N/A

**Gala dinner** – Thursday 24 May
- I wish to purchase ticket/s at $120 each
- $________

**Canberra and Beyond tour** – Friday 25 May
- I wish to purchase ticket/s at $90 each
- $________

**Australian Veterinarians in Industry dinner** – Monday 21 May
- SIG Member and guest: $80
- Non-member: $160
- $________

**Australian Veterinary History Society Annual dinner**
- Monday 21 May: Pay on the night
- SIG Member and guest: $35
- Non-member: $70
- $________

**Australian Cattle Veterinarians casual buffet dinner**
- “Chewing the Cud” – Monday 21 May
- SIG Member and guest: $35
- Non-member: $70
- $________

**Equine and Dine** – Equine Veterinarians Australia drinks and canapés – Monday 21 May
- SIG Member and guest: $55
- Non-member: $110
- $________

**Australian Veterinary Behaviour Interest Group dinner**
- Monday 21 May
- SIG Member and guest: $35
- Non-member: $70
- $________

**Australian Veterinarians for Animal Welfare and Ethics annual dinner** – Tuesday 22 May
- SIG Member and guest: $70
- Non-member: $140
- $________

**Australian Veterinarians in Public Health**
**One Health cocktail mixer** – Tuesday 22 May
- SIG Member and guest: $39
- Student: $29
- Non-member: $78
- $________

**Australian Small Animal Veterinary Association**
**Recent Graduate dinner** – Wednesday 23 May
- SIG Member and guest: $40
- Non-member: $80
- $________

**Australian Holistic Veterinarians dinner** – Wednesday 23 May
- SIG Member and guest: $60
- Non-member: $120
- $________

**Australian Cattle and Sheep Vets dinner** – Wednesday 23 May
- SIG Member and guest: $60
- Non-member: $120
- $________

**University of Melbourne Alumni cocktail reception** – Wednesday 23 May
- $15 per person
- $________

**University of Sydney Alumni cocktail reception** – Wednesday 23 May
- $35 per person
- $________

**Private viewing and cocktail reception** – $35 per person
- $________

I am interested in the Canberra:  ☐ bike ride  ☐ fun run

Social program subtotal: $________