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Gilruth Prize

The Gilruth Prize was established in 1953 and celebrates veterinary scientists whose work has brought great credit to the profession or made a major contribution to veterinary science in Australia over many years. It is the highest ranking award of the Australian Veterinary Association.



Dr Graeme Allan

BVSc, MVSc, Diplomate – American College of Veterinary Radiology,
Fellow – Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (Radiology), DVSc

Dr Graeme Allan is widely regarded as an excellent diagnostician providing a referral service throughout Australasia to veterinarians for more than three decades, as well as being a prolific author of clinical scientific research and educator of veterinarians. He has taught hundreds of undergraduate students in didactic lectures and clinical diagnostic imaging, as well as provided post-graduate teaching to hundreds of veterinarians in practice through continuing education in seminars, symposia, lectures and distance education courses for more than 30 years.

During his career, Graeme has authored or co-authored more than 75 published papers, 13 book chapters and more than 40 published abstracts and proceedings of Scientific Meetings. His most recent work, *Radiology of Australian Mammals*, co-authored with Dr Larry Vogelneust, was published by CSIRO Publishing this year. Graeme has delivered more than 120 presentations and short courses, and he is widely recognised for his work as creator and tutor of the Distance Education Radiology program for The Centre for Veterinary Education (CVE) at The University of Sydney for the past 25 years.

On 14 December 2012, Graeme was awarded the Doctor of Veterinary Science (DVSc) by The University of Sydney in recognition of his unique and prolific contribution to the field of veterinary diagnostic imaging. The DVSc is a rare honour, having been awarded to some 30 candidates since it was first conferred to Ian Clunies Ross in 1928. It is awarded to outstanding researchers who submit a body of work which is deemed to have made a consistent and distinguished contribution to veterinary science. Graeme is one of the few veterinarians to have earned this highest research degree for work undertaken while working as a practitioner and has greatly contributed to advancing veterinary clinical sciences, nationally and globally.

Kesteven Medal

The Kesteven Medal was inaugurated by the late Dr K V L Kesteven and first awarded in 1980. It is conferred on Australian veterinarians in recognition of distinguished contributions to international veterinary science in the fields of technical and scientific assistance to developing countries.

The medal is presented alternatively by the AVA and the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists (ACVS).



Dr Anthony Forman

BVSc, Dip Trop Vet Med, PhD (London)

For over 40 years Dr Tony Forman has contributed to international development particularly by developing and applying diagnostic and control methods to emergency animal diseases.

Tony has worked as a laboratory diagnostician and researcher. As a foundation staff member of the CSIRO Australian Animal Health Laboratory, he managed the Disease Diagnosis and Epidemiology program and he established a 6-year program of research on FMD in Thailand. He has conducted research on FMD and African Swine Fever and in 1983 he was the team leader for a feasibility study for FMD control in ASEAN countries. Tony also co-ordinated a program to produce training aids on exotic diseases for Australian veterinarians.

As a veterinary consultant, Tony has worked in over 30 countries in Asia, Africa and South America primarily for the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the UN. He has worked on the control of a range of epidemic diseases, livestock movement control, quarantine and contingency planning for livestock disease emergencies.

He has also been an evaluator of the effectiveness of FAO programs and has evaluated development programs in animal health for the UK Department for International Development, the US Department of Agriculture, World Bank and Japan International Aid.

Since 2005, much of Tony's work for FAO has been focussed on the global response to H5N1 avian influenza. He prepared the initial draft of the first FAO/OIE Global Program, and he has led teams on emergency missions from FAO to respond to disease outbreaks and assist affected countries achieve a definitive diagnosis and develop an appropriate response.

A feature of Tony's work has been the promotion of disease control on both a national and regional basis so that developing countries can engage in safe international trade in livestock and derived products to increase national wealth to facilitate their own sustainable development.

President's Award

The AVA President's Award was established in 2006. This prize is awarded by the President and the AVA Board to a veterinarian who makes an outstanding practical contribution to veterinary science or practice in Australia.



Dr David Beggs
BVSc MVSc

Dr David Beggs has more than 20 years of experience as a cattle veterinarian, during which time he has been committed to the AVA, the cattle industry and to scientific research.

David grew up on a merino stud in western Victoria. After graduating from veterinary science in 1990, David took on a mixed practice job in Smithton, Tasmania. After a year there he moved closer to home and relocated to Warrnambool. To the surprise of his friends and family he became a cattle veterinarian with a strong interest in computer technology and how this could be integrated into veterinary practice.

Building on these interests, he completed an MVS degree in dairy medicine and production in 1998, with his major project being, 'A stochastic model to predict fertility in dairy herds'. David is the author of several computer software programs including the widely used 'Dairy Data' and 'Bull Reporter'. Currently, he works part-time in Warrnambool, and is the Scientific Officer for Australian Cattle Veterinarians.

David is a past convener of the AVA conference, lectures at the University of Melbourne and is undertaking a PhD on the topic of ensuring dairy cow welfare with increasing scale of production.

David has a willingness and capacity to contribute to the AVA in many areas. He played a very significant role in the recent and very successful World Buiatrics Conference held in Cairns and he also set up and moderates the ACV ListServ that is widely used and valued by ACV members. More recently, he has been coordinating the AVA response to the Bovine Johnes Disease review.

In addition to the many and varied roles he has with Australian Cattle Veterinarians and the AVA, David serves his local community in a variety of roles and he supports organisations that are dedicated to assisting children with autism.

Don Kerr Student Award

The Don Kerr Veterinary Student Award commemorates the work of the late Don Kerr who died in 1992 while serving as President of the Association. Don was an enthusiastic cattle practitioner and dedicated educator of veterinary undergraduates. The Award is conferred on a final year veterinary student from one of the veterinary schools for academic achievement and exceptional commitment to cattle medicine.



Dr Samuel Morgan
BSc (Hons.) DVM (Dist.)

With his family involved in a variety of agricultural enterprises, Dr Sam Morgan has been around cattle since he was a toddler.

After completing his secondary schooling, Sam worked as a stockman on Mittiebah Station in the Northern Territory where he gained valuable skills in cattle handling, routine husbandry and an appreciation for the management of extensive rangeland beef production systems.

In 2008 Sam graduated from the University of Tasmania with a Bachelor of Science, awarded First Class Honours. He moved to Deniliquin in New South Wales and worked in the Livestock Health Team at Yambinya Feedlot managing 7000 cattle and 40,000 lambs.

In 2011, Sam was admitted to the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Melbourne and he was one of a select group to be awarded a Rural Veterinary Student Scholarship. Throughout his studies, Sam maintained a high-distinction average across all subjects, including Production Animal Medicine and Surgery and he was placed on the Dean's Honour Roll for excellent academic performance in the Faculty of Veterinary Science.

With a keen interest in rural veterinary practice, the majority of Sam's final year extramural rotations were within rural cattle practices. Practitioners who worked with Sam believe he will become a future leader within the rural community.

Sam has been a student member of the Australian Veterinary Association since 2011 and he is also a member of Australian Cattle Veterinarians. He has also been an enthusiastic committee member of the University of Melbourne's veterinary student's Bovine Appreciation Group. He is committed to remaining involved with, and contributing to, both the AVA and ACV throughout his career.

Earlier this year, Sam commenced full-time employment at Scottsdale Veterinary Services in north-eastern Tasmania, which is largely involved with beef and dairy cattle medicine and surgery.

Fellowship

Fellowship of the AVA is the Association's most senior award for service to the Association and is only given for truly outstanding service that involves a contribution through the AVA Board, Division, Special Interest Group or representing the AVA in the local community.

Dr Jane Axon

BVSc (Hons 1) CMAVA ANZCVS (Equine Medicine)
Diplomate ACVM (Internal Medicine, large animals)

Dr Jane Axon has been an active participant, presenter and organiser for both AVA's and EVA's Annual Conferences. It is not only in Australia where Jane's knowledge and experience has been in demand, having also presented internationally since 1995. Jane is a prolific author of both high level academic books and of scientific articles, with over 30 works in her name individually, or in collaboration with others.

Jane has been the Director of Scone Equine Hospital's Clovelly Intensive Care Unit since 1999, where she leads a team that is responsible for the care of some of the most valuable bloodstock in the world. From a professional development perspective, in her role at Scone, Jane has trained equine medicine and intensive care interns every year since her arrival. She has also successfully supervised membership and fellowship candidates of the ANZCVSc. In addition to mentoring local veterinarians, Jane supervises and mentors visiting international students and veterinarians.

Jane joined the Executive Committee of EVA in 2004 and in 2007 she was President elect. This was the same year that Equine Influenza struck the Australian herd and Jane supported the membership of the organisation with a diligence and concerted effort that was faultless. As EVA President in 2008, there was still much post EI work for EVA to attend to, and Jane saw to this with a zeal and passion that set high standards for those to follow.

Jane remains a key driving force in EVA's continuing education program and she has been the leader behind introducing EVA supported Nurses Training, which is conducted at Bain Fallon triennially. Jane has also been a key in developing the Bain Fallon's reputation as one of the famous equine veterinary conferences in the world.

Dr William Peter Holm

BSc (Hons. Botany- Special Hons Zoology/
Parasitology) BA (Hons.) Vet M.B. Cambridge MRCVS
MA (Cantab) MANZCVS (Epidemiology)

Following graduation from Cambridge, Dr Peter Holm worked in mixed practices in England before beginning work as the last overseas contract Export Inspection Service Veterinary Officer for the Australian Department of Agriculture. He resigned in 1986 and joined the Tasmanian Department as a District V.O. with state-wide responsibility for the pig industry. Over the next 4 years he fulfilled many roles until he commenced his own practice at Somerset on the north-west coast of Tasmania in 1991.

Distance and being a solo practitioner in a regional/rural location, has precluded Peter from taking a more active and high profile role in the AVA at the Federal level. Indeed few Tasmanian-based vets have ever sat on the AVA Board, but have contributed to national committees and the policy council.

Peter has been a thoughtful and enthusiastic contributor to the Australian veterinary community and this dates back to when he first relocated down under from England. He has always been driven to serve and do well in the profession – a profession to which he has dedicated more than 50 years of his life.

He is always anxious to achieve the best outcome for his patients and clients, to promote the good name and reputation of the profession, and raise public awareness of the role and responsibilities veterinarians face. As his practice has prospered, Peter has been able to devote more time and resources to the profession and to enhance the role and image of veterinarians in the community.

Peter has shown his support for the Tasmanian Division and the AVA for over 27 years. He is an industrious and dedicated veterinarian whose long-term service to the AVA must be recognised at the highest level.



Fellowship (continue)

Emeritus Professor Bruce Parry

BVSc, PhD, Diplomate ACVP

Professor Bruce Parry completed a BVSc at the University of Melbourne in 1976 and a PhD working on prognostic indicators of colic in horses in 1983. He then worked as a Research Associate at Washington State University and obtained a Diplomate from the American College of Veterinary Pathologists in Clinical Pathology in 1986.

Bruce joined the Faculty of Veterinary Science at the University of Melbourne in 1985 as a Lecturer in Veterinary Clinical Pathology and was promoted to Professor in 2009.

He has made outstanding contributions in the area of veterinary clinical pathology. His work in disorders of blood coagulation and blood transfusion medicine in dogs has led to the establishment of a national referral Coagulation Laboratory and a Canine Blood Bank at the University of Melbourne Veterinary Hospital. His research has also led to the elimination of Haemophilia A from the German Shepherd dog breed in Australia. His research activity is marked by more than 90 scholarly publications including peer-reviewed papers in national and international journals together with contributions to textbooks.

In 2005, Bruce was recognised for his excellence in teaching through the Veterinary Students Society of Victoria Teaching Award. He is also regularly invited to contribute to continuing education sessions for veterinarians in the area of clinical pathology. Bruce's many contributions to undergraduate learning and teaching over almost three decades include leading roles in renewal of the veterinary curriculum, multiple subject and year coordination roles and the role of Associate Dean (Academic Programs) from 2009 to 2011.

Bruce has been a member of many committees of the AVA at national, divisional, SIG and branch levels. He has also been a substantial contributor to the Australian Veterinary Journal as an author and reviewer and most recently as editor of the Australian Veterinary Practitioner.

Meritorious Service Awards

The Meritorious Service Award is given to members who have rendered special or long-term service to the association, its divisions, branches or special interest groups.

Dr Julia Crawford

BVSc

Julia is a person known to many in the veterinary community and respected as a person of the utmost integrity and knowledge of the industry.

As a business owner and veterinarian she has mentored many veterinary students residing at her clinic, undertaken a multitude of tasks in her role on the AVA NSW Division Committee, with one year as President, and represented the AVA in this capacity with distinction.

In particular Julia has taken a great interest in helping vets and the AVA to have a positive influence on the development of the veterinary nursing industry both in NSW and nationally.

There are few who would devote their time to this sector and her input at this level has driven a process through the National Industry Advisory Group that is on the path to a better program and consistent standards for veterinary nurses.

Julia has been a constant attendee and organiser at Branch meetings engaging with the wider veterinary population and bringing vets together.

She has rarely failed to put her hand up to assist the AVA in any capacity and lend support where needed even in matters pertaining to large animals or to our Regional Conferences outside the metropolitan area.

Dr Peter Reid

BVSc (Hons) BAgSc

Dr Peter Reid graduated from the University of Queensland with First Class Honours in 1974, receiving the University Medal for that year. He then established his own private equine veterinary practice in Brisbane, and has been self-employed in the practice since then.

Since joining the AVA, Peter has had a profound influence on both the AVA and EVA of which he has been a member since 1974. He has been extensively involved in both associations by acting as the AVA Representative to the Queensland Government's Hendra Virus Interagency Technical Working Group (2010–2015). Peter also represented the AVA and EVA in the submission of the AUSTVETPLAN Hendra Virus Response Policy Brief revision (2013). From 2010 to 2015, Peter represented the AVA to the Queensland Government Horse Industry Biosecurity, Market Access Liaison Group.

Peter is a current member of both the EVA Racing License Taskforce (2013), and the EVA Hendra Vaccine Taskforce (2012 onwards). Beyond his involvement with the AVA and EVA, he has represented the Queensland Horse Industry at the National Hendra Virus Taskforce Scientific Submissions Workshop (2011) and he was involved in lobbying the Commonwealth Government to fund crucial Hendra virus sub-unit vaccine horse trials at Australian Animal Health Laboratory (2010). For this he received international recognition at the American Association of Equine Practitioners 2011 Annual Convention for work performed in lobbying for Australian Government horse trial vaccine funding. Peter has also been involved in the provision of relevant scientific updates to QDAFF on the Guidelines for Veterinarians Handling Hendra virus in horses.

In 1994, Peter became the only "non-licensee" recipient of the Queensland Racing Achievement Award in the award's history, for his extensive clinical involvement in the first recorded Hendra outbreak.

Meritorious Service Awards (continue)

Dr Patricia Stewart

BVSc (Hons) MVS MANZCVSc DipVET Grad Cert VET Cert IV Training and Assessment

Dr Patricia Stewart was president of the Victorian Division of the AVA from 2013 to 2015 and continues to sit on the committee. In her six years on the committee she has served as secretary, treasurer and president elect. As president she provided strong leadership for the Division and a major aspect of this was in regard to the AVA's opposition to the Restricted Breed Legislation.

Trish has been active in communicating concerns over vets being required to register as domestic animal businesses and the seizure of animals' legislation. She has also expressed concern over graduate veterinary numbers in Victoria.

Through meetings and correspondence with government ministers and opposition members of parliament, Trish has brought the issues of a parliamentary review of restricted breed legislation and the possibility of restricted acts of veterinary science being reinserted into Victorian law to the forefront.

Education has always been a focus for Trish and in the early 1990s she was part of the combined AVA and Victorian Veterinary Board working group to assist in the development of continuing education guidelines. She also coordinated the launch of the AVA Victorian Graduate Support Scheme in 2014, providing experienced mentors for newly graduated veterinarians.

Trish now sits on a national AVA working group assisting with the roll out of a national graduate support scheme.

After a long and varied career working in mixed practice, university and small animal practice, Trish is now an educator of veterinary nurses at Box Hill Institute and the surgeon in 'Pets on Elgar' veterinary nurse training clinic. In addition to those roles, she works part-time in clinics. After many years working in veterinary nurse education, Trish is a strong advocate of formal training for veterinary nurses.

Honorary Member

Honorary Members are eminent persons (non- veterinarians) who have been appointed to that position as a token of respect for their services to the Association or to the veterinary profession in general. They enjoy all the privileges of membership in the Association and the divisions, except those of voting and holding office.

Professor Marshall Lightowlers

BSc (Hons), PhD FASP

Professor Marshall Lightowlers has dedicated 30 years to researching and developing new vaccines for the control of zoonotic parasitic diseases that are major causes of human morbidity and mortality in the world's poorest countries. He has developed several highly effective, recombinant vaccines against the parasites that cause hydatid disease and neurocysticercosis in humans and has five internationally-granted patents for vaccine-related technology. He has achieved this through the Faculty of Veterinary Science at the University of Melbourne, where Marshall has been a member of staff since 1981. He was appointed Melbourne Laureate Professor in 2011.

Marshall has authored or co-authored over 142 internationally refereed publications and has had continuous NHMRC competitive research support since 1990. In 2012 his work was highlighted by the NHMRC as being among '10 of the Best Research Projects'.

Currently, Marshall is the leader of a research program

undertaking field trials of his cysticercosis vaccine in Africa, and Central and South America.

He has trained highly successful postgraduate students, staff and sabbatical visitors in the discipline of parasitology and he has been an active member of the Australian Society for Parasitology, serving as the society's President, Honorary Secretary, and as a council member.

His research demonstrates important societal values and affirms the role of veterinary science in developed countries in reducing human disease.

Marshall received his BSc (Hons) from The University of Western Australia in 1974 and his PhD in 1978. He was awarded the Bancroft-Mackerras Medal by the Australian Society for Parasitology in 1998, and he was elected a Fellow of the Australian Society for Parasitology in 2004. His involvement in the development of the first highly effective vaccine against a parasitic disease was recognised as a Milestone in the History of Parasitology.

AVAPM/Hill's Practices of Excellence Award



The AVAPM and Hill's have developed an annual award to recognise veterinary practices that provide outstanding service to their clients. It rewards and encourages veterinary practices Australia – wide to improve their customer service techniques and overall practice management. The winners for 2015 are:

Best small animal veterinary practice

Pet Universe Veterinary Centres

Manningham, South Australia

The winner of this year's Small Animal Practice award was Pet Universe.

Pet Universe, with hospitals at Northgate and Broadview, South Australia, offers a wide range of routine and advanced services in a boutique hospital setting.

Managing partner, Claire Lee said that their vision is to offer high-quality, innovative, value-for-money healthcare delivered with exceptional customer service.

"With larger corporates and local group practices merging, we feel there's a place for personalised, quality practices that fill a void left by these larger providers."

Pet Universe puts a lot of effort into measuring client satisfaction through regular surveys and will be running some complete care focus groups to enhance their customer service offering.

Dr Chris Lee, Principal Veterinarian, said they are very proud of the things they provide which he believes sets them apart. These include:

- gaining and maintaining state-board hospital accreditation at both centres
- adding value with new services – they recently introduced an annual wellness package which offers a monthly payment plan
- stem cell therapy and now stem cell banking
- a set of 'how to' videos on home care topics which are available on the website and emailed to clients as part of follow-up care
- value sheets which help clients understand why a procedure is needed
- a dedicated room for euthanasia with an essential oil diffuser, dimming lights, special blankets and flowers
- latest lignocaine/ketamine-CRI intra-operative pain relief.

"The whole team understands our motto – healthcare from your pet's point of view – and our values and mission. We've developed a culture that allows them to act on their own initiative in line with these values and aims," Dr Lee said.

Best large animal veterinary practice

Murwillumbah Vet Clinic

Murwillumbah, New South Wales

Murwillumbah Veterinary Clinic's vision evolved from all staff members' input – which is to always exceed expectations to be the best small country clinic in Australia. And exceed they do. They're the winners of the 2015 Practice of Excellence Awards in the large animal category.

Owners Joan Gibbons and Stephanie Wright say that the whole clinic is excited to have received such an honour.

"We've worked really hard to get where we are and we wouldn't be here without the full support of our wonderful staff," they said.

The clinic measures customer satisfaction through an annual survey and a client monitoring system. The survey seeks feedback on a range of areas from reception, to consultation, and admission to hospital.

The client monitoring system is divided into three categories: the top 100 clients, new clients and clients not seen for 12 months.

"We encourage open communication with clients. We try and provide estimates for all procedures so there are no surprises and we have a referral scheme where we actively ask satisfied clients to refer their friends," Joan and Stephanie said.

Murwillumbah Veterinary Clinic has implemented an anaesthetic checklist to ensure the safest possible anaesthetics for patients. It's based on the WHO Safe Surgery Checklist.

"We believe it's a veterinary first."

The clinic also prides itself on training staff and closes its doors every Wednesday afternoon for staff training and staff meetings.

Staff satisfaction is obviously high at Murwillumbah Vet Clinic. One vet nurse, Robyn, has been with the clinic for 33 years and nurses Jenny, Bronwyn, Helen, and Rachel for over 10 years. One former nurse, Christine Jenkins, came back to the clinic after completing her veterinary degree.



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