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Far North & North QLD Conference 2025

13 - 14 September 2025 | Rydges, Southbank Townsville

Registration Brochure



The Critical Moment:
Emergencies in Mixed
Practice

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Welcome

Join us in Townsville this September for two days of engaging CPD, regional networking, and practical insights into both small and large animal practice.

Set in the heart of North Queensland, this conference offers a relaxed yet focused environment to connect with colleagues, hear from expert speakers, and strengthen your veterinary skills.

Katelyn Shannon
FNQ Branch Rep





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Townsville, Queensland

Tropical by nature, adventurous by design, Townsville is the laidback capital of North Queensland that's full of surprises. From stadium sports and events to wildlife watching, hiking or just straight-up luxury, Townsville's got you covered.

Majestically perched on the shores of the Coral Sea you can bounce to an island escape, dig into military history or dive in (literally) to left-of-centre art and culture. All this served up with a hearty side of North Queensland hospitality – and a crumbed steak if you're lucky. Only in Townsville? Absolutely. Unbeatable fun? Without a doubt.

Rydges Southbank Townsville

23 Palmer St, South Townsville QLD 4810

Rydges Southbank Townsville accommodation is just a short walk from [key attractions](#) including Reef HQ, Maritime Museum of Townsville and the Museum of Tropical Queensland. Walk across the Victoria Bridge and experience the newly rejuvenated Flinders Street shopping precinct.



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Why attend?

- **Education** – hear from experts discussing emergency cases in both large and small animals with updates from the work happening in the Veterinary sector.
- **Social** – catch up with friends and colleagues over dinner and drinks
- **Network** – connect with business leaders and industry
- **Exhibition** – discover the latest products and innovations at the trade show

Schedule

Saturday 13 September 2025

- Conference (Veterinary & Nurses streams) – 8.30am - 6.00pm
- Exhibition – 10.30am - 6.00pm
- Saturday Night Social Dinner – 7.00pm - 11.00pm

Sunday 14 September 2025

- Conference (Veterinary and Nurses Stream) – 8.30am - 2.00pm

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Program

Saturday 13 September	
8.00am - 8.30am	Registration Open
8.30am - 9.00am	Welcome - Katelyn Shannon NQ DIV President
9.00am - 10.00am	Presentation Title TBD Mick Ruppin
10.00am - 10.30am	Morning Tea
10.30am - 11.30am	An Update on Acute Kidney Injuries Yenny Indrawirawan
11:30am - 12:00pm	Presentation Title TBD Mick Ruppin
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm - 2:00pm	An introduction to the “Veterinary Guideline for investigating suboptimal reproductive performance in Australian Beef and Dairy herds” Lee Taylor
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Queensland Vet Surgeons Board How not to come and see us! Graham Laurdison
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Afternoon Tea
3:30pm - 4:30pm	The Oral Solution - A New Chapter in Managing Feline Diabetes Boehringer Ingelheim Louise Rae
4:30pm - 5:30pm	Approach to Acute Abdomen Katy Craig
7.00- 11:00pm	Conference Dinner

Sunday 14 September	
8:00am - 8:30am	Registration Open
8:30am - 9:30am	Semen Testing Brendon Brieffies
9:30am - 10:30am	CPR Refresher Katy Craig
10:30am - 11:00am	Morning Tea
11:00am - 12:00pm	Getting the most out of POCUS Yenny Indrawirawan
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Respiratory Emergencies Katy Craig
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm	Conference Closes



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Dinner

**Saturday 13 September 2025,
7.00pm-11.00pm**

[The Balcony Restaurant](#) - 287
Flinders Street, Townsville City

\$80 per person

2 course dinner included

Cash bar

Numbers limited, book early.





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Registration

Includes 10% GST. Credit card payment only. Early bird closes 22 August 2025. Standard closes 10 September 2025.

Pricing	Early Bird 22 Aug 25	Standard 20 Sep 25
AVA member/Associate	\$450	\$550
AVA student	\$225	\$275
New graduate*/Nurse	\$315	\$385
Non-member	\$825	\$825
Saturday night dinner		
Saturday Night Social Dinner	\$80	\$80

*new graduates are up to 3 years out

Note: Only current financial 2024-2025 members can qualify for the member rate.



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Registration and Pricing Inclusions

Full Registration Includes:

- Scientific sessions (Saturday and Sunday)
- Admittance to industry exhibition (Saturday-Sunday)
- Morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea (Saturday-Sunday)
- Electronic copy of proceedings

Excludes Saturday Night Dinner

Day Registration Includes:

- Attendance at scientific sessions (on nominated day/s only)
- Admittance to industry exhibition (on nominated day/s only)
- Morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea (on nominated day/s only)
- Electronic copy of proceedings

Excludes Saturday Night Dinner

Practice Managers and Vet Nurses

Practice managers and Vet Nurses can join the Australian Veterinary Association to receive a member discount at AVA CPD conferences.

Carer's Pass

A complimentary Carer's Pass for delegates will give the carer access to the conference, exhibition and sessions and allows parents/delegates nursing children to be provided with assistance. The pass does not include catering for carers. To request a pass please contact the Conference Secretariat; Kandy Musgrave. There is no need to register online. Your Carer's Pass can be collected at the registration desk upon arrival.



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General Information

Working towards a sustainable conference

As we work towards sustainability:

- We no longer offer conference satchels
- Program materials are provided electronically

VetEd points – up to 13 points

AVA members must include their AVA membership number when registering for the conference for automatic awarding of points to their VetEd statement.

Program

All speakers and sessions are confirmed and correct at the time of printing. The AVA reserves the right to amend the program details as required. The views and advice offered by speakers are their own views and may not represent those of the AVA.

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Cancellations must be received in writing to the Conference Secretariat at events@ava.com.au by 13 August 2025. Cancellations received prior to this date will receive a full refund minus \$150 administration fee. Cancellations after this date will not be refunded. Substitute delegates will be accepted.

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