**“Shoeing for Performance” Farriers Conference**

**When?**

**Friday 24 - Saturday 25 July 2015** (following the Bain Fallon Memorial Lectures)

**Where?**

**Friday 24 July (Lectures): Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley**

430 Wine Country Drive, Lovedale NSW 2325

(02) 4991 0000

**Saturday 25 July (Workshop): Muswellbrook Race Club**

Skellatar Park, 15 Racecourse Road, Muswellbrook NSW 2333

(02) 6541 1699

**Friday 24 July 2015 (Lectures):**

Lecture topics include:

- The digital venogram
  *Dr Amy Rucker*

- Limb conformation and corrective procedures: Angular limb deformities
  *Dr Angus Adkins*

- Laminitis update
  *Dr Luke Wells-Smith*

- Shoe selection for the lame performance horse
  *Dr Amy Rucker*

- Limb conformation and corrective procedures: Flexural limb deformities
  *Dr Angus Adkins*

- Case series discussion
  *Dr Luke Wells-Smith and Wayne "Link" Baumann*

**The Farriers Dinner is back in 2015, with a night of good food, good wine and good company at Harrigan’s Irish Pub in Pokolbin. Dress code: Smart casual.**

**Saturday 25 July 2015 (Workshop):**

The “Shoeing for Performance” Practical Workshop will be held on Saturday 25 July at Muswellbrook Race Club. Farriers and veterinarians will work in teams to tackle a series of tricky cases, with speakers from our Friday Lecture series on hand to provide guidance and promote discussion throughout the day.

**Registrations open March 2015**

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**Dr Amy Rucker DVM**

For those of you interested in equine podiatry and lameness, Dr Amy Rucker needs no introduction. A graduate of the University of Missouri-Columbia, and having worked for a number of prominent veterinary practices internationally (including a stint as Consulting Veterinarian at the Equine Podiatry and Lameness Centre in New South Wales), Dr Rucker was inducted into the International Equine Veterinarian Hall of Fame in 2012. Dr Rucker brings with her a wealth of knowledge and expertise on podiatry and lameness issues in horses.

**Dr Angus Adkins BVSc FACVSc**

An aspiring Equine Surgeon from the age of twelve, Dr Angus Adkins is now a Director and Senior Equine Surgeon of the Scone Equine Hospital (SEH). The Hospital performs surgery on over 1,200 cases annually and employs approximately 30 equine veterinarians. After graduating from the University of Melbourne in 1989, Dr Adkins worked in racetrack practice at Flemington for almost four years before moving to Perth in 1993 to undertake a residency in Equine Surgery at Murdoch University under the tuition of Professor John Yovich. Dr Adkins moved to the Scone Veterinary Hospital in 1997, and gained Fellowship of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists in 2002. Since then, Dr Adkins has been Chairman of the College’s Equine Chapter, and examines Equine Membership and Fellowship candidates. Dr Adkins has published widely and is regularly employed as a Speaker at veterinary conferences in Australia and overseas, including the British Equine Veterinary Association Conference in 2008.

**Dr Luke Wells-Smith BVSc**

Dr Luke Wells-Smith graduated from his TAFE Farriery Course in South Australia in 2004, and started his own business as a farrier while completing his Veterinary Science degree. He graduated as a veterinarian from James Cook University in 2010, since which time he has spent time in Australia and the United States working with and visiting veterinarians and farriers in podiatry and lameness practice.

Dr Wells-Smith’s research interests include the biomechanics of therapeutic horse shoes, hoof conformation of Thoroughbred yearlings, and laminitis in broodmares.

**Wayne “Link” Baumann**

Wayne “Link” Baumann has been shoeing horses for 30 years. In the early 1990s, Link undertook his apprenticeship with legendary Hunter Valley farrier, Billy Neville. After completing his trade qualifications, he started his own farriery business servicing the studs and performance horses of the Hunter Valley.

Link is dedicated to understanding the art and science of equine podiatry and lameness, and to passing this knowledge on to horse owners, farriers and veterinarians. Link’s interest in managing laminitis cases and complicated lameness conditions has resulted in regular trips to the United States to attend seminars, the Kentucky Laminitis Symposium and the American Farriers Association Convention, to further his knowledge and training in these areas. “Link” has competed regularly in farriery competitions and, in 1996, was successful in winning the Australian Farriery Championships. This success took him to the Calgary Stampede later that year to compete at the World Farriery Championships.

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