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Welcome

Join us in Airlie Beach this August for two days of engaging CPD, regional networking, and practical insights into both small and large animal practice. Nestled in the outskirts of Airlie Beach, 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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Airlie Beach, Queensland

Located in the heart of the Whitsundays region, the coastal town of Airlie Beach has long been a popular holiday destination. While it offers a convenient gateway to explore the incredible marine parks surrounding it, Airlie Beach is a place worth taking your time in. The year-round tropical weather, palm-fringed beaches, waterfront parks, al fresco restaurants and vibrant markets inspire you to go with the flow and soak up the laid-back vibe

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Shingley Beach Resort | My Rainbow Cafe, Airlie Beach

115 Shingley Dr, Cannonvale QLD 4802

My Rainbow Cafe is located inside the Shingley Beach Resort.





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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 15 August 2026

- Conference – 8.30am - 5.00pm
- Exhibition – 10.15am - 4.00pm
- Saturday Night Social Dinner – 6.30pm - 9.00pm

Sunday 16 August 2026

- Conference – 8.30am - 2.00pm

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Program

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Saturday 15 August	
8.00am - 8.30am	Registration Open
8.30am - 8.45am	Welcome - Katelyn Shannon NQ DIV President
8.45am - 9.15am	AVA Update
9.15am - 10.15am	Hot, Bothered & Still No Diagnosis: Solving the FUO Puzzle Jenna Rickards
10.15am - 10.45am	Morning Tea
10:45am - 11:30am	Significant Disease Investigations Regan Lynch
11:30am - 12:15pm	SDI Case Examples Julia Keough
12.15pm - 1.00pm	Finding the Forest Through the Trees: The Power of Problem-Listing Jenna Rickards
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm - 3:30pm	The \$1,000 Work Up (Panel)
3:30pm - 4:00pm	Afternoon Tea
4:00pm - 5:00pm	Neurological examination and Management of spinal patients Daniel McDonald
6.30- 9:00pm	Conference Dinner

Sunday 16 August	
8:00am - 8:30am	Registration Open
8:30am - 9:30am	Leptospirosis Graham Lauridsen
9:30am - 10:00am	Vet Surgeon Board Update Graham Lauridsen
10.00am - 10.30am	The AVNAT Regulatory Council Update AVNAT
10:30am - 11:00am	Morning Tea
11:00am - 12:00pm	Practical Wound Management in Small Animal Surgery Jun-Yan Sek
12:00pm - 1:00pm	Near-Infrared Fluorescence Imaging in Veterinary Surgery: Current Applications and Future Potential Jun-Yan Sek
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Lunch



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Dinner

Saturday 15 August 2026

6.30pm-9.00pm

[The Garden Bar](#) - Coral Sea Marina,
Shingley Dr, Airlie Beach QLD 4802

\$70 per person

Dinner & Drinks Included
Numbers limited, book early.

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Includes 10% GST. Credit card payment only. Early bird closes Wednesday 29 July 2026. Standard closes Friday 7 August 2026.

Pricing	Early Bird 29 July 2026	Standard 7 August 2026
General Registration (Flexi, Connected & Non-Member)	\$400	\$400
All Access Member (Event Advantage Discount)	\$300	\$375
New Graduate & Nurse Member	\$220	\$275
Student Member	\$100	\$125
Saturday night dinner		
Saturday Night Social Dinner	\$70	\$70

*new graduates are up to 3 years out

Note: Only current financial 2026-2027 members can qualify for the member rate.



To find out more about our Cancellation Policy, please [click here](#)



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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

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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 11 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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