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## Companion animal

	Wednesday 4 June		Thursday 5 June	Friday 6 June
7am	Registration opens			
8am	Welcome   Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Mission Rabies programme   Andy Gibson		Plenary: Leadership learnings from Australasian sport   Raelene Castle	Strays surrenders and foster care: cat rescue in New Zealand   Christine Roseveare
8.30am				Post-operative opioids effects on dogs urination after IVDE surgery   Lily van der Merwe
9am	Morning tea		NZVA AGM	Antimicrobial sensitivity of NZ canine & feline urinary tract isolates   Lisa Hulme-Moir
9.30am	Innate health concept: welfare revolution in body conformation in dogs   Dan O'Neill			New development in the treatment of canine atopic dermatitis   Richard Wilson
10am				Morning tea
10.30am	Dermatology topic and speaker (to be confirmed)		The hidden cost of incivility: safeguarding psychological safety in the OR   Luiz Santos	Itching for answers: Nursing dermatology & ear disease in pets   Ellie Clark
11am				
11.30am				
12pm	Lunch		Power imbalance   Anna Dengate & Karl Mathis	Caregiver burden - dermatology   Natalie Lloyd
12.30pm				
1pm	Pre-veterinary visit pharmaceuticals   Lucy Scott	Team based care - utilising nurses in the consult room in a team approach   Kelly Phillips, Charles Georgetti & Phoebe Bos	Lunch	
1.30pm	VPIS   Alpha Woolrich		Dermatology topic and speaker (to be confirmed)	Dermatology topic and speaker (to be confirmed)
2pm	Kv9 a novel cancer immunotherapeutic for solid tumours in dogs   Siobhan Ellis			
2.30pm	How to deliver a quality of life assessment   Emily Piche		Dermatology topic and speaker (to be confirmed)	Dermatology topic and speaker (to be confirmed)
3pm	Afternoon tea			
3.30pm	Dermatology topic and speaker (to be confirmed)		Afternoon tea	
4pm			Nutrition   Nick Cave	Dermatology topic and speaker (to be confirmed)
4.30pm	Dermatology topic and speaker (to be confirmed)			
5pm				
5.30pm	Happy hour		NZVA awards	
6.30pm				
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## Industry

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8am	Welcome   Kate Hill (NZVA President)
8.30am	Plenary: Plenary: Mission Rabies programme   Andy Gibson
9am	Morning tea
9.30am	New veterinary medicines registered in 2024   Mike Gieseg
10am	ACVM requirements for practicing Veterinarians   Awilda Baoumgren
10.30am	On and off label withholding periods: managing residues in practice   Awilda Baoumgren
11am	Update on the regulation of methane and nitrification inhibitors   Mark Aspin
11.30am	Women in leadership roles across the New Zealand primary industries   Clancy Merchant
12pm	Lunch
12.30pm	
1.30pm	
2pm	
2.30pm	
3pm	
3.30pm	
4pm	
4.30pm	
5pm	
5.30pm	
7pm	NZVA Special Interest Branch Dinners and NZVNA dinner

## Large Animal Veterinary Technicians

	Friday 6 June
7am	Registration opens
8.10am	LAVT President's Welcome   Justine Britton
8.15am	Rural Support Trust   To be confirmed
8.50am	Teatscoring for technicians as an aid to managing mastitis: The LAVTs contribution   Justine Britton
9.20am	Tail scoring for LAVTs   Sarah Hurst
10am	Morning tea
10.30am	A photographic study of disbudding wound healing   David Hawkins
10.50am	Disbudding wound management   David Hawkins
11.30am	How veterinary paraprofessionals can help in the fight against AMR   Lucy Johnson
12pm	Insight from the 2025 salary survey for Large Animal Technicians across NZ   Justine Britton
12.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm	Update on LAVT regulation and registration   Steph Mann
1.50pm	A role for Technicians outside of dairy – is it viable?   Grace Jones
2.20pm	LAVT value in the deer space   Sharna Loye
2.35pm	LAVT value in the research space   Stacey Brew
3pm	Emergency response for LAVTs   Hayley Sqaunce
3.30pm	Afternoon tea
4pm	Personal health resilience toolbox: prevention of disease by lifestyle choices   Sally Aitken
4.30pm	Share your knowledge: use teaching skills in clinical practice   Laura Beasley

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## Dairy Cattle

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7am	Registration opens			
8am	Welcome   Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Plenary: Mission Rabies programme   Andy Gibson	Plenary: Leadership learnings from Australasian sport   Raelene Castle	The future of the dairy advisory in a changing world   James Allen	
8.30am				
9am	Morning tea	NZVA AGM	Nutrition and reproduction   Ian Lean	
9.30am	Calcium metabolism and practical transition manage- ment   Ian Lean		Harnessing farmer participation in decision-making for better animal health outcomes   Lab Wilson	
10am	Mitigation of heat stress now and in to the future   Stacey Hendriks	Morning tea		
10.30am	Meloxicam and the reproductive performance of lame dairy cattle   Winston Mason	Rumination - the research behind rumination data info, acidosis and rumen function   Ian Lean	End user perspective on GHG's , what do you want from NZ products, beef on dairy farms   Simon Kenny	
11am	Practical transition management   Ian Lean	Smaxtec   Jeff Hill	Dairy genetics - an industry perspective & potential veterinary alignment   Richard Spelman	
11.30am	Dairy Cattle branch AGM	Nedap   Mike Wilson	Herd genetics - potential to improve productivity, profitability & health   Jack Hooper	
12pm	Lunch	Halter   Krispin Kannan & Ben McArthur	Herd selection for blanket dry cow therapy   Scott McDougall	
12.30pm				
1pm	Milk protein - the science, opportunities, and limitations for reproduction   Ryan Luckman	Lunch		
1.30pm	Practical fluid therapy for calves (and others)   Kristina Mueller	Association between transition period rumina tion and production in dairy cows   Matt Buckley	Dairy genetics - potential opportunities for vets   Isobel Willison	
	Role of anti-inflammatory treatments for bovine mastitis   Scott McDougall			
2pm	C-Section technique and ruminant surgery   Kristina Mueller	Using wearable data for spring-time cow management and LDA diagnosis   Isabelle Cassan	Methane and efficiency of productions - a vets guide to making a difference   Ian Lean	
2.30pm	Case study: ureaplasma diversum in a R2 dairy heifers   Toni Johnston	Economic outlook   Jarrod Kerr	The role of life cycle assessment in livestock produc- tion: improving efficiency and reducing environmen- tal impact   Andre Mazzetto	
3pm	Afternoon tea		Tāwharau Ora curriculum update   Eloise Jillings & Jenny Weston	
3.30pm	A new look for RVMs, MQCs and AWP's   Kate Poole	Afternoon tea	VPIS   Steve Cranefield	
	Does Johne's disease affect calves?   Duncan Crosbie		Afternoon tea	
4pm	BVD incursions on Waikato dairy farms - learnings about seroconversion   Arnica Van Der Wiele	Herd-i   Liz Muller		
4.30pm	Severe storms and southern salmonella stories spring/summer 24/25   Kim Kelly	CowManager   Kyle Kannan		
5pm	Worm resistance on dairy support blocks   Ginny Dodunski	Practical use of wearable data - Allflex collar fertility reports   Ryan Luckman		
	Quick and easy milk quality investigations   Briar Hayes	Afimilk: tools for the dairy veterinarian   Georgina Muller		
5.30pm	Happy hour	NZVA awards		
6.30pm				
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## Epidemiology, Food Safety, Animal Welfare & Biosecurity

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7am	Registration opens		
8am	Welcome   Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Plenary: Mission Rabies programme   Andy Gibson	Plenary: Leadership learnings from Australasian sport   Raelene Castle	WORKSHOP: Tiny farms - the significance of smallholders to NZ biosecurity   Maryna Sokolova
8.30am			
9am	Morning tea	NZVA AGM	
9.30am	Animal welfare- international and national perspectives   Matthew Stone		
10am	Certification of livestock for transport- a production animal vet's perspective   Dave Robertson	Morning tea	
10.30am	Livestock transport to slaughter from the transporter's perspective   Shona Robertson	Endemic disease dashboard   Kat Govender	WORKSHOP: Tiny farms - the significance of smallholders to NZ biosecurity   Maryna Sokolova
		The efficacy of risk-based sampling for herd-level detection of JD   Kara Dawson	
11am	Issues and challenges transporting livestock to slaughter   Richard Wild	A comparison between and within two ELISAs for bovine paratuberculosis   Venkatesh Kunkololu Murali	
11.30am	Panel discussion	Limited rodent-associated leptospirosis in Hawke's Bay following floods   Jackie Benschop	
12pm	Lunch	Mycoplasma bovis in the palatine tonsil of New Zealand cattle   Kelly Buckle	
12.30pm		Lunch	
1pm	Pig exam and common diseases   Laura Schwerdtfeger	A day safeguarding animal and human health   Brandon Brooks	WORKSHOP: Tiny farms - the significance of smallholders to NZ biosecurity   Maryna Sokolova
1.30pm			
2pm	Backyard poultry exam and common diseases   Sam Hurley	How verification services veterinarians enable NZ red meat export   Sarah Key	
2.30pm		Tāwharau Ora update   Eloise Jilling & Jenny Weston	
3pm	Afternoon tea	Worldwide Veterinary Services- education and inspiration of vets in LMCs   Andy Gibson	
3.30pm		Afternoon tea	
4pm	Technical large animal rescue: approaching a rescue scenario   Patrice Palleson-Putt	Worldwide Veterinary Services- novel approaches to dog population control in LMCs   Andy Gibson	
4.30pm	Navigating crisis on the rural-urban fringe   Hayley Squance	Investigating intrafamilial transmission of enterotoxigenic Bacteroides fragilis in NZ sheep   Scott Loeffler	
5pm		Effect of a novel anti-inflammatory and 12 versus 24-hour treatment interval for mastitis   Richard Munn	
5.30pm	Happy hour	NZVA awards	
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## Equine & Equine How To

	Wednesday 4 June		Thursday 5 June			Friday 6 June
7am	Registration opens					
8am	Welcome   Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Plenary: Mission Rabies programme   Andy Gibson		Plenary: Leadership learnings from Australasian sport   Raelene Castle		Principles of ultrasound-guidance   David Stack	
8.30am					Ultrasound-guided upper limb joint injections   David Stack	
9am	Morning tea				NZVA AGM	Ultrasound-guided back injections   Henk van der Veen
9.30am	Carpal lameness   Bruce Bladen					
10am	Nerve block complications   Bruce Bladen		Morning tea			
10.30am	Tendon and tendon sheath lacerations   Bruce Bladen		Equine atopic dermatitis   Helen Orbell		Ultrasound-guided injections of the cervical facet joints   Henk van der Veen	
11am	Equine branch AGM					
11.30am			Equine nodular skin disease   Geoff Orbell		Navicular bursa injections   David Stack	
12pm	Lunch					
12.30pm						
1pm	Antibiotic usage in equine practice   Bruce Bladen	Taking hoof balance radiographs   David Stack	Lunch			
1.30pm		Adjusting your ultrasound settings to improve your image   David Stack				
2pm	AMR in horses - how are we doing so far?   Lucy Johnston	To be confirmed	Lesions of the caudal skull and cranial neck   Henk van der Veen	National equine identification system   Trish Pearce	Ultrasound-guided surgery   David Stack	
		Ultrasound of the				Answering the age old question - medical or behavioural?   Lucy Scott
2.30pm	Antimicrobial resistance in equine endometritis cases in New Zealand   Lee Morris	Blocking the navicular bursa   Bruce Bladen	Mistakes I've made - when orthopaedics goes a bit bendy   Bruce Bladen	Bodywork - bonus or bogus? Manual therapies in veterinary practice   Debbie Prattley	Lumbosacral and sacroiliac injection techniques   David Stack	
3pm	Afternoon tea					Primary wound dressings - how to keep it simple   Rachel Smith
				Endoscopy of the guttural pouches   Rachel Smith		
3.30pm	Treatment of a pastern aneurysmal bone cyst in a yearling   Christopher Beggan		Afternoon tea			
	To be confirmed		The changing risk profile of equine veterinary practice – risks and tools to manage them   Paul Fraser & Brendon Bell			Conventional systemic and intra-articular joint therapies   Henk van der Veen
4pm	Intravenous regional limb perfusions (IVRLP) using erythromycin for septic phytitis   Ali Mitchell					
	Surgical treatment of gastric outflow obstruction in a 5-week-old foal   Catherine Ross					
4.30pm	To be confirmed					What's the latest on regenerative therapies?   David Stack
	To be confirmed					
5pm	Accidental selenium toxicity in horses   Nicolette Adamson		Gouldie hour   Joe Mayhew			
	Horse with carpal CT performed   Fred Pauwels					
5.30pm	Happy hour		NZVA awards			
6.30pm						
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# Sheep, Beef Cattle & Deer

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7am	Registration opens		
8am	Welcome   Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Mission Rabies programme   Andy Gibson	Plenary: Leadership learnings from Australasian sport   Raelene Castle	Case study: accidental selenium toxicity in horses, sheep and cattle   Nicolette Adamson
8.30am			Economic analysis of leptospirosis vaccination in lambs   Daniel Green
9am	Morning tea	NZVA AGM	Beyond dairy! LAVTs in non-dairy rural animal practice   Steph Mann
9.30am	Lamb, dairy and beef feeding systems   To be confirmed		Rural support trust   To be confirmed
10am	Lamb performance and parasites   John Niezen	Morning tea	
10.30am	The brief beef - a live podcast   Becks Smith & surprise guests	To be confirmed   Anthony Oswald	CEVA Clostridials   To be confirmed
11am		BVD: another pathway to infection   Amy Hoogenboom	
11.30am	Long-acting methane inhibitor for grazing cattle – a first glimpse   Abigail Chase	DAGI - Heat mapping drench resistance parasite load on pasture   Ryan Luckman	Mycobacterium avium subsp. Paratuberculosis (MAP) and sheep reproductive performance   Anne Ridler
12pm	Lunch	Wormwise advance farm systems   Jeremy Leigh	Campylobacter in NZ, what has changed   Kim Kelly
12.30pm			
1pm	Shelly hoof in sheep in NZ (preliminary findings)   Sara Sutherland	Lunch	
1.30pm	Multiminerals for sheep and beef   Matt Wells	To be confirmed	Pathology and form of dairy ewe udders   Greg Chambers
2pm	Sheep & Beef AGM	Massey student case study   To be confirmed	Subclinical mastitis in dairy ewes   Greg Chambers
2.30pm		Deer copper survey 2024   Hayden Barker	Troublesome aerobic plate counts on dairy sheep farms   Greg Chambers
3pm	Afternoon tea	Rear rub in deer   Jane Morgan	Udder defects in non-dairy breed ewes   Anne Ridler
		Deer AGM	
3.30pm	DINZ industry update   Paddy Boyd/Rhys Griffiths	Afternoon tea	
4pm	Massey update/fostering new deer vets   Stuart Bruere	Facial eczema, defining clinical and sub-clinical disease   Cara Brosnahan	Acute abdomen   Sarah Clews
		Facial eczema workshop session   Cara Brosnahan	Neonatal disease of ruminants and camelids   Sarah Clews
4.30pm	Velvet grading for newbies   Tony Cochrane	Supporting farmers in tackling facial eczema: opportunities and challenges   Rebecca Dymond	Neonatal disease of ruminants and camelids   Sarah Clews
5pm	Velvet webinar follow up   Camille Flack	Rebecca Dymond	Management of geriatric livestock on LSB   Laura Schwerdtfeger
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8am	Welcome   Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Plenary: Mission Rabies programme   Andy Gibson	Plenary: Leadership learnings from Australasian sport   Raelene Castle	Why benchmarking matters and how to use it to help your team be succesful   Paul Ainsworth, Gary Turnbull & Mark Hosking
8.30am			
9am	Morning tea	NZVA AGM	To be confirmed   Bill Bishop
9.30am	Financial aspects of animal healthcare – a narrative enquiry and client experiences of the veterinary sector   Francesca Brown		Social impact of the veterinary profession   Anna Dengate
10am		Morning tea	
10.30am	Out the other side of the profession – what do we see?   Emma Cuttance, Michael Shallcrass & Angela McEwan	The hidden cost of incivility: safeguarding psychological safety in the OR   Luiz Santos	ARC - business journey opening a referral clinic in NZ   Karl Mathis & Fiona Park
11am			
11.30am			
12pm	Lunch	Power imbalance   Anna Dengate & Karl Mathis	How I run an efficient business   Anna Dengate
12.30pm			
1pm	Team based care - utilising nurses in the consult room in a team approach   Kelly Phillips, Charles Georgetti & Phoebe Bos	Lunch	
1.30pm			
2pm	Effective and efficient: utilising the clinic support team for best patient, client and team outcomes   Tania Carmody-Gover	To be confirmed   Lincoln institute	In a career full of animals it's all about the people - mental fitness for Veterinary professionals   Charlie Mathews & Debby Prideaux
2.30pm			
3pm	Afternoon tea	Economic outlook   Jarrod Kerr	Unveiling the secrets to veterinary career success!   Stuart Gordon
3.30pm	Veterinary Business Community AGM	Afternoon tea	
4pm	Moot: That Vet Clubs are great for the NZ Veterinary Profession   To be confirmed	Moot: That veterinary staff are not being paid what they're worth, and it's the businesses taking the profit   To be confirmed	Emergency care update   Seton Butler and NZVA speaker
4.30pm			
5pm			
5.30pm	Happy hour	NZVA awards	
6.30pm			
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## Veterinary Nursing

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7am	Registration opens				
8am	Welcome   Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Plenary: Mission Rabies programme   Andy Gibson		Plenary: Leadership learnings from Australasian sport   Raelene Castle	Decoding the art of taking dental x-rays   Cindy Paton	
8.30am				Taking the nurse dental consultation to the next level   Maggie Burley	
9am	Morning tea		Teamwork in action: VN role in building effective veterinary care strategies   Nicola Lakeman	To be confirmed   Boehringer	
9.30am	Lead, manage, nurture: what is my role as HVN?   Nicola Lakeman			Anaesthesia for inflow occlusion for pulmonary artery mass   Anna McConnell	
10am			Morning tea		
10.30am	A positive and curious approach to team and client communication   Carin Blackett		Know your worth with pride and professionalism   Sue Crampton	Itching for answers: Nursing dermatology & ear disease in pets   Ellie Clark	
11am	The neuroscience of the stress response   Hayley Squance				
11.30am			NZVNA AGM	To be confirmed   Nicola Lakeman	
12pm	Lunch		Reflective CPD process   Clare Morton		
12.30pm					
1pm	Team based care - utilising nurses in the consult room in a team approach   Kelly Phillips, Charles Georgetti & Phoebe Bos		Lunch		
1.30pm	Effective and efficient: utilising the clinic support team for best patient, client and team outcomes   Tania Carmody-Gover		Help! Which diet to use with co-morbidities   Nicola Lakeman	One framework to rule them all:simplify chronic condition consults   Nicola Lakeman	
2pm					
2.30pm			To be confirmed   Hills	Improve patient outcomes with complementary therapies   Liza Schneider	
3pm	Afternoon tea		Canine and feline intubation - tips and tricks   Michelle Martin	Force free handling and cooperative care   Angela Fletcher	
3.30pm	Calm in the chaos: tackling anxiety in veterinary nursing   Wendy Jarnet		Afternoon tea		
4pm			Moot: That veterinary staff are not being paid what they're worth, and it's the businesses taking the profit   To be confirmed		
4.30pm	Consulting with impact: how confidence drives better outcomes   Nicola Lakeman				
5pm					
5.30pm	Happy hour				
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