

Companion Animal

| | Wednesday 19 June | Thursday 20 June | Friday 21 June |
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| 7am | Registration opens | | |
| 8am | Welcome Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Sustaining our future as the climate changes Morgan Williams, Tennielle Ellingham & Jane Ough | Plenary: Mental health John Kirwan | How you make me feel matters – a client’s perspective Francesca Brown |
| 8.30am | | | An AMR team update for companion animal veterinarians Lucy Johnston |
| 9am | How I approach a cancer case Patrick Smith | Navigating the surgical landscape: oncological strategies for veterinary patients Charles Kuntz | Chemotherapy practices of New Zealand veterinarians: utilisation and influencing factors Sarah Northover |
| 9.30am | | | Aftercare - our last hurdle? Adrian Evans and Jennifer Evans |
| 10am | Morning tea | | |
| 10.30am | Epidemiological highlights of cancer Dan O'Neill | Biopsy basics: essential principles and techniques for veterinary cancer diagnosis Charles Kuntz | Canine mast cell tumours – how to spot the bad ones and what to do about them Patrick Smith |
| 11am | | | |
| 11.30am | How clinical pathology can help you in a cancer case Rebecca Allan & Sandra Bulla | NZVA AGM | Urinary tract cancer - are we getting better? Alastair Coomer |
| 12pm | | | |
| 12.30pm | Lunch | | |
| 1.30pm | Oncology nutrition Nick Cave | To boldly cut: surgical solutions for veterinary head and neck cancer Charles Kuntz | Spleen-did surgery: navigating liver and spleen cancer management in dogs Charles Kuntz |
| 2pm | | | |
| 2.30pm | Chemotherapy in pets – aims, risks, and benefits Patrick Smith | Canine lymphoma – more than B-cell/T-cell Patrick Smith | Interventional oncology - sometimes less is more Alastair Coomer |
| 3pm | | | |
| 3.30pm | Afternoon tea | | |
| 4pm | Interactive case session Patrick Smith | Bone to be wild: unleashing insights into canine osteosarcoma Charles Kuntz | Interactive case session Charles Kuntz & Alastair Coomer |
| 4.30pm | | Tailored treatment: veterinary surgical approaches to canine endocrine cancer Charles Kuntz | |
| 5pm | | | |
| 5.30pm | Happy hour | | |
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Industry

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Veterinary Medicine

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| 7am | Registration opens |
| 8am | Welcome Kate Hill (NZVA President) |
| 8.30 | Plenary: Sustaining our future as the climate changes Morgan Williams, Tennielle Ellingham & Jane Ough |
| 9am | Zero AMU by 2030 - how are we doing? Mark Bryan |
| 9.30am | Animal health and welfare are cornerstones of sustainable dairy farming Samantha Tennent |
| 10am | Morning tea |
| 10.30am | Why vets shouldn't chase passion in their careers - 3 things you should do instead Steve Oehley |
| 11am | Māori vet and vet nurse perspectives of the veterinary sector Francesca Brown & Jane Jones |
| 11.30am | Skirting the issue: links between animal abuse and family violence Catherine Rice |
| 12pm | Driving positive change in farmed animal welfare through certification Kelly Drake |
| 12.30pm | Lunch |
| 1.30pm | Can AI offer the veterinary profession a more sustainable future? Tom Brownlie & Christopher Laing |
| 2pm | |
| 2.30pm | "It depends": the complex reality of environmental sustainability Kristen Baxter |
| 3pm | |
| 3.30pm | Afternoon tea |
| 4pm | Industry AGM |
| 4.30pm | Utilising human behaviour to improve animal outcomes and client trust Jessica Moore-Jones |
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| 1.30pm | Economic outlook Jarrod Kerr |

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| 8am | Plenary: Mental health John Kirwan |
| 8.30am | |
| 9am | Welcome Rose Unsworth |
| 9.30am | The gut microbiome and dysbiosis - good gut health and it's disruptors Rebecca Brown & Jacqui Snell |
| 10am | Morning tea |
| 10.30am | Downstream from dysbiosis: what is gut dysbiosis and what does it do to systemic health Matthew J Muir |
| 11am | |
| 11.30am | NZVA AGM |
| 12pm | |
| 12.30pm | Lunch |
| 1.30pm | Microbiome manipulation: strategies to rectify dysbiosis. An unlock for complex cases Matthew J Muir |
| 2pm | |
| 2.30pm | Organically grown foods - fad or lifesaver? Creating optimal microbiome health Viv Harris |
| 3pm | |
| 3.30pm | Afternoon tea |
| 4pm | One Health and integrative veterinary medicine Liza Schneider |
| 4.30pm | |
| 5pm | Complementary Veterinary Medicine Branch AGM |
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Dairy Cattle

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| 7am | Registration opens | | |
| 8am | Welcome Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Sustaining our future as the climate changes Morgan Williams, Tennielle Ellingham & Jane Ough | Plenary: Mental health John Kirwan | Whole herd individual milk cultures, does it stack up? Ben Davidson |
| 8.30am | | | The effect of dry cow therapy protocol on BMSCC Rachel Lane |
| 9am | New Zealand dairy cows have a good life Stacey Hendriks | Project Dairy Vet Horizons Lydia Charteris | Running a teatscoring service - some practical learnings Ryan Luckman |
| 9.30am | The future of dairy sustainability – beyond emissions Charlotte van der Lee | Animal care practices on Aotearoa dairy farms Penny Timmer-Arends | Case study: insights from Staph aureus antibody monitoring on a 1000 cow herd Tony Pernathaner |
| 10am | Morning tea | | |
| 10.30am | The influence of PKE on liver copper in Waikato herds Adam Hittman | Making lame cow treatment easier, faster and better Graeme Hughes | Mastitis management and the evolving role of mastitis diagnostics Jane Lacy-Hulbert & Steve Cranefield |
| | Liver copper John Spearpoint | Recent research into lameness on NZ dairy farms Winston Mason | |
| 11am | Optimal use of drugs informed by pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics and the situation Ian Tucker | Early detection and prompt effective treatment of lame cows Winston Mason | Early season mastitis & reproductive outcomes - a metadata approach Stephanie Fankhauser & Ryan Luckman |
| 11.30am | Semen quality Mark Julian | NZVA AGM | Massey BVSc update Jenny Weston |
| 12pm | | | Results of the 2023 DairyNZ winter management farmer survey Greg Chambers & Justin Kitto |
| 12.30pm | Lunch | | |
| 1.30pm | Predictors of higher within-herd prevalence and animal-level risk of Johne's disease on NZ dairy farms, 2013-2024 Kara Dawson | Phantom scanning and late synchrony programmes- can they reduce wastage? Mark Challoner | An AMR team update for dairy veterinarians Lucy Johnston |
| | Johne's disease case series: investigating successes and challenges in control Rebecca White | Improved heifer reproduction following treatment with a modified Cosynch program Peter Aitken | |
| 2pm | An unusual case of nitrate toxicity in R1 dairy heifers Meagan Coneeny | An observational study of 5-Day CIDR Synchrony in maiden dairy heifers Matthew O'Sullivan | EVeterinarians and farm efficiency Mike Shallcrass |
| 2.30pm | How about that selenium? - Hello bulk milk Emma Cuttance | Does prostaglandin increase cycling rates in anoestrus cows? Ryan Luckman | Engaging with change Tennielle Ellingham |
| 3pm | Genemark genomics Mark Julian | Calving interval in New Zealand dairy herds Krispin Kannan | Verification services update Kristi Hamblin |
| | | Dairy Cattle AGM | |
| 3.30pm | Afternoon tea | | |
| 4pm | Behaviour and liveweight of Holstein-Friesian calves with different milk allowances Ashton McDonald | Modelling the reproductive performance and GHG emissions of dairy cattle Clive Bingham | |
| 4.30pm | How do NZ farmers raise calves? Emma Cuttance | Results from a national study of salmonellosis in dairy cattle Chris Compton | |
| 5pm | Calf bruising in longhaul transport Emma Cuttance | Damning evidence: the maternal impact on risk of Johne's Disease in replacement heifers Kara Dawson | |
| | VPIS insurance perspectives Steve Cranefield | | |
| 5.30pm | Happy hour | | |
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Epidemiology, Food Safety, Animal Welfare & Biosecurity

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| 8am | Welcome Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Sustaining our future as the climate changes Morgan Williams, Tennielle Ellingham & Jane Ough | Plenary: Mental health John Kirwan | WORKSHOP: Real time response during a highly-pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreak in NZ Paul Bingham, Mark Eames, Jon Watts and Toni Tana & Grant Matthews |
| 8.30am | | | |
| 9am | Massey BVSc update Eloise Jillings | Project Dairy Vet Horizons Lydia Charteris | |
| 9.30am | | Animal care practices on Aotearoa dairy farms Penny Timmer-Arends | |
| 10am | Morning tea | | |
| 10.30am | Vet careers in MPI Verification Services Chris Shorrocks & Su Langdon | Antimicrobial resistance and animal agriculture: A veterinary epidemiologist's perspective Yrjo Grohn | WORKSHOP: Real time response during a highly-pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreak in NZ Paul Bingham, Mark Eames, Jon Watts and Toni Tana & Grant Matthews |
| 11am | The evolution of food safety inspection - meat products Stephen Yearwood | | |
| 11.30am | Welfare of greyhounds: working towards a sustainable future Michelle Ledger | NZVA AGM | |
| 12pm | Welfare of stray animals - veterinarian rights and responsibilities Adam Newman | | |
| 12.30pm | Lunch | | |
| 1.30pm | Vet roles in emergency preparedness and response Dan Fleming, Rebecca Fleming, Paula Oram, Theresa Hoyle, Wayne Ricketts, Patrice Palleson-Putt, Hayley Squance & Grant Matthews | An AMR team update Lucy Johnston | WORKSHOP: Real time response during a highly-pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) outbreak in NZ Paul Bingham, Mark Eames, Jon Watts, Toni Tana & Grant Matthews |
| 2pm | | Using a systems approach to inform VCNZ AMR strategy Ben Davidson | |
| 2.30pm | | HPAI - a deeper dive into where we are and what might be coming around the corner Grant Matthews | |
| 3pm | | | |
| 3.30pm | Afternoon tea | | |
| 4pm | Enhancing emergency response for veterinary professionals in New Zealand Hayley Squance & Patrice Palleson-Putt | Modelling the reproductive performance and GHG emissions of dairy cattle Clive Bingham | |
| 4.30pm | | Findings from national case-control study on salmonellosis in dairy herds Chris Compton | |
| 5pm | | Damning evidence: the maternal impact on risk of Johne's Disease in replacement heifers Kara Dawson | |
| 5.30pm | | Happy hour | |
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Equine & Equine How To

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| 8am | Welcome Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Sustaining our future as the climate changes Morgan Williams, Tennielle Ellingham & Jane Ough | | Plenary: Mental health John Kirwan | | Technical large animal rescue in New Zealand – time to get organised Peter Gillespie |
| 8.30am | | | | | Horses and incidents David King |
| 9am | Intra-thechal (tendon sheath and bursa) tendon disease Roger Smith | | Diagnosis and management of placentitis James Crabtree | | Triage at an emergency incident Christine Smith |
| 9.30am | | | | | Options for rescue David King |
| 10am | Morning tea | | | | |
| 10.30am | Soft tissue injuries of the foot Roger Smith | | Management of postpartum problems in the mare James Crabtree | | Vets at a multi-agency incident Patrice Palleson-Putt & Steve De Grey |
| 11am | Soft tissue injuries of the hock Roger Smith | | | | |
| 11.30am | | | NZVA AGM | | Field sedation and anaesthetic options at an emergency incident Christine Smith |
| 12pm | NZEVA AGM | | | | |
| 12.30pm | Lunch | | | | |
| 1.30pm | Management of anoestrus & the transition phase James Crabtree | Hyperlipidaemia Michelle Logan | Soft tissue injuries of the stifle Roger Smith | Equine drench resistance in New Zealand- worrying results from a recent national trial Holly Blue | Overriding principles of a large animal rescue operation David King |
| | | How to manage orphan foal Michelle Logan | | How to test for insulin dysregulation Amy Lovett | |
| 2pm | | How to place a sub-palpebral lavage system Shelly Hann | | | |
| 2.30pm | Flushing and transfer of equine embryos in practice James Crabtree | How to perform equabdominocentesis Jenny Sonis | Evidence for intralesional treatment of tendon and ligament injuries Roger Smith | How to differentiate corneal ulcers, stromal abscesses and uveitis Amy Lovett | Basic rescue techniques David King, Christine Smith, Patrice Palleson-Putt & Steve De Grey |
| 3pm | | How to optimise the use of your ultrasound machine Roger Smith | Personalising the rehabilitation program Roger Smith | Retained foetal membranes in the field James Crabtree | |
| | | How to perform intralesional injections in a tendon Roger Smith | | How to manage dystocia in the field James Crabtree | |
| 3.30pm | Afternoon tea | | | | |
| 4pm | Practitioner papers | | Foetal sexing James Crabtree | | Complex large animal incidents David King |
| 4.30pm | | | Gouldie hour Joe Mayhew, James Crabtree & Roger Smith | | Wrap up David King, Christine Smith, Patrice Palleson-Putt & Steve De Grey |
| 5pm | | | | | |
| 5.30pm | Happy hour | | | | |
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Sheep, Beef Cattle & Deer

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| 8am | Welcome Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Sustaining our future as the climate changes Morgan Williams, Tennielle Ellingham & Jane Ough | Plenary: Mental health John Kirwan | |
| 8.30am | | | Wormwise farmer discussion panel Ginny Dodunski, Angela McEwan, Donald McKenzie, David McKenzie, Jo Trigg & Blair Nelson |
| 9am | Bale graze wintering - research evaluation and practical experiences Dylan Ditchfield & Ross Monagan | Farmer reported clinical mastitis in dairy ewes Greg Chambers | Optimising staff utilisation in rural veterinary practice – better for everyone! Francesca Brown |
| 9.30am | | Impact of global resource constraints on NZ agriculture Solis Norton | |
| 10am | Morning tea | | |
| 10.30am | Findings from the B+LNZ low input sheep progeny test over 5 years at Orari Gorge Station Robert Peacock | Pain management in sheep Alison Small | The five things of parasite management Dave Robertson |
| 11am | Grading up to a Wiltshire Flock of shedding sheep Nick Sneddon | | Facial eczema in a herd of Angus cattle Annabel Schweizer |
| 11.30am | Drinking behaviour of ewes in summer, autumn and late pregnancy Anne Ridler | NZVA AGM | A tool to help reduce drench input and maintain performance Dave Warburton & Andrew Greer |
| 12pm | Where do ewes go and BCS accuracy ‘by eye’ Anne Ridler | | Efficacy of a topical selenium formulation in beef cattle Sean Daly |
| 12.30pm | Lunch | | |
| 1.30pm | Stream health and water quality on Hill and High country deer farms Bryan Thompson | Rural veterinary practice change in response to energy related pressure Solis Norton | Field trip to Lincoln University |
| 2pm | Deer velvet antler science updates Jamie Ward | MPI biosecurity NZ exotic disease investigation Mark Eames | |
| | Farmed deer adaptability to the stressors of weaning Jamie Ward | Sheep poo study: monitoring FE in New Zealand over three years Cara Brosnahan | |
| 2.30pm | Wearable tech for deer Bryan Thompson | Triple drench resistance and failure in North-land beef systems Garth Riddle | |
| 3pm | Prevalence of lameness in adult stags on New Zealand deer farms Andrew Bates | NZ deer industry 2024 overview: thriving with passion Mandy Bell | |
| 3.30pm | Afternoon tea | | |
| 4pm | Trace mineral injection pre-lamb – an observational study of key performance indicators Alex Meban | Successful weaning in deer - what does it look like? Camille Flack | Field trip to Lincoln University |
| 4.30pm | Management of shearing cuts Sara Sutherland | Welfare issues arising from the transport and slaughter of deer Shaun Campbell | |
| 5pm | Deer AGM | Sheep and Beef Cattle AGM | |
| 5.30pm | Happy hour | | |
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Veterinary Business

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| 8am | Welcome Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Sustaining our future as the climate changes Morgan Williams, Tennielle Ellingham & Jane Ough | Plenary: Mental health John Kirwan | How vet clubs lead with purpose and help create a unique vet business landscape in NZ Mike Lange |
| 8.30am | | | Crazy fast, fun, scary ride called EpiVets Emma Cuttance |
| 9am | Paws and profits: unleashing the benefits of pet insurance for thriving practices and happy pets Kerri Murray, Michelle Cameron, Sam Allott and Kelly Phillips | Creating a culture of psychological safety to secure the wellbeing & performance of your team Gary Turnbull | Communicating with DISC Lucy Smith |
| 9.30am | | | |
| 10am | Morning tea | | |
| 10.30am | Better vets, better future – a veterinary customer perspective Angela McEwan, Emma Cuttance & Michael Shallcrass | Leadership John Kirwan | 4,000 weeks to live - your plan for work life balance Mark Daniels |
| 11am | | | |
| 11.30am | AI in practice. Onboard or not? Tom Brownlie & Christopher Laing | NZVA AGM | Communication styles and developing highly functioning teams Lucy Smith |
| 12pm | | | |
| 12.30pm | Lunch | | |
| 1.30pm | Vet roles in emergency preparedness and response Dan Fleming, Rebecca Fleming, Paula Oram, Theresa Hoyle, Wayne Ricketts, Patrice Palleson-Putt, Hayley Squance & Grant Matthews | Economic outlook Jarrod Kerr | Adaptive strategy: turning uncertainty into a strategic advantage Steve McCrone |
| 2pm | | | |
| 2.30pm | | A little mistake that cost a vet \$30,000 - 5 critical marketing tips Mark Daniels | The fundamentals of marketing yourself and your practice Gareth O'Connor |
| 3pm | | | |
| 3.30pm | Afternoon tea | | |
| 4pm | After-hours – emergency services Seton Butler, Justin Connolly, Sally Cory and Cristin Dwyer | Beyond medicine: Mastering communication & leadership for veterinary teams- a US perspective Zach Mills | Changing the way we do things around here! Francesca Brown |
| 4.30pm | | | |
| 5pm | Veterinary Business AGM | NZVA and VBB benchmarking project update - latest learnings and industry trends Mark Hosking | |
| 5.30pm | Happy hour | | |
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Veterinary Nursing

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| | Wellbeing | | Equine | Companion Animal | Companion Animal | |
| 7am | Registration opens | | | | | |
| 8am | Welcome Amy Ross (NZVNA President) Becoming a unicorn team Amy Newfield | | Plenary: Mental health John Kirwan | Plenary: Mental health John Kirwan | Understanding and discussing diagnostics with clients Jennifer Mair | |
| 8.30am | | | | | | |
| 9am | Paws and profits: unleashing the benefits of pet insurance for thriving practices and happy pets Kerri Murray, Michelle Cameron, Sam Allott and Kelly Phillips | | Emergency anaesthesia: the equine edition Marcia Fletcher | Understanding radiographs: abdominal Amy Newfield | Rehabilitation in the veterinary clinic: post-op orthopaedic rehab for Vet Nurses Elena Saltis | |
| 9.30am | | | | | | |
| 10am | Morning tea | | | | | |
| 10.30am | The generation gap Amy Newfield | | Abstract presentations Alya Zamri, Tenneal Prebble, Eden Withy & Eleanor Thompson | Understanding radiographs: thoracic Amy Newfield | Rough inductions and difficult recoveries Marcia Fletcher | |
| 11am | | | | | | |
| 11.30am | Goal setting Crampton Consulting | | NZVNA AGM | NZVNA AGM | Procedures for the neonate/pediatric patient Amy Newfield | |
| 12pm | | | AVPRC registration | AVPRC registration | | |
| 12.30pm | Lunch | | | | | |
| 1.30pm | Preventing burnout Amy Newfield | | Tips and tricks to help manage equine wounds Christine | Emergency anaesthesia Marcia Fletcher | Breath like a brachy Marcia Fletcher | |
| 2pm | | | | Successful nutritional nurse consults - 6 easy steps! Hannah Cleary, Hayley Langford and Kate Cambie | | |
| 2.30pm | Clinical coaching skills workshop Michael Powell, Angela Young and Vicki Letchford | | | | | |
| 3pm | | | | | | |
| 3.30pm | Afternoon tea | | | | | |
| 4pm | Clinical coaching skills workshop Michael Powell, Angela Young and Vicki Letchford | | Workshop Sara Bagheri | Forward thinking nursing skills Amy Newfield | Changing the way we do things around here! Francesca Brown | |
| 4.30pm | | | | Supporting dogs’ physical and mental health through enrichment Els Desart | | |
| 5pm | How to make vet med a sustainable career Amy Newfield | | | | | |
| 5.30pm | Happy hour | | | | | |
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