






# NZVA and NZVNA 2025 Conference

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## Companion animal

	Wednesday 4 June 		Thursday 5 June		Friday 6 June	 <small>A covetrus Company</small>
7am	Registration opens					
8am	Welcome   Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Rabid about rabies - why, how, and when   Andy Gibson		Plenary: Leadership learnings from Australasian sport   Raelene Castle		Strays, surrenders, and foster care: examining NZ cat rescue landscape  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				To be confirmed	
10am			Morning tea			
10.30am	Top 10 tips to avoid derm disasters   Helen Orbell & Debbie Simpson		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	Preventative management of otitis   Helen Orbell					
11.30am	The different manifestations of atopy   Debbie Simpson		Power imbalance   Anna Dengate & Karl Mathis		Paws for thought- successful management of dermatological disease in companion animals   Natalie Lloyd	
12pm	Lunch					
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	Minimising errors in vet practices: a swiss cheese approach   Katy Dawson & Tanya Page					
2pm	Kv9 a novel cancer immunotherapeutic for solid tumours in dogs   Siobhan Ellis	Effective and efficient: utilising the clinic support team for best patient, client and team outcomes   Tania Carmody-Gover	Better biopsies   Geoff Orbell		A wolf in sheep's clothing: Lupus and other cytotoxic diseases   Helen Orbell & Geoff Orbell	
2.30pm	How to deliver a quality of life consultation   Emily Piche		The nose knows and paws for thought   Geoff Orbell, Debbie Simpson & Helen Orbell		Pemphigus   Debbie Simpson & Geoff Orbell	
3pm	Afternoon tea					
3.30pm	Feline pruritic dermatitis - a practical diagnostic and therapeutic approach to the pruritic cat with a focus on feline atopic skin syndrome  Danielle Hoolahan		Afternoon tea			
4pm			Dietary aspects of skin disease  Nick Cave		Cutaneous lymphoma   Helen Orbell & Geoff Orbell	
4.30pm	Canine allergic dermatitis- a practical approach to differentiating and managing allergic dermatitis   Danielle Hoolahan				Panel discussion on various dermatology topics   Helen Orbell, Debbie Simpson & Geoff Orbell	
5pm			Nutrition and dermatology   Geoff Orbell & Helen Orbell			
5.30pm	Happy hour		NZVA awards			
6.30pm						
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## Industry

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8.30am	
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	The regulation of environmental inhibitors in New Zealand   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	Afternoon tea
3.30pm	Industry Veterinarians Branch AGM
4pm	
4.30pm	
5pm	
5.30pm	Happy hour
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: Grassroots insights about rural wellbeing & community resilience   Sarah Donaldson
8.50am	Teatscoring for technicians as an aid to managing mastitis: The LAVTs contribution   Justine Britton
9.20am	Tail Scoring – the why, the how and the research project that spanned 18 months   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	Large Animal Technicians in research   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: Rabid about rabies - why, how, and when   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 management   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	Paddock to patty – Macca’s approach with beef production and climate action  Simon Kenny	
11am	Practical transition management   Ian Lean	SmaXtec – unlocking unique opportunities with world leading bolus technology   Jeff Hill	Dairy genetics - an industry perspective & potential veterinary alignment   Richard Spelman	
11.30am	Dairy Cattle Veterinarian Branch AGM	Nedap Now, a tool for the Dairy Vet   Mike Wilson	Methane and efficiency of productions - a vets guide to making a difference   Ian Lean	
12pm	Lunch	Halter   Krispin Kannan & Ben McArthur		
12.30pm				
1pm		Lunch		
1.30pm	Practical fluid therapy for calves   Kristina Mueller	Transition period rumination and its association with milk production in New Zealand dairy cows   Matt Buckley	Unlocking herd potential: the vet’s role in herd improvement   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	Herd genetics - potential to improve productivity, profitability & health   Jack Hooper	
2.30pm		Economic outlook   Jarrod Kerr		Herd selection criteria for selective versus blanket dry cow therapy   Scott McDougall
			The role of life cycle assessment in livestock production: improving efficiency and reducing environmental impact   Andre Mazzetto	
3pm	Afternoon tea		VPIS   Steve Cranefield & Mark Gilmour	
3.30pm	A new look for RVMs, MQCs and AWP’s   Kate Poole	Afternoon tea		
4pm	Does Johne’s disease affect calves?   Duncan Crosbie	That’s lame!   Liz Muller & Krispin Kannan	Tāwharau Ora curriculum update   Jenny Weston	
	BVD incursions on Waikato dairy farms - learnings about seroconversion   Arnica Van Der Wiele			
4.30pm	When sh!t got real – Salmonella in southern South Island   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: Rabid about rabies - why, how, and when   Andy Gibson	Plenary: Leadership learnings from Australasian sport   Raelene Castle	WORKSHOP: Who are the smallholders and how they fit into New Zealand Biosecurity?   Maryna Sokolova, Lynsey Earl, Jonathan Watts, Mark Eames and Lia Missena
8.30am			
9am	NZVA AGM		
9.30am		Animal welfare risks and benefits from animal-based agri-tech   Matthew Stone	
10am	Issuing veterinary transport certificates for livestock – a field vet perspective   Dave Robertson		
10.30am	Livestock transport – black and white? Try fifty shades of grey   Shona Robertson	Endemic disease dashboard   Kat Govender	WORKSHOP: Who are the smallholders and how they fit into New Zealand Biosecurity?   Maryna Sokolova, Lynsey Earl, Jonathan Watts, Mark Eames and Lia Missena
11am	Issues and challenges transporting livestock to slaughter   Richard Wild	The efficacy of risk-based sampling for herd-level detection of JD   Kara Dawson	
		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 clinical examinations, on farm diagnostics and common diseases on lifestyle blocks   Laura Schwerdtfeger	A day safeguarding animal and human health   Brandon Brooks
1.30pm			
2pm	Backyard poultry exam and common diseases   Sam Hurley	How verification services veterinarians enable NZ red meat export sector   Sarah Key	WORKSHOP: Who are the smallholders and how they fit into New Zealand Biosecurity?   Maryna Sokolova, Lynsey Earl, Jonathan Watts, Mark Eames and Lia Missena
2.30pm		Tāwharau Ora update   Jenny Weston	
3pm	Afternoon tea	Sharpen your skills for operating at the front-lines of field surgery   Andy Gibson	
3.30pm	Technical large animal rescue: approaching a rescue scenario   Patrice Palleson-Putt	Afternoon tea	
4pm		Peering into the black box of dog population management  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		svs		Thursday 5 June	Friday 6 June
7am	Registration opens					
8am	Welcome   Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Rabid about rabies - why, how, and when   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		
9.30am	Carpal lameness   Bruce Bladen					Ultrasound-guided back injections   Henk van der Veen
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						
11.30am	Equine Veterinarians Branch AGM			Equine nodular skin diseases   Geoff Orbell		Navicular bursa injections   David Stack
12pm						
12.30pm	Lunch					
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	Equine low-stress handling during interventional procedures and hospitalisation   Lauren Keen		Lesions of the caudal skull and cranial neck   Henk van der Veen	NEIT and NZCAR - what veterinarians need to know about equine identification  Trish Pearce, Hilary Milne, Alex Roake, Nic McDonald & David Lloyd	Ultrasound-guided surgery   David Stack
2.30pm	Antimicrobial resistance in equine endometritis cases in New Zealand   Lee Morris	Ultrasound of the temperomandibular joint   Henk van der Veen		Mistakes I've made - when orthopaedics goes a bit bendy   Bruce Bladen	Answering the age old question - medical or behavioural?   Lucy Scott	Lumbosacral and sacroiliac injection techniques   David Stack
		Blocking the navicular bursa   Bruce Bladen				
3pm	Afternoon tea				Bodywork - bonus or bogus? Manual therapies in veterinary practice   Debbie Prattley	
					Primary wound dressings - how to keep it simple   Rachael Smith	
					Endoscopy of the guttural pouches   Rachael Smith	
3.30pm	Treatment of a pastern aneurysmal bone cyst in a yearling   Christopher Beggan			Afternoon tea		
	Removal of extensive perianal melanomas in a 13-year-old crossbreed gelding   Thea Curran					
4pm	Intravenous regional limb perfusions using erythromycin to treat septic phytitis   Ali Mitchell			Changing risk profile of equine veterinary practice and its management   Paul Fraser		Conventional systemic and intra-articular joint therapies   Henk van der Veen
	Surgical treatment of gastric outflow obstruction in a 5-week-old foal   Catherine Ross					
4.30pm	Equine multinodular pulmonary fibrosis in a 14 year old mare   Harry Doherr					What's the latest on regenerative therapies?   David Stack
	Tenosynoviotomy as a salvage procedure in a pregnant five year old thoroughbred mare   Emily Varga					
5pm	Accidental selenium toxicity in horses   Nicolette Adamson			Gouldie hour   Joe Mayhew, Bruce Bladen & David Stack		
	Standing equine carpal CT: cases with little radiographic or ultrasonographic findings   Fred Pauwels					
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## Sheep, Beef Cattle & Deer

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8am	Welcome   Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Rabid about rabies - why, how, and when   Andy Gibson	Plenary: Leadership learnings from Australasian sport   Raelene Castle	Case study: accidental selenium toxicity in horses, sheep and cattle   Nicolette Adamson
8.30am			An 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	Forage crops – it’s not only about gross margin   Charlotte Westwood		Rural Support Trust: Grassroots insights about rural wellbeing & community resilience   Sarah Donaldson
10am	The effect of forage species on lamb parasitism and performance   John Niezen	Morning tea	
10.30am	Update on lice control with an abamectin/levamisole topical endoparasiticide in sheep   Sean Daly	Typical males – do male lambs contribute more to pasture larval contamination?   Anthony Oswald	Beef repro   Becks Smith
11am		Trojan ET recipient dams – introducing more than just superior genetics   Amy Hoogenboom	nProve for beef   To be confirmed
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 updates   Kim Kelly
12.30pm			
1pm	Prevalence of shelly hoof and other hoof disorders on commercial sheep farms in the Wairarapa   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 Veterinarians Branch AGM	Ovis and out: Brucella ovis investigation in an accredited ram stud   Neka Kater	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 Veterinarians Branch AGM	
3.30pm	A new era for the New Zealand deer industry   Paddy Boyd & Rhys Griffiths	Afternoon tea	
4pm	Duty of care   Stuart Bruere	Facial eczema, defining clinical and sub-clinical disease   Cara Brosnahan	Acute abdomen in lambs- a gold standard approach   Sarah Clews
		Facial eczema workshop session   Cara Brosnahan	
4.30pm	Deer velvet grading & market   Tony Cochrane	Supporting farmers in tackling facial eczema: opportunities and challenges   Rebecca Dymond	Use point of care ultrasound in Lifestyle block patients   Christie Balcomb
5pm	Current deer trace element advice, inc. multimin usage at velveting   Camille Flack		Management of geriatric livestock on lifestyle block farms   Laura Schwerdtfeger
5.30pm	Happy hour	NZVA awards	
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## Veterinary Business

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8am	Welcome   Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Rabid about rabies - why, how, and when   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	Client perspectives on veterinary care: relationships, costs, and building stronger partnerships   Francesca Brown		Measuring the 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 Vets - business journey opening a referral clinic in NZ   Karl Mathis & Fiona Park
11am			
11.30am			
12pm	Lunch	Power imbalance   Anna Dengate & Karl Mathis	Vet businesses - what's now and what's next?   Anna Dengate
12.30pm			
1pm	Team based care - utilising nurses in the consult room in a team approach   Kelly Phillips, Charles Georgetti, Kelsey Dennett& Phoebe Bos	Lunch	
1.30pm			In a career full of animals it's all about the people - mental fitness for Veterinary professionals   Charlie Mathews & Debby Prideaux
2pm	Effective and efficient: utilising the clinic support team for best patient, client and team outcomes   Tania Carmody-Gover	To be confirmed   Lincoln institute	
2.30pm			Unveiling the secrets to veterinary career success!   Stuart Gordon
3pm	Afternoon tea	Economic outlook   Jarrod Kerr	
3.30pm	Veterinary Business Community AGM	Afternoon tea	
4pm	Moot: That Vet clubs are great for the NZ Veterinary profession   Mike Hosking & Mike Lange	Moot: That veterinary staff are not being paid what they're worth, and it's the businesses taking the profit   Simon Clark, Laura Harvey, Francesca Brown, Callum Irvine, Lauren Glid-don & Paul Ainsworth	Emergency care update   Seton Butler and NZVA speaker
4.30pm			
5pm			
5.30pm	Happy hour	NZVA awards	
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## Veterinary Nursing

	Wednesday 4 June	 Southern Cross Pet Insurance	Thursday 5 June	Friday 6 June	 FURMAN PRO PLAN VETERINARY DIETS	
	Wellbeing		Companion Animal	Companion Animal		
7am	Registration opens					
8am	Welcome   Kate Hill (NZVA President) Plenary: Rabid about rabies - why, how, and when   Andy Gibson		Plenary: Leadership learnings from Australasian sport   Raelene Castle	Decoding the art of taking dental x-rays   Cindy Paton		
8.30am				Under the gum – that’s where we need to be!  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			Balancing act: anaesthesia considerations for pulmonary artery mass with inflow occlusion in a dog   Anna McConnell		
10am			Morning tea			
10.30am	A positive and curious approach to people and 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			
12pm	Lunch		Reflective CPD process   Clare Morton	To be confirmed   Nicola Lakeman		
12.30pm						
1pm			Team based care - utilising nurses in the consult room in a team approach   Kelly Phillips, Charles Georgetti, Kelsey Dennett & Phoebe Bos			
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			Unleashing your patient’s microbiome: breakthrough nutrition for long, healthy lives   Hannah Cleary	Improve patient outcomes with complementary therapies   Liza Schneider		
3pm	Afternoon tea		Canine and feline intubation - tips and tricks   Michelle Martin	Cooperative care: building low stress veterinary visits  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   Simon Clark, Laura Harvey, Francesca Brown, Callum Irvine, Lauren Gliddon & Paul Ainsworth			
4.30pm	Consulting with impact: how confidence drives better outcomes   Nicola Lakeman					
5pm						
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