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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: 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		New development in the treatment of canine atopic dermatitis   Danielle Hoolahan
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	Lunch		
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	Better biopsies   Geoff Orbell
1.30pm	Why uneventful is a great outcome   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	The nose knows and paws for thought   Geoff Orbell, Debbie Simpson & Helen Orbell
2.30pm	How to deliver a quality of life consultation   Emily Piche		
3pm	Afternoon tea		
3.30pm	Afternoon tea		
4pm	Feline atopic syndrome   Danielle Hoolahan	Nutrition   Nick Cave	Cutaneous lymphoma   Helen Orbell & Geoff Orbell
4.30pm	Treatment and management of atopy - different perspectives   Helen Orbell, Debbie Simpson & Danielle Hoolahan		Panel discussion on various dermatology topics   Helen Orbell, Debbie Simpson, Geoff Orbell & Danielle Hoolahan
5pm	Dermatologists' perspective on nutrition and skin diseases   Geoff Orbell & Helen Orbell		
5.30pm	Happy hour		
6.30pm	NZVA awards		
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## Industry

## Large Animal Veterinary Technicians

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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	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	
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4pm	
4.30pm	
5pm	
5.30pm	Happy hour
7pm	NZVA Special Interest Branch Dinners and NZVNA dinner

Friday 6 June	
7am	Registration opens
8.10am	LAVT President's Welcome   Justine Britton
8.15am	Rural Support Trust   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: Techs take over the world   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	<i>Registration opens</i>		
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			Nutrition and reproduction   Ian Lean
9am	<i>Morning tea</i>		
9.30am	Calcium metabolism and practical transition management   Ian Lean	NZVA AGM	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	<i>Morning tea</i>	
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   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	<i>Lunch</i>	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	<i>Lunch</i>	
1.30pm	Practical fluid therapy for calves   Kristina Mueller Role of anti-inflammatory treatments for bovine mastitis   Scott McDougall	Association between transition period rumination and production in dairy cows   Matt Buckley	Dairy genetics - potential opportunities for vets   Isobel Willison
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 production: improving efficiency and reducing environmental impact   Andre Mazzetto
3pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>		VPIS   Steve Cranefield & Mark Gilmour
3.30pm	A new look for RVMs, MQCs and AWPs   Kate Poole	<i>Afternoon tea</i>	
4pm	Does Johne’s disease affect calves?   Duncan Crosbie BVD incursions on Waikato dairy farms - learnings about seroconversion   Arnica Van Der Wiele	Herd-i   Liz Muller	Tāwharau Ora curriculum update   Eloise Jillings & Jenny Weston Fonterra   Tennielle Ellingham
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 Quick and easy milk quality investigations   Briar Hayes	Practical use of wearable data - Allflex collar fertility reports   Ryan Luckman Afimilk: tools for the dairy veterinarian   Georgina Muller	
5.30pm	<i>Happy hour</i>	NZVA awards	
6.30pm			
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## Epidemiology, Food Safety, Animal Welfare & Biosecurity

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7am	<i>Registration opens</i>		
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: Tiny farms - the significance of smallholders to NZ biosecurity   Maryna Sokolova, Lynsey Earl, Jonathan Watts, Mark Eames and Lia Missena
8.30am			
9am	<i>Morning tea</i>	NZVA AGM	
9.30am	Animal welfare risks and benefits from animal-based agri-tech   Matthew Stone		
10am	Certification of livestock for transport- a production animal vet's perspective   Dave Robertson	<i>Morning tea</i>	
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, Lynsey Earl, Jonathan Watts, Mark Eames and Lia Missena
		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	<i>Lunch</i>	Mycoplasma bovis in the palatine tonsil of New Zealand cattle   Kelly Buckle	
12.30pm		<i>Lunch</i>	
1pm	Pig clinical examinations, on farm diagnostics and common diseases on lifestyle blocks   Laura Schwerdtfeger	A day safeguarding animal and human health   Brandon Brooks	WORKSHOP: Tiny farms - the significance of smallholders to NZ biosecurity   Maryna Sokolova, Lynsey Earl, Jonathan Watts, Mark Eames and Lia Missena
1.30pm			
2pm	Backyard poultry exam and common diseases   Sam Hurley	How verification services veterinarians enable NZ red meat export sector   Sarah Key	
2.30pm		Tāwharau Ora update   Eloise Jilling & Jenny Weston	
3pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>	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	<i>Afternoon tea</i>	
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	<i>Happy hour</i>	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: 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		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					
11.30am	Equine branch AGM		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	Lesions of the caudal skull and cranial neck   Henk van der Veen	National equine identification system   Trish Pearce	Ultrasound-guided surgery   David Stack
2pm	AMR in horses - how are we doing so far?   Lucy Johnston	To be confirmed		Answering the age old question - medical or behavioural?   Lucy Scott	
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	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				
4pm	Intravenous regional limb perfusions using erythromycin to treat septic physitis   Ali Mitchell		The changing risk profile of equine veterinary practice – risks and tools to manage them   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	To be confirmed				
	To be confirmed				
5pm	Accidental selenium toxicity in horses   Nicolette Adamson		Gouldie hour   Joe Mayhew, Bruce Bladen & David Stack		What's the latest on regenerative therapies?   David Stack
	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	<i>Registration opens</i>		
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	<i>Morning tea</i>	NZVA AGM	Beyond dairy! LAVTs in non-dairy rural animal practice   Steph Mann
9.30am	Lamb, dairy and beef feeding systems   Charlotte Westwood		Rural support trust   Sarah Donaldson
10am	Lamb performance and parasites   John Niezen	<i>Morning tea</i>	
10.30am	The brief beef - a live podcast   Becks Smith & surprise guests	Typical males – do male lambs contribute more to pasture larval contamination?   Anthony Oswald	CEVA Clostridials   To be confirmed
11am	BVD: another pathway to infection   Amy Hoogenboom	Drench resistance in dairy support systems – where to from here?   Ginny Dodunski	
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	<i>Lunch</i>	Wormwise advance farm systems   Jeremy Leigh	CCampylobacter updates   Kim Kelly
12.30pm		<i>Lunch</i>	
1pm	Prevalence of shelly hoof and other hoof disorders on commercial sheep farms in the Wairarapa   Sara Sutherland	<i>Lunch</i>	
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	<i>Afternoon tea</i>	Rear rub in deer   Jane Morgan	Udder defects in non-dairy breed ewes   Anne Ridler
3.30pm		Deer AGM	
3.30pm	DINZ industry update   Paddy Boyd/Rhys Griffiths	<i>Afternoon tea</i>	
4pm	Massey update/fostering new deer vets   Stuart Bruere	Facial eczema, defining clinical and sub-clinical disease   Cara Brosnahan	Acute abdomen   Sarah Clews
4.30pm		Facial eczema workshop session   Cara Brosnahan	Neonatal disease of ruminants and camelids   Sarah Clews
4.30pm	Velvet grading for newbies   Deer velvet grading & market	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 lifestyle block farms   Laura Schwerdtfeger
5.30pm	<i>Happy hour</i>	NZVA awards	
6.30pm			
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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 successful   Paul Ainsworth, Gary Turnbull & Mark Hosking
8.30am			
9am	<i>Morning tea</i>	NZVA AGM	To be confirmed   Bill Bishop
9.30am	Client experiences of the Vet sector – connections, communication, finances   Francesca Brown		Measuring the social impact of the veterinary profession   Anna Dengate
10am		<i>Morning tea</i>	
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		Power imbalance   Anna Dengate & Karl Mathis	Vet businesses - what's now and what's next?   Anna Dengate
12pm	<i>Lunch</i>		
12.30pm		<i>Lunch</i>	
1pm	Team based care - utilising nurses in the consult room in a team approach   Kelly Phillips, Charles Georgetti & Phoebe Bos		
1.30pm		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
2pm	Effective and efficient: utilising the clinic support team for best patient, client and team outcomes   Tania Carmody-Gover		
2.30pm		Economic outlook   Jarrod Kerr	Unveiling the secrets to veterinary career success!   Stuart Gordon
3pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>		
3.30pm	Veterinary Business Community AGM	<i>Afternoon tea</i>	
4pm			
4.30pm	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
5pm			
5.30pm	<i>Happy hour</i>	NZVA awards	
6.30pm			
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## Veterinary Nursing

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	Wellbeing	Companion Animal	Companion Animal
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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	Decoding the art of taking dental x-rays   Cindy Paton
8.30am			Taking the nurse dental consultation to the next level   Maggie Burley
9am	<i>Morning tea</i>	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	<i>Morning tea</i>		
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	<i>Lunch</i>	Reflective CPD process   Clare Morton	To be confirmed   Nicola Lakeman
12.30pm		<i>Lunch</i>	
1pm	Team based care - utilising nurses in the consult room in a team approach   Kelly Phillips, Charles Georgetti & Phoebe Bos		
1.30pm		Help! Which diet to use with co-morbidities   Nicola Lakeman	One framework to rule them all: simplify chronic condition consults   Nicola Lakeman
2pm	Effective and efficient: utilising the clinic support team for best patient, client and team outcomes   Tania Carmody-Gover		
2.30pm		To be confirmed   Hills	Improve patient outcomes with complementary therapies   Liza Schneider
3pm	<i>Afternoon tea</i>	Canine and feline intubation - tips and tricks   Michelle Martin	Force free handling and cooperative care   Angela Fletcher
3.30pm		<i>Afternoon tea</i>	
4pm	Calm in the chaos: tackling anxiety in veterinary nursing   Wendy Jarnet	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	<i>Happy hour</i>		
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