AVA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

MELBOURNE CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE (MCEC)

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM
5–8 June

EXHIBITION
4–8 June

WORKSHOPS
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ABOUT THE AVA

THE AVA IS THE PEAK NATIONAL BODY REPRESENTING THE AUSTRALIAN VETERINARY PROFESSION, DELIVERING A RANGE OF SERVICES AND BENEFITS TO OVER 9,000 MEMBERS.

For nearly 100 years, we’ve represented veterinarians in every corner of Australia – and we always will.

Providing our members with access to continuing professional development (CPD) of the highest calibre with the latest scientific thinking is a key focus of the AVA. We start planning our CPD program up to two years in advance to ensure it includes veterinary science that is interesting, relevant and accessible so that we maintain a highly skilled veterinary workforce.

Looking ahead we will embrace new technologies to proactively assist our members with more innovative and convenient learning outcomes.

WHAT DELEGATES SAID ABOUT AVA CONFERENCE IN 2016

92% rated the conference either good or great
85% of delegates ranked the CPD program either good or great
98% indicated that connecting with exhibitors influenced their purchasing decision

WHY ATTEND?

THE AVA CONFERENCE IS THE PREMIER EVENT FOR THE VETERINARY PROFESSION AND IT IS BEING HELD IN THE VIBRANT CITY OF MELBOURNE IN 2017. THE CITY HAS AN UNRIVALLED CALENDAR OF MAJOR EVENTS, A PROGRESSIVE DINING SCENE, HIDDEN LANEWAYS AND ART SPACES AND UNIQUE REGIONAL ESCAPES ARE JUST A SHORT DRIVE AWAY.

Advancing knowledge and skills

The 2017 AVA Annual Conference offers a world-class program with speakers from across the globe who will share all the latest in veterinary science and discuss the topics that are of most interest to you.

You’ll discover exciting innovations that are transforming veterinary care, learn how to adapt and innovate to meet future business demands and ensure your skills and knowledge are up-to-date to cope with the changing veterinary landscape. Special interest groups will also lead field trips and workshops giving you more hands-on learning experiences.

A buzzing social program

Every year, the AVA Conference features an extensive social program, and this year is no exception. Special interest group dinners, happy hours, university alumni events, meet and greets and the gala dinner are just some of the events planned so you can gather with colleagues, exchange ideas and share experiences.

The largest trade show in Australia

The AVA Conference attracts over 100 exhibitors who bring the latest products and services from around the world to one place. Talk to businesses involved in the veterinary profession to find out how they can support you and your work.

By joining the AVA now, you’ll save on the cost of your conference registration and your AVA membership will also be extended until 30 June 2018 – that’s up to six months of free membership! The earlier you act the more you save.

Contact members@ava.com.au or call 1300 137 309 to join now.

“fabulous networking, cutting edge continuing education and opportunities for professional growth abound!”

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**AVA PRESIDENT’S WELCOME**

Welcome!

The AVA Annual Conference is being hosted in the vibrant city of Melbourne in 2017. Our conference provides a great opportunity to learn, share in new scientific research, catch up with colleagues and most importantly to have some fun. Veterinarians from all over Australia and beyond will meet for up to five days, sharing information, swapping ideas and enjoying the collegiate atmosphere of our national conference, the cornerstone of the AVA’s comprehensive annual continuing professional development Program for the year.

The quality of sessions is truly outstanding this year with something for everyone. There is a wide range of presentations and sessions reflecting the diversity of our wonderful profession and a real emphasis on your individual, client and practice needs. Plenaries both local and international promise to be stimulating, informative and engaging.

It is said that some of the most important conversations at conferences occur in the corridors or over a cup of coffee in the breaks. So, make sure that you allow plenty of time for the social and networking opportunities as well as the structured CPD. Stroll through the exhibition or have a quiet chat with friends. Don’t miss the after session happy hours and SIG dinners and make sure you stay around for Thursday’s member forum and the Gala Dinner.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Melbourne!

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**A NOTE FROM THE CONVENOR**

“I did then what I knew how to do. Now that I know better, I do better.”

Maya Angelou (1928–2014, American poet, memoirist, and civil rights activist)

Continuing professional development is important for all veterinarians. Just when we thought we had it nailed, something new and shiny appears that enables us to “do better”. Come to Melbourne in June 2017 and find out what’s new!

Dr Mark Schipp, Australia’s Chief Veterinary Officer, will give the opening plenary on antimicrobial resistance strategies and plans. We are joined later in the week by Dr Chris Baggoley BVSc, BM BS, who held the position of Chief Medical Officer for the Australian Government for five years, at a time when global concern over the impact of emerging infectious disease and antimicrobial resistance dramatically increased.

While we need to be abreast of such important global issues, we also need to consider our own wellbeing. Dr Tony Fernando will review the psychology and neuroscience of happiness research, discussing practical strategies to enhance wellbeing and happiness. Dr Andy Roark will motivate us to commit to our passion for veterinary science, to connect with our clients and to communicate more effectively.

Your SIGs have selected international and national speakers to discuss new ideas and novel solutions with us. Animal welfare is a strong focus for the 2017 AVA conference as well and there are many shared sessions, reaching across multiple disciplines, which will engage the profession on common areas of concern. To round out the week, James O’Loghlin returns as our celebrity member forum facilitator.

Come to your national conference and be inspired.

See you in June!
INTRODUCING OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Safia Barakzai (UK)
Streams: equine, industry and dental

Safia completed her surgical residency at the University of Edinburgh in 2003. She has surgical diplomas from the ECVS and RCVS and is currently a surgeon at the Arundel Equine Hospital in the UK. Her clinical and research interests are the upper airway, dentistry and imaging of the equine head and Safia has over 70 peer reviewed publications in these areas.

Sessions include:
- Basic equine upper respiratory endoscopy and sinuscopy – techniques and tips
- Cases where exercising endoscopy is useful
- Dental and sinus radiography
- Pathophysiology and treatment of equine dental fractures and pulps
- Prognosis for return to performance after upper airway surgery and causes of surgical failure
- Recurrent laryngeal neuropathy in the horse
- Review of equine sinus anatomy and pathophysiology of common disorders
- Treatment of equine sinusitis and complications of sinus surgery

Stephan Carey (USA)
Stream: small animal

Stephan is an assistant professor at Michigan State University and an investigator with the Institute for Integrative Toxicology. He obtained his DVM from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and completed an internship and residency in small animal internal medicine, and a PhD in comparative medicine and integrative toxicology at Michigan State University. Stephan’s clinical and research interests include canine and feline airway disease; infectious respiratory disease, and the effects of environmental exposures on the developing respiratory system of children and pets.

Sessions include:
- Canine infectious respiratory disease complex
- Canine tracheal collapse: medical, surgical and stent options
- Diagnostic sampling of the respiratory tract
- Ear-nose interactions in the management of chronic nasal disease
- Feline asthma
- Feline chronic nasal disease

Peter Edmondson (UK)
Stream: cattle

Peter has 35 years of experience in dairy practice in Ireland, the UK and overseas and currently runs Udderwise, a veterinary consultancy. Peter is a Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons specialist in cattle health and production. He has written two practical mastitis handbooks and co-authored others. He is a regular presenter at conferences and contributes to the veterinary and farming press. Peter is passionate about helping to transfer skills to the dairy industry in developing Africa.

Sessions include:
- Dairy farming in developing Africa
- Managing and motivating staff in dairy practice
- Marketing your services to farmers
- Practical use of mastitis records
- Selective dry cow therapy
- The milking machine
- Treatment of mastitis
- Veterinary practice around the world

PLENARY SESSIONS

Monday 5 June 2017, 10.45am–12.15pm
Welcome: Dr Robert Johnson, AVA President
Kendall Award followed by Antimicrobial resistance – strategies and plans with Dr Mark Schipp

In 2011, Mark became the chief veterinary officer of Australia. In 2012 he was elected to the OIE Council and in 2015 he was elected vice president of the OIE General Assembly. He is chair of the Wildlife Health Australia management committee and the Animal Health Committee. With the chief medical officer, Mark chairs the Australian Strategic and Technical Advisory Group on Antimicrobial Resistance. He is a biology and veterinary graduate of Murdoch University.

Tuesday 6 June 2017, 10.45am–11.45am
Sharpening the Axe with Dr Andy Roark

Please refer to Dr Andy Roark’s biography on page 5.

During this session, Andy Roark will motivate us to commit to our passion for veterinary science, to connect with our clients and to communicate more effectively with co-workers, peers and clients.
Martin is the CEO of the Daubigny Veterinary Group, offering specialty veterinary services and general practice through a referral and emergency centre and nine general practices in the Quebec City area. He is also the founder of the banner Globalvet™, a global concept developed for veterinarians interested in integrating behavioural services and nutrition into their practices. Martin has contributed to specific research on puppy behaviour and appeared numerous times in the media in Canada as a veterinary behaviour expert.

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- Stress management for domestic cats

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- Risk assessment (AVBIG)

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THE REGION’S LARGEST VETERINARY TRADE EXHIBITION

Unable to attend the conference? You can still visit the largest trade show in the region with over 100 exhibitors displaying new equipment and pharmaceuticals to benefit you and your work.

Sunday 4 June 2017, 6.00pm–8.00pm (Welcome Reception and Exhibition Opening).

Monday to Wednesday (9.30am–5.30pm) and Thursday (9.30am–2.00pm).

Exhibition only pricing:
AVA members, students and new graduates: $65 per day. Non-members: $125 per day. If you are not a delegate and would like to stay for Happy Hour, tickets are $75 per night.

BREAKFAST SESSIONS

Royal Canin breakfast
Monday 5 June 2017, 6.45am for 7.00am–7.50am
Rooms 109 and 110, Level 1, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
Topic: “Feline pancreatitis” with Dr Amy Lingard

Hill’s Pet Nutrition breakfast
Tuesday 6 June 2017, 6.45am for 7.00am–7.50am
Rooms 109 and 110, Level 1, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
Topic: “Diagnosis and management of kidney disease”

Australian Christian Veterinary Fellowship (ACVF) breakfast
Tuesday 6 June 2017, 6.45am for 7.00am–7.50am
Room 217, Level 2, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
Topic: “Taking steps towards reconciliation” with Joanna Cruickshank, Senior Lecturer in History, Deakin University

Zoetis breakfast
Wednesday 7 June 2017, 6.45am for 7.00am–7.50am
Rooms 109 and 110, Level 1, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
Topic: “Preventative care for better outcomes”

Merial breakfast
Thursday 8 June 2017, 6.45am for 7.00am–7.50am
Rooms 109 and 110, Level 1, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
Topic: “Survey of cases of tick-paralysis and the presence of the eastern paralysis tick, Ixodes holocyclus, and the southern paralysis tick, Ixodes cornuatus, in the greater Melbourne area” with Professor Stephen Barker, Parasitologist, University of Queensland

CEVA breakfast
Friday 9 June 2017, 7.00am for 7.15am–8.05am
Rooms 210 and 211, Level 2, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
Topic: “Use of spironolactone in the treatment of canine congestive heart failure”

All delegates have complimentary access to the trade show extravaganza.

Register early – limited places.
WORKSHOPS AND FIELD TRIPS

Numbers are strictly limited for workshops and field trips so we suggest you register early to avoid disappointment.

For more information, visit the ‘workshops and field trips’ page at conference.ava.com.au

**Australian Cattle Veterinarians (ACV) – Calf Rearing workshop**

Friday 9 June 2017, 9.00am–3.30pm

Meeting room 208, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

Calf disease and management workshop – Matt Izzo is an accredited cattle specialist. Matt will take you through how to manage the sick calf as well as providing the necessary steps to investigate why calves are getting sick and practical solutions to prevent further disease.

- AVA member: $440
- SIG member: $330
- AVA student / new grad: $200
- Non-member: $880

**Equine Veterinarians Australia (EVA) – Pre-purchase examination workshop**

Friday 9 June 2017, 9.00am–4.00pm

Meeting room 208, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

This comprehensive all day seminar is a must for all practitioners who ever make a pre-purchase examination of a horse, whether once-a-week, or once-a-year. Avoid litigation and attend EVA’s expertly presented course.

- AVA member: $450
- SIG member: $295
- AVA student / new grad: $195
- Non-member: $900

**ASAVA small animal pathology workshop**

Friday 9 June 2017, 9.00am–4.30pm

Meeting Room 206, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

Presented by: Professor Bruce Parry

Topic 1: Hematology

Topic 2: Cytology

Join these interactive sessions looking at the preparation and examination of blood films and cytology slides from aspirates, impression smears, washes etc. from clinical cases of dogs and cats.

Using video microscopy, all participants will simultaneously view the same slide. Hematology will cover features such as polychromasia, basophilic stippling, Heinz bodies, spherocytes, schistocytes, haemolyses, iron deficiency, platelets, left-shifts, toxic changes and leukaemias.

Cytology will look at aspirates of cutaneous masses and tissues such as lymph nodes, liver and spleen, body fluids and lavages/washes.

- AVA member: $465
- SIG member: $365
- AVA student / new grad: $200
- Non-member: $930

**Australian Veterinary Conservation Biology (AVCB) and Wildlife Health Australia (WHA) – Healesville Sanctuary Field Trip**

Friday 9 June 2017, 8.30am–5.00pm

Healesville Sanctuary

Badger Creek Road Healesville

This workshop will provide veterinarians with information regarding Facial Tumour Disease in Tasmanian Devils including diagnosis, clinical disease, control measures and implications for the environment. Healesville Sanctuary is part of the Save the Tasmanian Devil program and there will be a tour of the Australian Wildlife Health Centre.

Bus departs MCEC at 8.30am and returns at 5.00pm. Catering is not included but available at Healesville Sanctuary cafeteria or you can bring your own.

- AVA member: $220
- AVA student / new grad: $110
- Non-member: $440

**Australian Veterinary Business Group (VBG) – Exclusive Insights Tour**

Friday 9 June 2017, 9.00am–5.00pm

Melbourne

A behind-the-scenes tour of three veterinary practices, providing a unique insight into the running of a successful practice. The day will focus on key areas, including finance, management, marketing and branding, human resources, strategies and infrastructure. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea, as well as transport between the practices is included.

- AVA member: $678
- SIG/VBG member: $578
- Non-member: $1,358

**Australian Veterinarians in Public Health (AVPH) – Providing veterinary services to smallholder farmers**

Friday June 9 2017, 9.00am–5.00pm

University of Melbourne, Building 400 Corner of Flemington Rd and Park Dr Parkville

This workshop will provide veterinary practitioners with skills and resources to help develop their capacity to provide services to smallholder farmers (particularly in peri-urban areas). The workshop will involve seminars as well as hands-on practical components.

Attendees are advised that if they wish to participate in the laboratory component of this workshop they should have been vaccinated against Q fever.

- AVA member: $300
- SIG member: $250
- AVA student / new grad: $200
- Non-member: $600

**Australian Veterinary Acupuncture Group (AVAG) – Introduction to acupuncture in modern veterinary practice**

Friday 9 June 2017, 8.30am–12.30pm

Carlton Scout Hall
12 Shakespeare Street Carlton North

This session will explore the theoretical and practical aspects of acupuncture relating to common clinical conditions for veterinarians with no previous acupuncture experience. It is accessible by tram and the session will be followed by a light lunch.

- AVA member: $220
- SIG member: $200
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- Non-member: $440

**Veterinary Business Group (VBP) – Whitehorse Business Network**

Friday 9 June 2017, 9.00am–4.00pm

Whitehorse Business Network

Corner of Flemington Rd and Park Dr Parkville

This workshop will provide smallholder farmers and veterinary students with information regarding financial management, running a successful practice, as well as covering potential exotic disease events.

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Australian Veterinary Acupuncture Group (AVAG) workshop – cruciate rehabilitation staging
Friday 9 June 2017, 1.00pm–5.00pm
Carlton Scout Hall
12 Shakespeare Street Carlton North
This session involves looking at a group of dogs with different stages of chronicity in cruciate injury with a demonstration on the appropriate rehabilitation techniques to use.

Australian Veterinarians for Animal Welfare and Ethics (AVAWE) workshop – it’s raining cats and dogs!
Friday 9 June 2017, 9.00am–5.00pm
Meeting room 207, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
The numbers of unwanted and abandoned dogs and cats in shelters is a major animal welfare issue worldwide. Join members of AVAWE and Sean Wersley as they explore the many factors that have created this problem with a brainstorming session to find evidence based solutions.

Australian Veterinary Behaviour Interest Group (AVBIG) workshop
Friday 9 June 2017, 9.00am–1.00pm
Room 214, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC)
Presented by: Dr Martin Godbout
This half-day workshop will explore risk assessment of the aggressive dog – a simple approach.
When a dog bites someone and the owner comes to the veterinary clinic for professional advice, it is always difficult for the veterinarian to clearly distinguish between a dog expressing a normal behavioural sequence for the context and a dog representing a real danger for the population. Through a better understanding of normal aggressive behaviour, participants will learn how to assess the potential risks the aggressive dog may pose through a 10-step evaluation process. Participants will practise their abilities to assess the ‘dangerous-ness’ of an aggressive dog through different virtual cases of dog aggression.

Australian Veterinary Dental Society (AVDS) workshop
Friday 9 June 2017, 9.00am–2.30pm
Meeting Room 209, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
The AVDS will be providing a practical workshop on dental radiology. This will be an opportunity to practise intra-oral radiology techniques and to participate in multiple small group tutorials on image interpretation.

Welcome reception and exhibition opening
Sunday 4 June 2017, 6.00pm–7.00pm
Exhibition Centre
Inclusive for registered delegates and accompanying guests.

Meet and greet dinner
Sunday 4 June 2017, 8.15pm
Venue: Breslin Bar & Grill
2 Southbank Boulevard, Southbank
First time at an AVA Conference? Meet other delegates and make new friends at the start of the week. Included is a 2-course dinner and drinks. Meet at the AVA registration desk after the welcome reception.

Accompanying guests’ welcome morning tea
Monday 5 June 2017, 10.00am–11.00am
Foyer outside room 219, Level 2
We invite accompanying guests to the welcome morning tea where you’ll get to make friends and meet new people.
Complimentary

Happy hours
Monday 5 June 2017 6.00pm–7.00pm
Tuesday 6 June 2017 6.00pm–7.00pm
Wednesday 7 June 2017 6.00pm–7.00pm
Exhibition door 8, ground floor, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
Inclusive for registered delegates and accompanying guests.
Additional tickets: $75 per day

University of Melbourne veterinary alumni reception
Monday 5 June 2017, 7.00pm–9.00pm
The Boathouse Yard
23 South Wharf Promenade, South Wharf
Hosted by Professor John Fazakerley, Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary and Agricultural Sciences.
$20

University of Sydney veterinary alumni cocktail reception
Monday 5 June 2017, 7.00pm–9.00pm
Clarendon Room, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
Hosted by Professor Rosanne Taylor, Dean of Veterinary Science.
$10

Charles Sturt University alumni cocktail reception
Monday 5 June 2017, 7.00pm–9.00pm
PJ O’Brien’s Pub
Ground floor Southbank restaurant and shopping precinct
Please join Professor Glenn Edwards, Head of School, Animal and Veterinary Sciences, staff and fellow alumni for the inaugural CSU Alumni Cocktail Party.
$15

Social Program

Connect with your colleagues at one of our social events. For more information visit the ‘Social program’ page at conference.ava.com.au.
James Cook University (JCU) veterinary alumni reception
Monday 5 June 2017, 7.00pm–9.00pm
The General Assembly Waterside Bar & Restaurant
29 South Wharf Promenade
Hosted by Professor Peter Chenoweth, Professor of Veterinary Sciences, James Cook University
A 5-minute walk from the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
$20 – Proceeds to JCU Alumni Scholarship Fund

The University of Queensland veterinary alumni cocktail reception
Monday 5 June 2017, 7.00pm–9.00pm
Melbourne Public, Bar & Restaurant
11 Dukes Walk South Wharf Promenade
Please join the Dean of the School of Veterinary Science, Professor Glen Coleman, and your colleagues from across Australia for canapes and drinks.
$20

Equine Veterinarians Australian (EVA) – Equine & Dine
Monday 5 June 2017, 7.30pm–9.30pm
Plus 5 Bar and Lounge, 37 South Wharf Promenade, South Wharf (adjacent to MCEC)
Kindly supported by Randlab
‘Equine & Dine’ is on again! EVA has booked the very cool Plus 5 Bar and Lounge on the South Wharf Promenade to hold this annual conference social get together. If you’re a vet who does any work with horses, then please join us for a relaxing night of collegiality, a little music with substantial finger food and all drinks included. Don’t miss out – it will be a sensational evening.
AVA member: $69
SIG member: $49
AVA student / new graduate member: $29
Non-member: $138

Australian Veterinarians in Industry (AVI) Group dinner
Tuesday 6 June 2017, 7.00pm–10.00pm
The Wharf Hotel, 18–38 Siddeley Street Melbourne
Come along and catch up with industry colleagues over a casual 2-cours dinner and drinks.
AVA member: $85
SIG member / partner / guest: $75
Student / new graduate member: $75
Non-member: $150

Australian Cattle (ACV) and Sheep Veterinarians’ (ASV) dinner
Wednesday 7 June 2017, 7.30pm–11.00 pm
Cargo Hall, 39 South Wharf Promenade
South Wharf
Join others with a bovine and/or ovine interest to ruminate on the latest in rural practice on Wednesday evening following happy hour. Included is a 3-course sit down dinner and drinks.
AVA member: $145
SIG member / partner / guest: $135
AVA student / new graduate member: $110
Non-member: $270

Australian Veterinarians in Public Health (AVPH), the Australian Veterinary History Society (AVHS), and Australian Veterinary Conservation Biology (AVCB) – combined dinner
Wednesday 7 June 2017, 7.00pm–late
The Spice Dine, 757 Bourke Street Docklands
Come along and join us for a casual dinner of Indian cuisine, just a short walk from MCEC to nearby Docklands. Cost includes a banquet-style dinner. Drinks can be purchased on the night.
AVA member: $35
SIG member / partner / guest: $30
AVA student / new graduate member: $30
Non-member: $70

AVA Graduate Mentoring Program meet and greet social
Wednesday 7 June 2017, 7.00pm–8.00 pm
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
Kindly supported by Provet, Royal Canin, Guild Super, Guild Insurance, Petzule and Vetbar.
A opportunity for all AVA mentors and new graduate mentees to catch up in a relaxed, friendly environment.
*If you are an AVA recent graduate member attending the dinner afterwards, there is no additional charge.
Mentors and mentees: $25

Australian Veterinarians in Education Research and Academia (VERA) ‘food for thought’ dinner
Tuesday 6 June 2017, 7.30pm–10.30 pm
Byblos Bar and Restaurant
18–32 Siddeley Street, Melbourne
Join colleagues from all areas of the profession and academia at Byblos Bar and Restaurant, for lively discussions, a fabulous Lebanese banquet and refreshments.
AVA member: $80
SIG member: $60
AVA student / new graduate member: $60
Non-member: $120

Australian Veterinary Acupuncture Group (AVAG) dinner
Wednesday 7 June 2017, 7.00pm–10.00 pm
Delhi Streets, 8 Katherine Place Melbourne
Come and mingle while enjoying a delectable spread of Indian cuisine at one of the most popular and highly praised Melbourne restaurants, just a short walk from MCEC. You will enjoy 3 courses of shared dishes, including a wide range of vegetarian and gluten-free options. Drinks can be purchased on the night.
AVA member: $50
SIG member / partner / guest: $46
AVA student / new graduate member: $46
Non-member: $100

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### Registration confirmation

Online registration – delegates registering online will receive an immediate confirmation of their registration and a tax invoice.

Scan and email – delegates can download a booking form from the ‘registration and pricing’ page at conference.ava.com.au then send to the Registration Team ava@infosalons.com.au. Delegates should allow 2–4 working days for payment to be processed, a registration confirmation and tax invoice will be issued.

### International delegates

International delegates who are members of the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA), British Veterinary Association (BVA), Canadian Veterinary Medical Association (CVMA), New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA) or South African Veterinary Association (SAVA) can attend the AVA Annual Conference at AVA member rates.

All international delegates are required to supply their membership association and membership number at the time of registering.

All amounts listed are in Australian dollars and inclusive of 10% Australian GST.

### Delegate registration includes:

- Attendance at scientific sessions
- Admittance to industry exhibition
- Satchel (including conference materials)
- Welcome reception (Sunday)
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea (Monday–Thursday)
- Happy Hour (Monday–Wednesday)
- USB copy of proceedings

### Day registration includes:

- Attendance at scientific sessions (on nominated day only)
- Admittance to industry exhibition (on nominated day only)
- Satchel (including conference materials)
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea (on nominated day only)
- Happy hour (Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday only)
- USB copy of proceedings

### Practice registration includes:

- Practice registration badge (one per practice)
- Attendance at scientific sessions (one person per day)
- Admittance to industry exhibition (one person per day)
- Satchel (including conference materials – one per practice)
- Welcome reception – Sunday (one per person)
- Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea (one person per day)
- Happy Hour – Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday only (one person per day)
- USB copy of proceedings (one per practice)

### Note:

- All practice registration delegates must be AVA members.
- Online registration only.
- Vet Ed points will need to be claimed by the delegate attending each day from the AVA website. Member numbers must be supplied to receive the discounted member rate.

### Exhibition only registration includes:

Admittance to the industry exhibition is on the nominated day only during the following hours. Delegates must register either online or purchase tickets on the day.

- Sunday 4 June 2017: 6.00pm–8.00pm
- Monday 5 June 2017: 9.30am–5.30pm
- Tuesday 6 June 2017: 9.30am–5.30pm
- Wednesday 7 June 2017: 9.30am–5.30pm
- Thursday 8 June 2017: 9.30am–2.00pm

Happy Hours are not included and tickets can be purchased for $75 per night.

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» Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea
» Accompanying guests name badge
» Happy Hour (Monday–Wednesday)
» Accompanying guests may attend plenary sessions (Monday–Thursday) but must be accompanied by registered delegates
» Does not include scientific sessions

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Cancellation
Cancellations must be received in writing to the Conference Secretariat by Friday 28 April 2017. Cancellations received prior to 28 April 2017 will receive a full refund minus $150 administration fee. Cancellations received after 28 April 2017 will not be refunded. Substitute delegates will be accepted.

General Information

**Venue**
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC). 1 Convention Centre Place South Wharf Melbourne VIC 3006
Phone + 61 (03) 9235 8000
www.mcec.com.au

**Accommodation, flights and sightseeing**
We have an affordable range of specially negotiated accommodation and flights available for delegates and a range of sightseeing options available. For details and to book visit the ‘Getting there, staying there’ page of the conference website.

**Australian Veterinary Association Wellness Centre**
Next to the AVA stand, Exhibition Hall Door 8 Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
The AVA and the Benevolent Fund invite you to the Wellness Centre to participate in a wellness check, complete the anonymous online health survey and learn about the AVA wellness programs.

**Child care**
There are no child care facilities onsite at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

**Exhibition**
Over 100 companies will be exhibiting in the industry hall making this the largest veterinary exhibition in Australia. Pre-plan your visit to the exhibition and see who will be there before the conference even begins.
Visit the ‘Exhibitors’ page of the conference website for all the latest information.

**Handbook mobile app**
Download this year’s app on any smartphone or tablet. Visit the ‘Delegates’ page of the website to find out more.

**Program**
All speakers and sessions were confirmed and correct at the time of printing. The organisers reserve the right to amend the program details as required. For program updates visit the ‘Program’ page of the conference website. The views and advice offered by speakers are their own views and may not represent those of the Australian Veterinary Association.

**VetEd points**
The 2017 AVA Annual Conference offers delegates 26.5 hours of continuing professional development with up to 26.5 VetEd points over the full week. Delegates can earn extra points by attending one of the post-conference workshops and field trips, or by completing trials at the National Veterinary Examination stand. AVA members must include their AVA membership number when registering for the conference for automatic awarding of points to their VetEd statement.

**Annual General Meeting and AVA Awards Ceremony**
Wednesday 7 June 2017
4.00pm–6.00pm, Doors 9 and 10
Hear about the year that was from AVA’s elected representatives and then stay on to celebrate with your colleagues who will be honoured at this year’s awards ceremony.

**Member forum**
Thursday 8 June 2017, 4.30pm–6.00pm, Doors 9 and 10
Facilitator: James O’Loghlin

Join well-known comedian and host of The New Inventors, James O’Loghlin, for our annual member talk fest. You will hear about the progress AVA has made in the first year of our bold new strategy, and get an update on the exciting projects underway in 2017. There’ll be plenty of time allowed for raising issues and asking questions as well, so the annual member forum is an opportunity not to be missed. Come. Listen. Consider. Discuss. Enjoy.

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