



Veterinary Surgeons' Board



FROM THE REGISTRAR

In this issue there are two requests for veterinary surgeons to provide feedback or an opinion. It seems that there are a quite a number of requests but it is important to have feedback from the veterinary profession on matters that affect those actually working in the veterinary industry.

Seeing the resulting paper or decisions based on the information provided is rarer but I am pleased that researchers on a paper on veterinary professionals and COVID-19 have made the results available to the public so I can circulate it to you.



Please also have a look at the other topical articles in the newsletter, they are chosen to keep you up to date with what you need to know and what are the emerging veterinary issues.

As always, feedback, suggestions and comments are very welcome.

Stay safe

Dr Sue Godkin
Registrar



PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE REGISTRATION OF VETERINARY SPECIALISTS IN WA

A reminder that you have until 2 June 2021 to have your say about a proposal to register applicants with a primary veterinary degree not recognised in WA but hold recognised specialist qualifications to work in private

practice under certain conditions without the requirement to undertake the Australasian Veterinary Exam ([AVE](#)).

A discussion paper with further information on what is proposed and the issues involved can be found [here](#).

TEETH CLEANING AND VETERINARY DENTISTRY

The Board has received a number of queries from veterinary surgeons about the legality of lay persons advertising 'anaesthesia free teeth cleaning'.

The Board advises that as long as the lay person does not use the term 'veterinary' and does not claim to clean under the gum line or claim that the service they perform is equivalent to a dental cleaning performed by a veterinary surgeon, they are not in breach of the Act.



AVA VETERINARY WORKFORCE SURVEY

Every two years, the AVA prepares and administers a Veterinary Workforce Survey. The purpose of this 2021 survey is to prepare a current profile of the Australian veterinary profession to assist with planning workforce capabilities and needs.

[Read more](#)

RESEARCH ON VETERINARY PROFESSIONALS AND COVID-19

Last year an invitation for veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses to participate in a survey about ethical challenges encountered by veterinary team members during the COVID-19 Pandemic was circulated in the Board newsletter.

Overall, 540 veterinarians, animal health technicians, and veterinary nurses from around the globe responded to the survey, which revealed old and new challenges faced by veterinary teams.

The paper was published in Frontiers of Veterinary Science and is open access. It can be accessed [here](#).

EMERGENCY ANIMAL DISEASE BULLETIN

Did you know you can now subscribe to receive the [Emergency Animal Disease Bulletin](#) as a newsletter? The benefit of subscribing is receiving email notification whenever a new bulletin is published. The email will provide a link to the full bulletin and all past bulletins can be accessed by visiting the [Emergency Animal Disease Bulletin](#) webpage.

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NEW SPECIALISTS

Congratulations to the following veterinary surgeons who have recently been granted specialist registration.

Dr Mark Edmund Newman - Small Animal Surgery

Dr David Rutherford - Equine Surgery

Dr Kristen Lloyd - Equine Surgery



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