Gatton’s new Equine Hospital; a World Class Facility

Horse owners in South-East Queensland will have access to international talent and a range of specialist services at a new Equine Hospital to open at the UQ Gatton Campus next month.

The Equine Hospital is part of the new Veterinary Medical Centre which will also include a Small Animal Clinic and is part of the $100 million plus relocation of the UQ School of Veterinary Science.

Registered medicine and surgery specialists will lead a team of six equine veterinarians who will offer advanced diagnostic capabilities, treatments and surgical procedures in state-of-the-art facilities.

Equine Hospital Director Grant Frazer said: “I am really proud of the new equine team that has been put together. The team has a really positive work ethic that will compliment this world class facility and enable working relationships with referring vets and clients.”

“The hospital offers ‘state-of-the-art’ services to horse owners in south-east Queensland and it is anticipated that it’s reputation will draw cases from the north, as well as interstate.

“This hospital will allow us to do precise diagnostic investigations that will enable evidence based treatments that will then provide the greatest benefits to our patients.” Dr Frazer said.

The hospital opening hours will be 8am-5pm Monday-Friday, and will also offer a 24/7 emergency service.

Services offered include surgery (orthopaedics and soft-tissue), internal medicine (general, performance horse, neonatal) and critical care.

The equine clinicians will be supported by an experienced team of anaesthetists and radiologists.

Consultants will be available in dentistry, podiatry, cardiology, ophthalmology, dermatology and reproduction.

The equine facility will expose students to both a general practice and referral caseload.

David Manchon, who last month featured in our elite trainers and riders profile, has been appointed Stable Coordinator and showed Horses and People around the impressive and almost completed facilities which include:

- Fully equipped surgical facility
- Anaesthesia service
- Treadmill for exercise testing
- Specially designed trot up area for lameness exams
- Intensive care unit offering care for critically ill foals and mature horses
- Diagnostic imaging (digital x rays, bone scan, ct, with plans for an MRI scanner)
- Day patient stalls
- Standing surgery
- Ultrasonography
- Isolation wards
- Large parking area for floats/trucks
- Webcam to close spelling facilities and post operative care.

Key features of the UQ Equine Services will be:

- Surgery – featuring orthopaedics, laparoscopy, and laser upper airway surgery
- Medicine - full diagnostic service, including treadmill exercise testing.
- State-of-the-art intensive care unit offering advanced care for critically ill foals as well as adults.
- Diagnostic imaging (digital radiology, nuclear scintigraphy, Computed Tomography – CT, and plans for Magnetic Resonance Imaging – MRI)
- 24/7 emergency service.

THE TEAM AT UQ EQUINE HOSPITAL:

Grant Frazer BVSc, MS, DipACT, MBA - Director, Veterinary Clinical and Diagnostic Services Professor of Reproduction (Theriogenology)

Dr Frazer has seven years mixed practice experience, coupled with 18 years specialising in clinical conditions of the reproductive system at Ohio State and the University of Pennsylvania. Grant is recognized internationally for his expertise in managing problems of late pregnancy, obstetric complications, and conditions of the postpartum period. In 2006, Grant was appointed as Director of the Veterinary Hospital at Ohio State – one of the largest such facilities in the world. He recently returned to Australia to lead the clinical programs in the School of Veterinary Science at UQ.

Lisa Kidd BVSc Head of Clinical Anaesthesia

Dr Budd worked in private practice before returning to an anaesthesia internship at UQ. This was followed by an anaesthesia residency at The University of Pennsylvania USA. During this period, Lisa gained intensive experience in equine anaesthesia and analgesia at the renowned New Bolton Centre. Lisa’s clinical interests include analgesia in hospitalised patients, and anaesthesia of all species. It is anticipated that she will be certified as a specialist by the American College of Veterinary Anaesthetists in 2011.

Steven T. Zeddle BS, VMD, DACVS Equine Surgery and Diagnostics

After completing an internship at Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington Kentucky, Steven returned to the University of Pennsylvania and completed a residency in large animal surgery. He then remained working at the University of Pennsylvania as an equine surgeon and lecturer. He recently joined UQ as a specialist equine surgeon, and leads the surgery program in the new hospital. His interests include soft tissue and orthopedic surgery, lameness, scintigraphy, and treadmill examinations.

Andrew van Eps BVSc, PhD, MACVSc, DACVIM Equine Medicine

Dr van Eps worked in private equine practice in Brisbane and completed a PhD in equine laminitis (supervised by Professor Chris Pollet). Andrew completed a residency in large animal internal medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, and subsequently worked there as a clinician and lecturer. He returned to UQ in 2009 and is currently Senior Lecturer in Equine Medicine, and an Internal Medicine specialist. Andrew leads the internal medicine program in the equine hospital. His areas of special interest include laminitis, neonatal foal intensive care, neurology, exercise physiology, cardiology and pulmonary function testing.

Lisa Kidd BVSc, DiplClin(Endo), CentEQU, MACVSc, PhD - Equine Surgery and Diagnostics

Dr Kidd has spent over 17 years in equine referral practice. Following an equine internship in Sydney and a Residency in Equine Orthopaedics at The Animal Health Trust in Newmarket, Lisa worked as a surgeon in private referral practices in Australia before serving 2 years as surgeon and manager of the equine clinic at UQ. Lisa then worked as a surgeon for 3 years in two North American vet hospitals (Purdue University and The Ohio State University). This was followed by a position as senior lecturer and leader of the equine surgery service at Massey University in NZ. Lisa’s research focus is in the area of equine bone disorders and navicular disease, her clinical interests include orthopaedic surgery, colic, lameness and imaging.

Lewis C. R. Smith BVetMed, CertES(Orth), MRCVS Equine Surgery and Diagnostics

Dr Smith left the United Kingdom to work as an intern in a busy private equine practice in the horse breeding mecca of Ocala, Florida, then returned to the UK to complete a residency in equine orthopaedics and surgery at Rossdale & Partners, in Newmarket, England. He recently joined the clinical team at UQ with a focus on equine diagnostics and surgery. Lewis’ interests include fracture repair and gastrointestinal surgery, lameness diagnostics and contrast CT.

Sue Keane MVSc Equine Medicine

Dr Keane completed an internship at Rood and Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky before joining the Scone Equine Hospital in the Hunter Valley. Sue then served as the resident medicine veterinarian at Darley Woodlands Stud before joining the Denman Branch of the Scone practice. Sue’s main clinical interests include perinatology, diagnostic ultrasonography and investigation of poor performance of the equine athlete. During her time at Scone Equine Hospital she was involved in several research projects that investigated normal and abnormal equine placental function and the effects on the neonatal foal. Sue will continue this line of investigation in her new role at UQ’s equine hospital.

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