

# THE EQUINE HEALTH & WELLNESS EXPO



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# WELCOME TO THE EQUINE HEALTH & WELLNESS EXPO 2024

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024  
The Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle

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**The Equine Health and Wellness Expo 2024 is a full-day lecture-based educational event specifically for horse owners and riders.**

With two lecture streams incorporating 9 passionate and well-known speakers, PLUS a large trade exhibition, this promises to be an incredible day. The Expo is the ONLY one of it's kind in Western Australia, and is open to anyone who is wanting to level up their equine-specific knowledge and connect with like-minded equestrians.

**Ticket price: \$147.00 per person**  
(includes all catering, Expo showbag, plus access to all lecture recordings)

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# EVENT PROGRAM

## WELCOME

REGISTRATION & TRADE FAIR: **Opens from 8am**

OFFICIAL WELCOME: **9am from *Dr Martin Dolinschek*, EVA President**

KEYNOTE LECTURE: **Presented by *Dr Rachael Smith*, Equine Surgery -  
Discussing the Controversies of the Equine Spine**

## Health Stream

### SESSION 1

My Horse Has a Heart Murmur  
- What Does This Mean?

***Prof. Guy Lester***

### SESSION 2

Busting the Myths Around  
Colic Surgery

***Dr Annemarie Cullimore***

### SESSION 3

Important Updates in Equine  
Endocrine Disease

***Dr Tania Sundra***

### SESSION 4

Managing Dental Disease

***Dr Kirsten Jackson***

### SESSION 1

Preparing for Breeding -  
What You Really Need to Know

***Dr Annett Annandale***

### SESSION 2

Pre-Purchase Exams - Why  
They're a Worthy Investment

***Dr Ross Wallace***

## Wellness Stream

### SESSION 3

Feeding for Performance

***Ms Michelle Meylan***

### SESSION 4

Strategic Deworming -  
Current Thinking and  
Australian Updates

***Dr Emma McConnell***

## FINALE

COMBINED Q&A SESSION: **4pm with our Panel of Speakers**

EVENT FAREWELL: **5pm**

# OUR PRESENTERS

OUR  
WELCOME  
SPEAKER



## Dr Martin Dolinschek

Equine Dentistry | WA Veterinary Equine Dentistry

Dr Martin Dolinschek graduated from Murdoch University in 1997 and, following a few years in mixed practice he became an equine veterinarian. He sat and passed his membership examinations in equine dentistry in 2008 and has been in a purely equine dentistry practice for the past 14 years. He sees both routine cases as well as referral cases including complex extractions from all over WA. He travels throughout the metropolitan area as well as to the more regional areas. Martin's passion for teaching has him lecturing and tutoring the 4th and 5th year veterinary students as well as running the dentistry workshop for the final year equine streaming students. He is also heavily involved in speaking at pony clubs, adult rider events and has spoken at numerous veterinary conferences on equine dentistry. He has attended workshops and dentistry conferences across Australia and is keen to share his knowledge with other veterinarians.

Equine dentistry aside, Martin is incredibly passionate about the equine veterinary profession and ensuring its ongoing sustainability; a mission he is working hard on as the current Equine Veterinarians Australia president.

OUR  
KEYNOTE  
SPEAKER



## Dr Rachael Smith

Equine Surgery | Rangiora Vet Centre

Prior to joining the RVC Equine team early in 2022, Rachael was in Perth, WA, where she was a Senior Lecturer in Equine Surgery at The Animal Hospital, Murdoch University, School of Veterinary Medicine.

Rachael originally graduated from Massey University (BVSc) in 1998, followed by 3 years in a large animal practice in Matamata, during this time she also achieved a Postgraduate Diploma in Veterinary Clinical Science. She left NZ and took on locum roles in the UK, before returning to Perth, to take a residency training position at Murdoch University in Equine Surgery.

Rachael is a member of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists in both Equine Medicine and Surgery, a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Surgeons in LA Surgery, and a Registered Specialist in Equine Surgery.

Most recently Rachael undertook post graduate training in veterinary chiropractic and certified with the International Veterinary Chiropractic Association.

Her special interests include equine lameness evaluations, diagnostics and poor performance evaluations, axial skeleton evaluation and diagnostics as well as soft tissue surgery: wound repair and reconstruction, synovial sepsis, foot injuries, pathology and colic surgery.

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## Professor Guy Lester

Equine Medicine | [Equimed & The Animal Hospital at Murdoch University](#)

Dr Lester has an extensive history in referral equine medicine, including many years of tertiary practice at the University of Florida and Murdoch University. Over the years he has mentored dozens of clinical residents and graduate students, and thousands of future veterinarians. Board certification in large animal medicine reflected years of specialist training. Dr Lester has a PhD and is the author of over 100 research articles and book chapters and has been invited to speak at conferences in many countries.



## Dr Annemarie Cullimore

Equine Medicine | [Ascot Equine Hospital](#)

Annemarie is an Registered Specialist in Equine Medicine. She graduated from University College Dublin, Ireland in 2003, and spent time working in mixed animal practice in Ireland before immigrating to Australia.

Annemarie then worked in a well reputed racetrack practice in Adelaide for four years, during which time she passed the Australian membership examination in equine surgery.

In 2010, she made the move to Western Australia, and spent 6 years working at The Animal Hospital at Murdoch University. During this time she completed a three year specialist training programme in equine medicine and surgery, passed the ACVIM board specialist exam in large animal internal medicine and completed a research Master's degree focussing on Inflammatory Airway Disease. She is now a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine and one of the only specialists in Equine Medicine working in private practice in WA.

Annemarie has a special interest in all things medicine ranging from sick foals, to poorly performing racehorses, to the geriatric paddock pet.



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## Dr Tania Sundra

Equine General Practice | [Avon Ridge Equine](#)



Tania graduated from Murdoch University in 2009 and completed an equine internship at a busy performance horse hospital in the USA. Upon returning home she spent a few years working in racetrack and repro clinics in Western Australia.

In 2015, Tania founded Avon Ridge Equine Veterinary Services – an ambulatory equine practice servicing Perth and surrounding regions. In 2019, she successfully completed examinations to become a member of the Australian & New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists, Equine Medicine chapter. Tania has a keen interest in all things related to equine medicine, and is actively involved in clinical research.

## Dr Kirsten Jackson

Equine Dentistry | [DentalVet](#)



After graduating from Murdoch University Veterinary School with honours in 2007, Kirsten worked in general equine practice for just over 2 years before starting 'Dental Vet' in 2010. In 2012 she completed her Membership examinations at the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists in Equine Dentistry and in 2021 was awarded her PhD at the University of Western Australia for her research into equine peripheral dental caries.

She has published widely in the leading international veterinary journals and has lectured at numerous conference and workshops internationally and nationally. In 2017 Dental Vet opened WA's first and only equine veterinary dental clinic, allowing the facilitation of more advanced dental procedures such as endodontics ('root canals') and restorations ('fillings'). She enjoys teaching, continuing the research while running Dental Vet, as well as her charity work through Animal Aid Abroad and enjoying time with her young family.

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## Dr Annett Annandale



Equine Reproduction | [Murray Veterinary Services](#)

Annett was born in Germany, and obtained her MedVet degree from the University of Leipzig, Germany, and her DrMedVet from the VetSuisse Faculty, University of Zurich in Switzerland. She moved to South Africa in 2004 where she completed a residency in Theriogenology at the Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria. Annett became a Diplomate of the American College of Theriogenologists (ACT) in 2007 and obtained her MSc (cum laude) from the Faculty of Veterinary Science, University of Pretoria, in 2010, and her PhD from Utrecht University, Netherlands, in 2020. Annett has worked as a reproduction specialist in both University as well as private practice settings, and has been actively involved in veterinary education since 2014.

She is an experienced veterinary reproduction practitioner with a passion for all aspects of equine breeding related procedures, and with a strong background in academia and research.

Since arriving in Perth in December 2019, Annett has worked as an equine reproduction consultant at Murray Veterinary Services, WA, before joining the School of Veterinary Medicine at Murdoch University.

## Dr Ross Wallace



Equine General Practice | [Murray Veterinary Services](#)

Ross Graduated from Murdoch University in 2000 with first class Honours and then completed an internship at Agnes Banks Equine clinic in NSW. Ross has worked exclusively in equine practice in Australia and spent time working at Bourton vale Equine clinic in the UK. In 2006 returned to Australia and resumed work at Agnes Banks where he helped establish and supervise their scintigraphy (bone scanning) Unit.

In 2008 Ross gained his memberships to the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists in equine surgery. After returning home to Western Australia Ross established Murray Veterinary Services in 2009.

Ross main interests are Equine reproduction and sport horse lameness and is an FEI accredited veterinarian but genuinely enjoys all aspects of equine veterinary medicine and surgery.

When not working or on call Ross can be found chasing his kids around the farm or on the tractor doing a bit of fencing or starting a new project and may one day attempt to resume his eventing career.

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## Ms Michelle Meylan

Equine Nutrition | [Milne & Pegasus](#)



Michelle has been actively involved in the horse industry in nutrition, coaching and competition for many years. She has a Bachelors degree in Equine Science and has a specialised focus on equine nutrition. She is currently undertaking a Masters degree at the University of Edinburgh. Michelle regularly attends leading equine conferences to continue challenging and expanding her knowledge base.

As the equine nutrition advisor at Milne Feeds, she has nearly 20 years' experience in providing expert nutrition support to equine customers. Michelle spends part of her time working individually with horse owners, breeding farms and trainers to devise the best diets for their horses through ration analysis. She also is involved in the ongoing management of feed formulations and takes a keen interest in developing new product formulations. Michelle also works closely with Kentucky Equine Research (KER) to keep up to date with the latest developments in equine nutrition and feeding management.

She has been an invited speaker at many equestrian groups, and has presented on equine nutrition at university and conferences. As a horse owner herself, she combines these technical resources with her practical experience to assist owners, trainers and breeders apply the science of nutrition and achieve the best results possible from their feed plans.

## Dr Emma McConnell

Equine Medicine | [The Animal Hospital at Murdoch University](#)



Emma graduated from the University of Edinburgh in 2006, after moving to the UK in 1999. Following two years in small animal and mixed practice, she undertook a 12-month internship in equine medicine and surgery at the Royal Veterinary College, London.

Having developed a passion for equine medicine and critical care, Emma then moved to South Africa to take up a position as Resident in Equine Internal Medicine at Onderstepoort Veterinary Academic Hospital, University of Pretoria. On completion she spent several months as a lecturer at the university before returning to Perth in 2013.

Emma has a Masters degree in Veterinary Medicine and is a Registered Specialist in Equine Medicine and a Diplomate of the European College of Equine Internal Medicine. She is a Senior Lecturer in Equine Medicine and currently works at The Animal Hospital at Murdoch University, where she takes great pride in providing an exceptional clinical service to her patients (foals and ponies especially).



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