

**Day 1 - Wednesday 21 October**

**Session 1: Theme TBC**

- 8:45 Opening of conference
- 9:00 Keynote - Larry Carbone
- 9:45 Mary Bate - Review of the 'Australian code for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes'
- 10:15 Sponsors' talks
- 10:30 Morning Tea

**Session 2: Non-Human Primates**

- 11:00 Annemarie Hennessy - baboons in medical research
- 11:30 Claire Coulson - Beyond the Lab: Exploring Retirement Pathways for Primates Used in Research in Australia
- 12:00 Discussion panel
- 12:30 Lunch

**Session 3: Welfare and Ethical Guidelines**

- 1:30 Paul McGreevy - Guidelines for the conduct of studies into animal behaviour modification, training and equipment use
- 2:00 Jackie Phillips - Animal Ethics Committee Culture & effective functioning of an AEC
- 2:30 Breakout session
- 3:00 Afternoon tea

**Session 4: Culture, Care & Collaboration**

- 3:30 Mandy Errington - Animal Ethics Committees and the Culture of Care: Insights from the Literature and a Survey of Australian AEC Members
- 4:00 Kieron Rooney - The human in animal research and the potential for changes in the behaviour of the human to influence research outcomes
- 4:30 Katherine Reid - Paved With Good Intentions: Why Compassionate People Produce Poor Animal Welfare Outcomes - and What To Do About It (online)
- 5:00 Mary Bate - Research quality, research culture and good institutional practice
- 5:15 Poster session
- 6:00 Welcome Reception

**Day 2 - Thursday 22 October****Session 5: Openness**

- 9:00 Elena Schaller - Public attitudes towards animal research in Australia: Findings from a 2025 national opinion poll (online)  
 9:15 Shannon Akers - Australian Ethical University Benchmarking Tool  
 9:30 Malcolm France - Three years of the Australian Openness Agreement  
 9:45 Ian Saldanha - NZ Openness Agreement update  
 10:00 Sabine Chourbaji - Towards more Transparency in Animal Research: Communication & Next-Gen Scientists – a European Perspective  
 10:30 Morning Tea

**Session 6: NATs/NAMs**

- 11:00 Thomas White / Kate Lynch - Invertebrate sentience  
 11:30 Hue Dinh - *Galleria mellonella* as a versatile *in vivo* invertebrate animal model  
 11:45 Wojciech Chrzanowski - NAT-Net update  
 12:00 Anai Gonzalez-Cordero - Organoid-Based Modelling and Gene Therapy Strategies for inherited retinal diseases  
 12:30 Lunch

**Session 7: Concurrent sessions**

	<b>Session 7a: AAALAC</b>	<b>Session 7b: NATs/NAMs</b>
1:30		
1:30	Dewi Rowlands - Two Decades of Continuous Improvement: HKUMed and AAALAC Accreditation	Tara Jackson - Working together for change: Beyond Animal Research (BAR) one year on
1:45	Montip Gettayacamin - AAALAC International Accreditation in the Australian Setting	Greg Williams - Biobanking: Enabling infrastructure for our NAMs future
2:00	Malcolm Lawson - AAALAC International Accreditation in Australian Research Institutes – What are improved	Panthipa Suwannakot - 3D-Printed Human Brain Tumor Model for Safer and Faster Glioblastoma Drug Discovery
2:15	Chris Cooper - Ozgene / Ozgene ARC case study	Munira Xaymardan - Human-Based Models from Adult Stem Cell Biology and Maternal Periodontal Health
2:30	Barbara Kruger - Elanco case study	Andre Peterson - Computational modelling of human brain data as a viable replacement to animal models of epilepsy
2:45	Discussion panel	Katie Bashant Day - A Trans-Tasman Pilot of a Truly Animal-Free Serum Replacement Across Research Laboratories in Australia and New Zealand
3:00	Afternoon tea	

**Session 8: Theme TBC**

- 3:30 Larry Carbone (30m - 1h Duration TBC)  
 4:15 Adrian Smith - Norecopa (online)  
 4:45 Close of Day 2

**Day 3 - Friday 23 October****Session 9: Concurrent sessions****Session 9a: High Animal Welfare Impact****Session 9b: AEC Operations**

9:00	Ronak Reshamwala - Refinement of high impact neurotrauma models: improving animal welfare and reducing distress	Jenny Kingham - Category E members- Should they be included?
9:15	Lisa Kidd - Using mortality data to assess and manage animal welfare outcomes	
9:30	Rachel Layton - Assessing analgesia for pigs in African swine fever disease studies: A case of refinement via researcher collaboration	Dewi Rowlands - Exploring the Potential Role of Artificial Intelligence in Animal Ethics Committee Workflows
9:45	Susan Doohan - Rethinking Rumen Access: Science, Welfare, and the Road Ahead	Misty Fish - Are we addressing complaints about animal care appropriately
10:00	Catherine Gearing - Beyond Baseline: Improving Health Assessment Through Weight Loss Metrics in Mouse Experiments	Mark Burdass - Aquatic Animals in Scientific Trials "A New Zealand Animal Ethics Committee's Experience"

10:15 Morning Tea

**Session 10: High Animal Welfare Impact**

10:45	Richard Malik - Updates on antiviral therapy in cats
11:15	Paul Hick - World-first mRNA vaccine against Foot and Mouth Disease: rabbit model to refine vaccine design (TBC)
11:45	Anna Chlingaryan - AI Assisted Pain Behaviour Detection in Calves
12:00	Shari Cohen - Reporting practices of anaesthesia and analgesia in rodent orthopedic research

12:30 Lunch

**Session 11: Beyond Approval: Responsible Animal Use from Practice to Retirement**

1:30	Paula Wallace - Liberty Foundation's rodent homing facility
1:55	Arnja Dale - ICLAS Globally harmonized standard for animals in science
2:00	Arnja Dale - NZ Animal Use Statistics - Are our numbers going up?
2:15	Katarina Mikac - Improving survey methods for nocturnal arboreal mammals using drones: advancing animal welfare through the 3Rs
2:30	Tzongtyng Hung - Use of advanced imaging techniques in animal research: How imaging technologies support the 3Rs
3:00	Malcolm France - Don't count your chickens! A trial compilation of national statistics on animals used in research and teaching in Australia
3:15	Announcement of ANZCCART Conference 2027
3:30	Close of conference
3:30	Optional: Post-Approval Monitoring Workshop (1 hour) (TBC)