

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 - ANZCCART Conference historical presentation
- 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 - Don't count your chickens! A trial to advance openness through national statistics in Australia
 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

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| 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 / Tara Jackson - 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 - How can we improve the quality of preclinical research? (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**

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 - Looking forward: outcomes of the Australian openness agreement review |
| 3:15 | Announcement of ANZCCART Conference 2027 |
| 3:30 | Close of conference |
| 3:30 | Optional: Post-Approval Monitoring Workshop (1 hour) (TBC) |