

PRESIDENT

Dr STEVEN ROBERTS



Dr Steven Roberts has served on the ACT Veterinary Surgeons Board for a period of three years. Steve was elected Deputy President by the Board in September 2015 and has been a registered veterinarian since 1993.

Steve has a strong interest in large animal work, particularly bovine and equine and has been involved as an official veterinarian, competitor and organiser in endurance riding for over 30 years.

After large animal practice Steve worked on export abattoirs for five years before moving to Canberra to work in the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture on overseas market access for animal products such as meat, skins, hides and wool and abattoir by-products. He also worked with the newly established national registration body for agricultural and veterinary chemicals for four years.

Steve sees his involvement with the Board as being able to give something back to the profession.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT

DR ALLEN BRYCE



Dr Allen Bryce was elected to the ACT Veterinary Surgeons Board in July 2015.

Allen has been a registered veterinarian within the ACT since 2010, and has previously been registered in New Zealand, the Northern Territory and New South Wales.

Allen has previously served as President of the Northern Territory Veterinary Surgeons Board, as the Chair of the Registration Committee of the Veterinary Council of New Zealand and on the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council.

As well as his ongoing interest in veterinary professional standards, Allen has a strong professional interest in animal welfare, regulation of veterinary medicines, agricultural trade, food safety, biosecurity, epidemiology and 'One Health'.

MEMBER

DR PETER GIBBS



Dr Peter Gibbs was elected to the ACT Veterinary Surgeons Board in October 2017. He has been a registered veterinary surgeon in the ACT for the past 39 years and brings six years of intense corporate governance experience as a Director of the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA), three years as Vice President; representing the profession locally and internationally. Prior to this Dr Peter Gibbs was president of the NSW division of the association with 5 years on the committee.

During his 11 years involvement with the AVA, Dr Gibbs sat on the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council Veterinary Schools Standards (AVBC) and the Veterinary Schools Accreditation Committee (VSAC) for three years. As President of the NSW division of the AVA, Dr Gibbs contributed to the new Veterinary Practice Act as well as set up an ethics and complaints mediation program in order to be able to advise aggrieved clients of members of the association of their rights and privileges and to discuss with the practitioners a possible process to settle the alleged complaint amicably and without recourse to the veterinary board.

MEMBER

DR ELOISE KOELMEYER



Dr Eloise Koelmeyer was elected to the ACT Veterinary Surgeons Board in July 2015.

Eloise has been a registered Veterinarian within the ACT since 2013 and was previously registered as a veterinary surgeon in Queensland.

After graduation, Eloise completed an internship in an equine referral hospital, but has since spent most of her career working in small animal practice. She is a small animal clinician in a private

practice here in the ACT with her major interests and postgraduate training being fields of animal behaviour and feline medicine. She is also very interested in soft tissue surgery.

Eloise has a strong interest in animal welfare, believing it is the foundation of the veterinary profession. It is for this reason that apart from working as a clinician, she is passionately involved in the media industry.

As a Radio Presenter, her philosophy is that improved animal welfare comes from informing and educating the public about a broad range of issues relating to both domestic animals and wildlife.

MEMBER

DR MELANIE LATTER



Dr Melanie Latter was elected to the ACT Veterinary Surgeons Board in April 2018.

Melanie graduated in Veterinary Science from Sydney University in 1986. Initially trained in veterinary pathology including a PhD completed in 1997, Melanie then worked in mainly bovine practice on Norfolk Island, before returning to lecture in veterinary pathology at the University of Queensland.

In 2010 to pursue her life-time interest in animal welfare, Melanie became a Senior Policy Officer in Animal Welfare with the Queensland Department of Agriculture, and obtained ANZCVS Membership in Animal Welfare in 2014. She completed a Graduate Certificate in Policy Analysis, prior to working for the Australian Veterinary Association as the Head of Policy and Advocacy, based in Canberra.

Melanie's current role includes undertaking advocacy on behalf of the profession. Melanie feels it is a privilege to work on behalf of colleagues and advocate for sustainability of the profession and issues of concern to veterinarians. To serve on the ACT Veterinary Surgeons Board is an opportunity to further expand this support and service to the profession.

COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

MS EILEEN JERGA, AM



Ms Eileen Jerga AM has been on the ACT Veterinary Surgeons Board for a period of six years and was reappointed as the Community Representative in June 2015.

Eileen is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and was previously the CEO of the Heart Foundation ACT.

Eileen currently serves on the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council's Board, the Nursing and Midwifery Board of the Australia (ACT) and several Department of Health Committees, including the newly appointed Health Technology Assessment Consumer Consultative Committee.

Ms Jerga has also served on Governance and Finance and Audit Committees at ANMAC and the Defence Housing Authority.