AAVAC 2026 CONFERENCE

Thursday 26 November

Conference presentations and icebreaker drinks

26–28 November 2026 • Australia Room 1 + 2

TIME	SPEAKER / ACTIVITY	PRESENTATION / EVENT
8:30–9:00 am	**Registration**	
9:00–10:00 am	Natalie Antinoff	Medical Aspects of Feather Damaging: Beyond Behavior
10:00–10:30 am	Paul Eden	Wild warriors for biosecurity: the role of private vets in biosecurity systems for Australia’s avian wildlife
10:30–11:00 am	**Morning tea**	
11:00 am–12:00 pm	Natalie Antinoff	Atherosclerosis in Birds
12:00–1:00 pm	**Lunch**	
1:00–1:30 pm	Michelle Sutherland	Avian multiple primary neoplasms: a preliminary case series
1:30–2:00 pm	Leanne Yeung	Hepatic myeloid leucosis as a cause of sudden death in a budgerigar
2:00–2:30 pm	Hamish Baron	Ex vivo biomechanical comparison of a novel PEEK locking nail and external skeletal fixator–intramedullary pin construct in paired femora of Pekin ducks
2:30–3:00 pm	Brandon Arnell	Progressive flight-associated neurological dysfunction in a juvenile eclectus parrot
3:00–3:30 pm	**Afternoon tea**	
3:30–4:00 pm	Breanna Carr	Detections of poultry diseases in Victoria and vaccinations available to poultry breeders throughout Australia
4:00–5:00 pm	Jiongrui (JR) Huang	Different Approaches to Disease Diagnostics in Backyard Poultry
5:00–6:00 pm	**AAVAC AGM**	**All current members, please attend.**
6:00 pm	**Icebreaker Drinks**	**Australia Room 3 + 4 (Exhibitor Hall)**

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Friday 27 November

Workshops, presentations and conference dinner

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TIME	SPEAKER / ACTIVITY	PRESENTATION / EVENT
8:30–9:00 am	**Registration**	
9:00–10:30 am	Backyard poultry nutrition	Australia Room 1 + 2
9:00–10:30 am	Chicken ultrasound workshop*	The University of Melbourne (offsite - transport provided) **Limited places available**
10:30–11:00 am	**Morning tea**	
11:00 am–12:00 pm	Backyard poultry nutrition	Australia Room 1 + 2
11:00 am–12:00 pm	Chicken ultrasound workshop*	The University of Melbourne (offsite - transport provided) **Limited places available**
12:00–1:30 pm	**Lunch**	
1:30–3:30 pm	Natalie Antinoff	Neurologic disease
3:30–4:00 pm	**Afternoon tea**	
4:00–4:30 pm	Kathleen Hardie	Presentation title TBC
4:30–5:00 pm	Fiona Park	Hypervitaminosis D as a probable cause of egg hatch failure in a blue and gold macaw flock
6:30 pm	**Conference dinner**	**Australia Room 1 + 2**

* Single-day delegates intending to attend the chicken ultrasound workshop will need earlier registration. Time to be confirmed.

Saturday 28 November

Conference presentations and farewell drinks

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TIME	SPEAKER / ACTIVITY	PRESENTATION / EVENT
8:30–9:00 am	**Registration**	
9:00–10:30 am	Natalie Antinoff	Take a Deep Breath
10:30–11:00 am	**Morning tea**	
11:00–11:30 am	Jacinta Colvin	Impacts of plastic ingestion on the health and body condition of fledgling short-tailed shearwaters
11:30 am–12:00 pm	Jana Schader	Two unusual neurological presentations in tawny frogmouths (provisional match)
12:00–1:00 pm	**Lunch**	
1:00–2:00 pm	Shubhagata Das	CircoVet: integrating molecular and serological diagnostics to assess BFDV infection status (provisional match)
2:00–3:00 pm	Amber Lee	Uropygial gland lymphoma treated with oral chlorambucil chemotherapy in a cockatiel
3:00–3:30 pm	**Afternoon tea**	
3:30–5:00 pm	Natalie Antinoff	Abdominal Distension in Birds
5:00 pm	**Farewell Drinks**	**Lane Restaurant**

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Saturday 28 November

Nursing stream

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TIME	SPEAKER / ACTIVITY	PRESENTATION / EVENT
8:30–9:00 am	**Nursing registration**	
9:00–10:30 am	Natalie Antinoff	Take a Deep Breath
10:30–11:00 am	**Morning tea**	
11:00–11:30 am	Sarah Hayward	From fur to feathers: transitioning the nursing mindset and environment for avian care
11:30 am–12:00 pm	Jasmine Baldacchino	Presentation title TBC
12:00–1:00 pm	**Lunch**	
1:00–2:00 pm	Jana Schader	Wild bird husbandry
2:00–2:30 pm	Iffy Glendinning	Avian reproductive disorders;
2:30–3:00 pm	Monique Cheng	Long-term outcome of metabolic bone disease in a three-week-old budgerigar
3:00–3:30 pm	**Afternoon tea**	
3:30–5:00 pm	Natalie Antinoff	Abdominal Distension in Birds
5:00 pm	**Farewell Drinks**	**Lane Restaurant**