

## Member Benefits

*Include...*

- *ACV Badge (on joining)*
- *Quarterly copy of the "Australian Cattle Veterinarian"*
- *Copy of Proceedings (Cattle Stream at AVA Conference)*



- *Interaction and fellowship with other Australian Cattle Vets*
- *Participation in NCPD Scheme*
- *Reduced prices for publications and at CE courses*



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**Australian Cattle Vets**

*A special interest group of AVA Ltd*



## Member Information Brochure

The Australian Cattle Vets (ACV) (formerly known as Australian Association of Cattle Veterinarians or AACV) is a special interest group of the Australian Veterinary Association Limited.

In 1973, a group of like-minded cattle veterinarians formed a special interest group with the aim of "providing a focus and forum for members with a common professional interest, and to provide representation of that common interest to the parent body of the Association", in this case the Australian Veterinary Association. Professor Desmond Dowling was the first president of the Association.

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Since these humble beginnings, the ACV has expanded to become the largest special interest group within the AVA, with approximately 900 members across Australia. Members comprise veterinarians from private practice, vets employed by government departments of agriculture and the quarantine service, university, agricultural and veterinary consultants, and those employed by chemical companies. Veterinary students are also encouraged to participate.

Membership is open to all financial members of the AVA who have an interest in any type of cattle work. The ACV is managed by an annually elected executive committee of 9 members including a president, vice president, president-elect, secretary/treasurer, journal editor, AVA board member and Policy Councillor. There are additional executive committee members, state representatives and subcommittees

Administration is conducted from a central office based in Brisbane, Queensland which is shared with the sheep and animal reproduction groups.

### National Cattle Pregnancy Diagnosis (NCPD) Scheme

is open to ACV members only. It is a nationally recognised quality tail tagging system for the identification and certification of cattle pregnancy status, particularly for sale purposes. The NCPD scheme seeks to promote excellence in cattle pregnancy testing skills, by way



of peer-based assessment and the provision of educational material (including and the revised manual 'Pregnancy Diagnosis in Cattle').



### Bull Fertility

#### Standardisation of Bull Breeding Soundness Evaluation (BBSE) techniques,



through the publication of "Evaluating and Reporting Bull Fertility", a partner CD "Bull Reporter" and ongoing workshops. This software will replace existing hand written bull fertility reports.

### Other Services provided to members include

#### Continuing Education

through AVA conferences, stand alone conferences and seminars, workshops, proceedings, liaison with



the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists and the Post Graduate Foundation in Veterinary Science and the hosting of the 1998 World Buiatrics Congress in Sydney.

The quarterly production of the '**Australian Cattle Veterinarian**', with a range of news, topical issues and scientific articles of interest to veterinarians working with cattle.

**The encouragement and assistance** of undergraduate veterinary education across Australia, and support in the attainment of competency standards.



**Liaison** with peak industry bodies- Cattle Council of Australia, (with whom we have associate membership) AMAC, Dairy Australia and other industry bodies.

**Promotion** of the services that cattle veterinarians can offer to the cattle industries, through representation to and liaison with, producer associations and the rural press.

**Provision of Advice** to industry, AVA and ACV members on animal welfare issues involving cattle, including preparation and review of AVA policy on cattle welfare matters.

**Participation** in reviews of State Veterinary Legislation and national quarantine requirements.