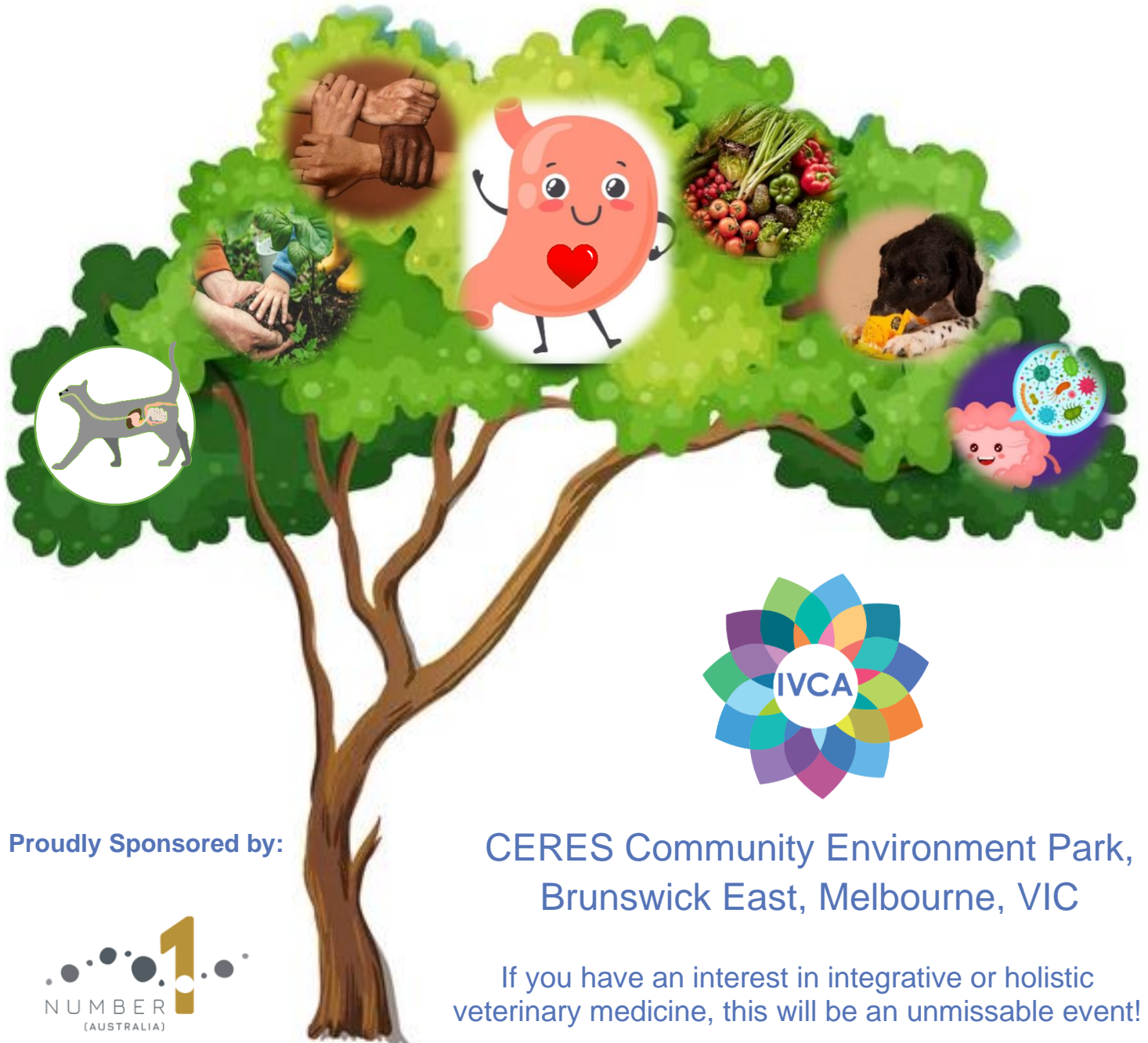


Integrative Veterinary Conferences Australia (IVCA) 2024 Conference

Thursday 17th – Sunday 20th October 2024
Yummy, Yummy, Yummy, I Got Love In My Tummy:
Focus on Nutrition



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Brunswick East, Melbourne, VIC

If you have an interest in integrative or holistic
veterinary medicine, this will be an unmissable event!

Introducing Our Speakers

Keynote Speakers:



Dr Geraldine Blanchard (FRANCE)

Nutritionist of the websites: cuisine-a-crocs.com and viti5.com.au. Veterinary Specialist in Clinical Nutrition, in Vetivia veterinary clinic in Biarritz (France). CEO of Animal Nutrition Expertise SARL, Arbonne, France. CEO of Vet Nutrition Coach SAS, Bidart, France.

Géraldine BLANCHARD graduated DVM from the Vet School of Alfort (France) in 1994.

First oriented to an Academic carrier, she passed the French academic abilitation (*agregation*), defended her PhD on Lipoprotein metabolism and Hepatic Lipidosis in Cats. She holds board certification in the European College of Veterinary and Comparative Nutrition (ECVCN).

Until 2006, she developed Clinical Nutrition at the Vet School of Alfort as associate Professor. In 2007, she moved to Australia for a sabbatical which turned into a position of Senior Lecturer in Nutrition (UQ, St Lucia, QLD).

Back to France, she launched in 2008 an online nutrition service cuisine-a-crocs.com, now offering balanced tailored recipes for dogs and cats for more than 140 situations (healthy and one disease or more) from Geraldine's logarithms (including home-made-diets, mixed diets or commercial pet food, and treats), in French and English.

In order to balance the mixed diets and the home cooked diets for dogs and cats, she launched a range of mineral vitamin supplements, Vit'i5, now distributed in France and Europe.

ANE has a secondary company, created in Australia in 2019, VETANEA Pty Ltd, which launched in 2021 a website www.viti5.com.au, to offer Vit'i5 to Australian dogs and cats.

Géraldine also runs a specialized consultation of Clinical Nutrition, in a private practice in Biarritz.

Geraldine is author and co-author of several original publications, books and book chapters in Veterinary continuing education. She is a national and international lecturer

Geraldine has trained successfully 3 residents of her College who became Dipl. ECVCN.

Dr Ian Billingham (NSW)



Dr. Ian Billingham is a nutritionist, agricultural scientist, veterinary surgeon, acupuncturist, and nutritional consultant. He is widely regarded as “The Father of RAW Feeding” and has produced his own brand of pet foods. He is the author of "Give Your Dog a Bone", "Grow Your Pups With Bones", "The BARF Diet" and "Pointing the Bone at Cancer". His first three books discuss the basic principles of canine (and feline) nutrition using raw, whole, and commonly available foods. His fourth book looks at nutrition and cancer. He conducts clinical and literature research into nutrition, writes and lectures on evolutionary nutrition, and its use in treating and preventing degenerative disease ... including cancer. The recently formed Billingham Institute (www.billinghurst.institute)

provides a comprehensive course in RAW feeding with more than forty hours of lectures by Ian Billingham.

Dr Clare Middle (WA)

Over the last 40 years, since Clare graduated from Murdoch University as a veterinarian, she has increasingly used natural therapies. Most of her patients have been dogs and cats who have not improved with conventional veterinary treatments at their regular vet.

Clare has been using acupuncture for over 40 years, and gained the Certificate of Veterinary Acupuncture (CVA) from the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society in 1991. This is the Australian Veterinary Association recommended qualification for Australian vets using acupuncture. She completed a Brauer professional practitioner diploma in homoeopathy in 1996. She has reiki 2 and has several sets of flower essences which she enjoys using for behavioural and physical problems. Clare was the founding president for several years of the Australian Association of Holistic Veterinarians (now known as Integrative Veterinarians Australia), an organisation who encourages vets to use a holistic approach. The AAHV introduced the first veterinary specific professional course in classical homoeopathy for Australian vets, from which Dr Middle was awarded the certificate of the International Association of Veterinary Homeopathy. She has also completed Dr Bruce Ferguson's Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine Herbology course.



Clare works from a private consulting room in Balingup, Western Australia, using classical homoeopathy, herbs, kinesiology and flower essences. Most of her clients bring their pet in for chronic or ongoing problems where ongoing conventional drugs are not preferred or not working, for example skin allergies, lameness or spinal pain, colitis or behavioural problems.

Clare is particularly interested in setting up a healthy lifetime for young animals using diet and minimal drugs. This interest includes keeping up with recent research into vaccination protocols and advising clients on optimizing the combination of minimal safe conventional vaccination with alternatives. Clare has also published three books on natural diets for pets.

Then In Alphabetical Order:

Dr Edward Bassingthwaighte (VIC)

Dr Edward helps animals heal with intuitive/integrative veterinary services, and the Whole Energy Body Balance Method (Neuro-fascial Bodywork, Energywork). Dr Edward has a strong interest in how the human end of the leash affects the health and well-being of animals.

Workshop 2: Wellness with Dr Ed + Anthea

Dr Edward + Anthea are devoted to self-care, personal growth, and spiritual evolution in a very practical, down to earth way. Dr Ed is a healer, musician, and founder of the Whole Energy Body balance method. Anthea is a menopause yoga teacher, and long-time devotee of kirtan and conscious dance. Together, we will help you create and maintain Hope, recognise and transcend challenges in your life, and either begin or strengthen a strong, consistent self-care practice that feeds body, mind, and soul. You'll enjoy experiential exercises, guided meditations, music, reflection, a menopause yoga class, and learn practices to keep you strong and happy in work and play!



Dr Kelly Halls (VIC)

Dr Kelly Halls graduated in 2002 from the Uni of QLD in Brisbane and went straight into mixed practice in Pakenham, at the time a rural area with a strong racing thoroughbred breeding industry. Two and a half years of mixed animal practice gave a good grounding for Kelly to travel to the UK and spend a glorious 2 years in various practices throughout the United Kingdom, as well as packing in some memorable travel experiences!

Returning to her home on the Mornington Peninsula, the next 8 years were spent in busy small animal practices as well as emergency clinics, and raising babies. With a young family, the decision was made to open her own practice in Mount Martha on the Mornington Peninsula.

Dr Kelly Halls founded Bentons Road Veterinary Clinic in 2015 and has grown the business to be a truly integrative practice offering all the usual modern veterinary services including advanced surgical procedures, medical diagnostics, and dentistry, as well as a proactive natural health approach.

Dr Kelly Halls has been an AVA member for many years as well as a current member of the ASAV and IVA SIGS. Currently serving on the Executive Committee of the IVA and holding the position of Policy Advisory Council Representative for the past 4 years.



Kelly's has completed further education in Emergency Medicine, Behaviour Medicine, Western Herbal Medicine, Natural Nutrition, and Therapeutic Nutrition.

Kelly also tutors students enrolled in the Veterinary Natural Nutrition courses through the College of Integrative Veterinary Therapies and administrates an online holistic veterinary community through the Natural Veterinary Practitioners closed Facebook Group.

Kelly has featured in podcasts for Pure Animal Wellbeing and CIVT, presented the recent Fresh Food Feeding Workshop at the AVA National Conference and also speaks weekly as the featured vet on local radio station 3RPP-FM.

Dr Viv Harris (NZ)



Dr Viv Harris graduated from Massey University (New Zealand) in 1986 with a Bachelor degree in Zoology and a Bachelor of Veterinary Science. For the past 38 years she has had a deep interest in the use of combining Complementary Therapies with Conventional Therapies and has studied widely. She obtained the International Veterinary Acupuncture Society (IVAS) degree, Natural Allergy Treatment (NAET) Certificate as well as completing courses in Trigger Point therapy, Flower Essences, Homeopathy, Herbal medicine and Nutraceuticals. She ran her own Veterinary practice in Wellington for 10 years and was able to combine this extra training with her conventional training with great success. Viv lectures annually at the Massey Veterinary school and at

Veterinary Conferences and now locums and works from her own rooms in Wellington. She also successfully runs Organic Vegetable growing classes from her organic rural property which focuses on soil microbiome health, design, and health of the plants and soil and how it impacts on us as the consumers.

Dr Megan Kearney (NSW)

Bio coming soon...



Dr Christine King (VIC)

BVSc, MANZCVS (equine), MVetClinStud



Dr Chris King is a holistic equine veterinarian who currently lives in southern Victoria. A 1985 graduate of the University of Queensland, Dr King has experience in private practice and veterinary teaching hospitals in Australia and the US. She also has extensive experience as a medical writer and editor, and has authored eleven books. Her interest in the microbiota of the equine gut inspired the book she's currently working on, *Through the Looking-Glass: a bug's-eye view of the equine gut and what it can tell us about feeding horses*. Her presentation at the 2024 IVCA meeting is a brief glimpse into this fascinating microcosmos.

Dr Nichola Spooner (QLD)

BVSc(hons), MANZCVSc(EMCC), GDVWHM, GDVA, FACVBM, CertIV TAE

Originally from a cattle property in Central Queensland, Nichola graduated from the University of Queensland with first class honors in 2001. She completed a small animal rotating internship at Queensland Veterinary Specialists and Pet Emergency in 2004 and obtained her membership of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists in Small Animal Emergency Medicine and Critical Care in 2005. Over the past 22 years she has worked in mixed, small animal, emergency and referral practice. In 2018 she completed her Graduate Diplomas in Veterinary Western Herbal Medicine and Veterinary Acupuncture with CIVT.

Nic now works part-time offering integrative medicine consultations for small animal patients combining a conventional approach to diagnosis and treatment with herbal medicine, acupuncture, natural nutrition and supplementation, physical therapies and environmental management. Nic also has her Cert IV TAE and has worked in the field of education for both veterinarians and veterinary nurses for 16 years. She is now the RTO Manager and a Professor for CIVT, and recently became a Charter Fellow of the American College of Veterinary Botanical Medicine. Nic lives in Yeppoon with her partner, four children, rescue dogs and cats, elderly horse and some pampered hens. In her spare time she enjoys competing in triathlons.



Dr Danny Xue (SA)

Co-founder & head of innovation & research at EAC animal care

Dr Danny gained his PhD in animal science from the University of New England. For over a decade, his research has focussed on the interaction of gut health, microbiology, inflammation, physiology, and nutrition. Inspired by his experience in human pharmaceutical development at the University of Queensland, he proposed the important role of inflammation in stress, disease prevention, and general health and achieved application successes utilising intensive production animals as research model. He has been intensively working with global research organizations and

industry stakeholders to develop antibiotics alternative plan, disease prevention and treatment support plan especially on *Clostridial* and *Coccidia* enteritis, gut health strategy, stress management programme via functional nutritional approach and inflammation management.

Currently works as the head of Innovation & Research centre at EAC animal care

More on Dr Danny's research can be found on our website.

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2024 Conference Program

Thursday 17 th October 2024	
1:30pm – 6:pm:	<p>Workshop 1: How to grow nutrient dense organic veges at home – Dr Viv Harris</p> <p>Join Viv as she takes you on an informative adventure on how to grow your own nutrient dense organic veges at home. Viv will cover an introduction on what Organic growing is all about, optimal garden design, setting up the beds, how to grow your nutrient dense, mineral rich soil (the most important part of your garden!), as well as what to grow and when, organic pest control and harvesting tips. We will also have a fantastic tour of the Ceres Organic vege gardens which will help reinforce what we will learn in the seminar. Discover the links between the healthy, nutrient dense, mineral rich soil microbiome in our vege gardens and our own gut microbiome as we consume these plants. Eating plants grown in this medium without the use of toxic pesticides and herbicides is vital to promote a healthy gut microbiome and increased mineral availability in both our own and our pets bodies. Includes afternoon tea</p>
7pm-9:30pm:	Welcome Dinner – Venue TBA
Friday 18 th October 2024	
8am:	Registration & Announcements
8:30am:	Treating gut inflammation with nutrition – Dr Danny Xue
9:30am:	Post Gut Surgery nutrition – Dr Megan Kearney
10:30am:	Morning Tea
11am:	Sponsor Presentation
11:15am:	Cardiac Disease: Food Therapy, Including Herbs – Dr Clare Middle
12:15pm:	Chronic Enteropathies - how to adapt the diet? Dealing with digestive troubles – Dr Geraldine Blanchard
1:15pm:	Lunch
2:15pm:	Sponsor Presentation
2:30pm:	Homemade or mixed diet - Application to renal disease - Dr Geraldine Blanchard
3:30pm:	Protective nutrition of puppies and kittens – Dr Kelly Halls
4:30pm:	Afternoon Tea
5pm:	Natural treatment systems for food allergies – Dr Viv Harris

Saturday 19th October 2024

8:00am:	Registration & Announcements
8:20am:	Welcome & Announcements
8:30am:	Nutritional medicine for herbivores - Dr Megan Kearney
9:30am:	The microbiota of the equine gut – Dr Chris King
10:30am:	Morning Tea
11am:	Sponsor Presentation
11:15am:	Liver Disease: Food Therapy, Including Herbs - Dr Clare Middle
12:15pm	Diet Selection for Co-morbidities – Dr Geraldine Blanchard
1:15pm:	Lunch
2:15pm:	Sponsor Presentation
2:30pm:	General approach and management of obesity - A road to success considering the pet owner, the pet, the food and the vet - Dr Geraldine Blanchard
3:30pm:	Afternoon Tea and Expo in the Learning Centre
6:30pm- 9:30pm:	Dinner and Award Presentation - Firepit & Music, Food Truck (to be confirmed), Beverages Provided

Sunday 20th October 2024

8:00am:	Registration & Announcements
8:20am:	Welcome & Announcements
8:30am:	Faecal Transplants - Dr Edward Bassingthwaighte
9:30am:	Herbs and the microbiome – Dr Nichola Spooner
10:30am:	Morning Tea
11am:	Sponsor Presentation
11:15am:	Homeopathic Bowel Nosodes – Dr Megan Kearney
12:15pm:	The Most Powerful Tool in your Toolbox - Dr Ian Billingham
1:15pm:	Lunch
2pm – 6pm:	<p>Workshop 2: Wellness – Dr Edward Bassingthwaighte + Anthea Dr Edward + Anthea are devoted to self-care, personal growth, and spiritual evolution in a very practical, down to earth way. Dr Ed is a healer, musician, and founder of the Whole Energy Body balance method. Anthea is a menopause yoga teacher, and long-time devotee of kirtan and conscious dance. Together, we will help you create and maintain Hope, recognise and transcend challenges in your life, and either begin or strengthen a strong, consistent self-care practice that feeds body, mind, and soul. You'll enjoy experiential exercises, guided meditations, music, reflection, a menopause yoga class, and learn practices to keep you strong and happy in work and play!</p> <p>Includes afternoon tea</p>

A La Carte Menu

Please note all prices include GST

<p>Registration Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All lectures and electronic proceedings • Morning tea, afternoon tea, and lunch • Networking and social opportunities • For any other combinations not shown, please get in contact – we can be flexible with your needs! • Early Bird Discount - 10% off until June 20, and then 5% off until August 20 • Uni Student Discount - 30% off - please email us for the discount code! • Multiples from the same practice - 10% off for any additional registrations from the same practice - please email us for the discount code! 	The Works: Full Conference + Two Workshops + Socials	\$1500 (save \$495)
	The Works - Hold The Workshops: Full Conference + Socials (no workshops)	\$1200 (save \$295)
	The Works - Hold The Socials And Workshops (Full Conference only)	\$1100 (save \$260)
	Friday Only	\$550
	Saturday Only (includes social)	\$510
	Saturday Only (no social)	\$460
	Sunday Only	\$300
	Add One Workshop	\$250
	Add Two Workshops	\$450 (save \$50)
	Printed Proceedings (pre-order)	\$45
	Add Thursday Night Social Dinner (drinks not included)	\$60
	Add Saturday Night Dinner & Awards Night - Fully catered	\$75

General Information



Venue

**CERES Community
Environment Park**

Corner of Stewart St &
Roberts St, Brunswick East
VIC

Approx 25 minutes drive
from Melbourne Airport.

There is an on-site car
park, and the area is well
serviced by trams and
buses.



Catering

We will aim to cater to all
dietary requirements so
please indicate your needs
when booking.

We will be providing a
health focused menu with
vegan and gluten free
options.



Accommodation

There is no
accommodation available
at the venue this year.
You can stay anywhere
nearby such as a hotel or
Airbnb.

If you are interested in
finding others to share
accommodation with, get
in touch and we can link
you up.