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# Equine Workshops

Australia -  
New Zealand 2025



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Dr. Ben Chilvers, Priors Farm Equine Surgery, UK

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## Beyond Basics: Practical Advanced Medical Ultrasound

Thu 3 - Fri 4 April

Waikato Equine Veterinary Centre,  
Cambridge, New Zealand

This 2-day practical course is suitable for veterinarians from mixed and equine practice who are keen to develop and update their knowledge and especially their practical skills on medical ultrasound of the following anatomic region: Abdomen – GI & non-GI organs (percutaneously & transrectally), thorax, eye, jugular vein etc.. The use of ultrasound for pleural drainage, for collecting biopsy samples and when working up foals will also be discussed. The panel of internationally renowned speakers/instructors will share common diagnostic pitfalls, erroneous image interpretations and practical tips with the attendees. The 7 hours of practical sessions in small groups (2-4 vets/ultrasound machine) on live horses and equine specimens will allow attendees to further develop their practical skills.

**Jenny Sonis**

DVM, MS, Dipl.ACVM (LAIM) –  
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**Brett Tennent-Brown**

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## Equine Head Trauma/Conditions & Sinus Access – A Practitioner's Approach

Sat 28 - Sun 29 June

REC Specialist Equine Centre, Sydney,  
NSW, Australia

Head trauma/conditions are frequently encountered by 1st opinion veterinarians and a significant number of these cases can be appropriately dealt with in the field and don't require specialized equipment. This 2-day highly practical course covers head wounds, facial & jaw fractures, sinus & guttural pouch problems, oral & tongue lacerations, nasofrontal suture periostitis, oral and nasal foreign bodies etc.. The panel of internationally renowned specialists will discuss in detail how to triage horses appropriately and which cases can be treated within your own practice setting. The 7 hours of practical sessions will give attendees plenty of opportunity to further their practical skills in small groups (2-3 attendees per specimen).

**Hubert Simhofer**

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Equine Vets GmbH, Austria

**Hayley Lang**

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# Poor Performance Diagnostic Skills Workshop – Orthopaedic & Respiratory Conditions

Sat 15 - Sun 16 March

WestVETS (Anstead), Brisbane, QLD, Australia

This Skills Workshop, new for 2025, comprises a program of 9 hours of practical sessions designed to equip veterinarians with the practical toolkit for investigation of both orthopaedic and cardiorespiratory causes of poor performance, and to get the results that will lead to a definitive diagnosis. Attendees will join hands-on, genuine small-group sessions with live horses and simulators unique to VetPD courses, covering clinical exercise testing, static and dynamic respiratory endoscopy (3-5 attendees per endoscope), ridden horse evaluation, objective gait analysis, saddle fit assessment, ultrasound-guided injection techniques, ultrasonography (neck, back or pelvis; 2-4 attendees per ultrasound machine) and radiographic skills.

**Samantha Franklin**  
**Olivier Simon**  
**Nathan Anthony**

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## Equine Ultrasound-Guided Orthopaedic Injection Techniques & Therapies

Fri 6 - Sat 7 June

Tākina (Lectures) & Trentham Racecourse (Workshops),  
Wellington, New Zealand

Fri 13 - Sat 14 June

Avenel Equine Hospital, Melbourne, VIC, Australia

This two-day highly practical course covers the theory and practical skills of performing ultrasound-guided orthopaedic injections and ultrasound-assisted minimally-invasive surgery covering all regions of the musculoskeletal apparatus of the horse. Bringing together world-renowned orthopaedic surgeons with a strong interest in this field, this course also provides a critical overview of conventional and biologic treatment modalities for orthopaedic conditions. This course is suitable for veterinarians from mixed or equine practice who have experience with ultrasonography. During the 7 hours of practical sessions attendees will have the opportunity to practice ultrasound guided injection techniques on cadavers and equine specimens in true small-groups (2 – 4 vets per ultrasound machine) under the supervision of world leaders in this field. Each attendee will rotate through the following practical stations: tendon & ligament injections; upper limb joint injections; injections of the back; cervical facet joint injections; sacroiliac and navicular bursa injections; ultrasound guided surgical techniques.

**Henk van der Veen**  
**David Stack**

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# 2025 Courses/Workshops

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<b>New Zealand</b>	3 – 4 April	Beyond Basics: Practical Advanced Medical Ultrasound	Waikato Equine Veterinary Centre, Cambridge, New Zealand
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## Wetlab Attendee Feedback

*“Enjoyable. Great networking opportunity and well worth it. Very hands-on”*

**Zoe Jones, Australia, May 2024**



*“An extremely informative and useful course for anyone hoping to increase their musculoskeletal ultrasound skills. Instructors were amazing and course incredible”*

**Ciaran Masters, Samford Valley Veterinary Hospital, May 2023**



*“Very practical & hands-on course content. Useful for in the field and for all levels of experience.”*

**Megan Thomas, Northern Rivers Equine Veterinary Clinic, May 2023**



*“Great combination of practical and theory with many take-home points for general practitioners.”*

**Rhian Partridge, Gold Coast Equine Clinic, June 2023**



*“Great evidence based lectures & practical sessions. I got exactly what I needed out of this course.”*

**Annelies Downing, Anneliese Downing Equine Pty Ltd, June 2023**



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# All-inclusive Safari Event

25 hrs Safari; 26 hrs of lectures/case discussions & 38 hrs of wetlabs on live horses/specimens

16 - 22 November 2025, Dinokeng Game Reserve, South Africa

(1h from Johannesburg Airport)

**Natasha Werpy**  
**Harold Schott**  
**Henk van der Veen**  
**Annette Petersen**  
**Christina Eberhardt**  
**Graeme Piketh**

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