



Scone Equine
Hospital
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2019 Equine Surgery/Anaesthesia | Internship

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title:	Equine Surgery/Anaesthesia Internship
Duration:	18 months
Start/End:	July 2019/February 2021
Department:	Surgery
Supervisors:	Dr. Angus Adkins, Dr. Troy Butt

SCONE EQUINE GROUP

Scone Equine Group (SEG) is Australia's largest provider of equine veterinary services with expertise in all areas of horse care across its specialist subsidiary practices. Located in the heart of Australia's Thoroughbred breeding country and across four key horse regions in NSW and Victoria, SEG delivers excellence in equine veterinary health through Scone Equine Hospital, Tamworth Equine Veterinary Centre, Avenel Equine Hospital and the Equine Podiatry and Lameness Centre Muswellbrook. SEG equine veterinarians are recognised around the world for their knowledge and specialist skills across the full spectrum of equine practice.

The Scone Equine Hospital offers an 18-month Internship commencing at the end and middle of the year. The staggering of start times and duration of employment ensures there is always an intern with at least 6 months experience when a new intern commences employment. Under the tuition of five surgeons, the interns will undertake rotations in anaesthesia and surgery, although the program allows the interns to gain experience across the entire practice. The surgical facility boasts three recovery rooms, one surgical suite for clean surgeries and two surgical suites for contaminated surgeries. All surgical procedures are performed including arthroscopy, laparoscopy, major fracture repair, abdominal surgery, ocular surgery and reproductive surgery. Surgical case load is supported by the intensive care unit with 34 stables, staffed 24/7 with experienced nurses, four internal medicine specialists and interns.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- A Bachelor of Veterinary Science or equivalent
- It is necessary for the applicant to meet the necessary requirements to be fully registered as a veterinarian in New South Wales, Australia. For further information, please contact the Veterinary Practitioners Board of New South Wales www.vpb.nsw.gov.au. This is imperative to ensure that you are covered by the practice's professional indemnity cover.
- **Applicants who are only eligible for limited registration will not be considered for the position.**

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ROLE DESCRIPTION

The interns including the medicine intern, will rotate through the four following defined roles. There is an after hours requirement of, on average, a 1 in 2 roster, combining surgical assistant and anaesthesia roles.

Surgical Assistant (Day)

This rotation will involve the day to day management of the surgical hospitalised cases. You will attend our ICU in the morning, assess the progress of the case overnight to be ready to present to the surgeons at rounds at approximately 8am. After rounds to the surgeons, routine treatments including, bandage changes, joint injections and regional perfusions are performed initially, under supervision but as your skills improve, unassisted. You will then move to the surgical department where you will assist with diagnostics and scrub in to procedures. For advanced procedures you will assist one of the senior surgeons, but as your experience and skill level improve then you will perform basic procedures initially under supervision and then unassisted. At the end of the day you will return to the hospital ICU and evaluate the progress of the hospitalised cases

Surgical Assistant (After Hours)

You will be on call to assist senior surgeons both with diagnostics and procedures as needed. Duty extends from 6pm - 7 am. This rotation will be quiet in the early part of the season and become busier from September through to November. Once foaling finishes the number of after hours procedures significantly reduces. The common procedures we perform are approximately 20 caesareans annually, a similar number of assisted delivery of dystocias and 100 colic surgeries.

Anaesthesia (Day)

This role involves commencing at approximately 7:30 am at the surgical facility and acting as assistant anaesthetist under the direction of an experienced anaesthetist. As your skills improve, then acting as a primary anaesthetist. The department is always staffed with multiple, highly experienced equine anaesthetists to assist you in this role. Our surgical numbers increase from approximately from 100 per month in August to 250 per month in November and back to 100 per month in April. There will always be two anaesthetists during the day from August to March. The anaesthesia department is well resourced with ventilators, monitoring equipment, 3 knock down stalls, blood gas machines and rope recovery systems.

Anaesthesia (After Hours)

This role will commence at 4pm, relieving the anaesthesia day position and will include finishing the routine cases for the day and then being on call for emergencies until 7am. You will only be required to undertake this role once you are adequately trained. The role will largely involve emergency GIT cases and dystocias. The after hours rotation is well supported with a qualified surgeon, a medicine specialist, a surgical assistant, veterinary nurses and experienced ambulatory veterinarians as needed. During week days, there will be no requirement to work during the day for this role.

RENUMERATION

- Base Salary \$56,000pa (AUD) inc four weeks annual leave, one week study leave and uninterrupted scheduled time off.
- Contract of employment.
- Car for work and private use which is fully maintained.
- Fully furnished accommodation assistance provided.
- Phone allowance \$50 per month
- Membership of the EVA and AVA.
- Registration and allowance for accommodation at the Bain Fallon Memorial Lectures, providing the submission of an abstract or poster for presentation.
- Uniforms.
- Monthly reviews with supervisor, support from large number of senior clinicians within the practice.
- Benefits of working within a large organisation with administrative support including HR and IT.
- You will see a huge and varied caseload and get an enormous amount of support from highly experienced and recognised specialists in medicine, surgery and theriogenology. We have an excellent track record, with a worldwide reputation for being able to assist interns into careers of their choice.
- Opportunity to travel to Thoroughbred sales.
- Administrative and financial support for visa applications – foreign applicants are encouraged to apply.

Applications

18 month 2019: Applications Close 31st March with commencement by July. Applicants need to send a Curriculum Vitae and cover letter to **Helen Boyes** - helen.boyes@sconeequine.com.au

To watch a short video about the internship, click here or copy link into your URL:

<https://vimeo.com/287354444/ad221a07bd>

