

## PRESIDENT

### DR DEBBIE NEUTZE



Dr Debbie Neutze has over 25 years' experience as a small animal veterinary practitioner, having owned and managed three successful veterinary practices in western Sydney. She worked for the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA) for 10 years including as Executive Officer for the Practice Management Special Interest Group, Executive Office of the NSW Division, National Strategy and Membership Manager, and as Senior Policy Manager. She has previously served as a member on the NSW Veterinary Practitioners Board, including as the Chair of the Complaints committee. She is an invited member on the Federal Government's Antimicrobial Resistance Focus group as a veterinary policy advisor. These experiences have given her a very broad working knowledge of the veterinary profession, its challenges and the legislative environment that it works under.

## DEPUTY PRESIDENT

### DR AMANDA-LEE CHARMAN

Amanda-Lee started her career in mixed practice before moving into small animals. She locumed in the ACT for a few years before buying into a small animal clinic.

She is heavily involved with the Australian Veterinary Association where she has been president of the ACT Division and is currently serving as a committee member and is on policy council. She is a passionate advocate for the longevity of the profession and represents on the AVBC sustainable practice committee and the AVA workforce sustainability committee. She is currently completing her Masters in Veterinary Medicine.



## MEMBER

### DR MARK SCHIPP



Dr Mark Schipp has been the Australian Chief Veterinary Officer since 2011, is Australia's Delegate to the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE), the Immediate Past President of the OIE World Assembly and a member of OIE Council. Together with the Chief Medical Officer, Mark chairs the Australian Strategic and Technical Advisory Group on Antimicrobial Resistance. He is also a member of Animal Health Committee. Mark has previously worked for the Western Australian Department of Agriculture and served two terms overseas as Agriculture Counsellor in South Korea and China.

## MEMBER

### DR PETER GIBBS



Dr Peter Gibbs has been a registered veterinary practitioner in the ACT for over 40 years and brings six years of intense corporate governance experience as a Director of the Australian Veterinary Association (AVA), three years as Vice President; representing the profession locally and internationally. Prior to this, Peter was president of the NSW division of the association with 5 years on the committee. Peter is the current Chair of the Australasian Veterinary Boards Council.

## MEMBER

### DR MELANIE LATTER

Dr Melanie Latter graduated in Veterinary Science from Sydney University in 1986. Initially trained in veterinary pathology, including a PhD completed in 1997, Melanie then worked in mainly bovine practice on Norfolk Island, before returning to lecture in veterinary pathology at the University of Queensland.

In 2010 to pursue her life-time interest in animal welfare, Melanie became a Senior Policy Officer in Animal Welfare with the Queensland Department of Agriculture and obtained ANZCVS Membership in Animal Welfare in 2014. She completed a Graduate Certificate in Policy Analysis, prior to working for the Australian Veterinary Association as National Manager, Policy and Veterinary Science.



## COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

### MS ALISON ARCHER



Alison Archer is a Palawa woman – her country is in the Ben Lomond region of North East Tasmania – but she was born and grew up in Canberra. Up until her retirement in May 2013, she had 35 years of experience working in the federal government, including 17 years in the corporate and human resource management sectors and 18 years as a senior manager in heritage, environment and natural resource management. Since her retirement, became a Director of the Capital region Landkeepers' Trust and from 2014, as a community member of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) ACT Nursing and Midwifery Board, both of which positions she still holds.

## NON-VETERINARY PRACTITIONER MEMBER

### Dr Kate Chetty

Dr Kate Chetty was appointed to the Board as the non-veterinary practitioner member in May 2023. She is a lawyer working as the Director of the Office of the Chief Counsel in the Department of Defence, where she advises on strategic legal matters, personnel management issues, and complex legislative reform. She holds a PhD in constitutional law and human rights.

Kate contributes to government, academia and thought leadership through several other roles. Kate is a Squadron Leader in the Royal Australian Air Force Reserves and provides advice on operational and intelligence law. She is a council member of the Australian Dispute Resolution Advisory Council and a member of the Governing Board of the ACT Cemeteries and Crematoria Authority. For over a decade Kate worked as a sessional academic at the University of Canberra, including as a lecturer, unit convenor and post graduate research supervisor. She is an active volunteer in her local community.

