



## The Vetnostics Veterinary Pathology Team

QML Vetnostics boasts an exceptional team of experienced and dedicated veterinary pathologists who offer a highly personalised service.



### **Dr Susan Boyd**

BVSc MANZCVS (Small Animal Medicine) Cert SAM DACVP (Clinical Pathology)

After graduating Veterinary Science from the University of Queensland, Susan spent several years in small animal practice in Australia and the UK, during which time she achieved Membership of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists in Small Animal Medicine and completed the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons Certificate of Small Animal Medicine. From 2002, Susan was a resident and then Lecturer in clinical pathology at The Royal Veterinary College, UK, becoming a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists in Clinical Pathology in 2005. This was followed by time in commercial diagnostic laboratories in the UK and Brisbane. With over 20 years experience in diagnostic pathology, Susan enjoys all facets of clinical pathology, with a particular interest in haematology (including exotic species) and cytology including bone marrow pathology.



### **Dr John Mackie**

BVSc (Hons), PhD, FACVSc, Diplomate ACVP

John graduated from the University of Queensland in 1979 and worked in mixed practice for three years, followed by a PhD in immunology at the Australian National University, Canberra. He has over 30 years' experience as a veterinary pathologist, with the Victorian Department of Agriculture, on faculty at Texas A&M University and (since 1995) in various private diagnostic laboratories. He joined QML Vetnostics in 2015.

John is a Fellow of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists, a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists and has adjunct professorial appointments at The University of Queensland and Texas A & M University. His special interests include liver, gastrointestinal and skin pathology, microbiology and toxicology.

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### Dr Brett Stone

BVSc (Hons), BBiomedSc (Hons), MPhil, MANZCVS, Diplomate ACVP (Clinical Pathology)

Prior to commencing BVSc studies, Brett completed a Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences with Class 1 Honours at James Cook University. His honours research was in the field of Microbiology and Immunology and focused on *Helicobacter pylori* infection in cats. Brett graduated as a veterinarian from the University of QLD with Class I Honours in 2001 and worked in mixed animal practice on the outskirts of Brisbane. In 2004 he returned to the University of QLD to undertake a pathology internship/residency funded by QML Vetnostics, and a concurrent Masters research project investigating *E.coli* serotype O157 infection in cattle. In 2006, Brett lectured in clinical pathology at the University of QLD, worked as a pathologist at QML Vetnostics and attained Membership of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists in Pathology. In 2007-2008, he worked as a diagnostic pathologist at Cytopath Ltd in the UK, before returning to QML.

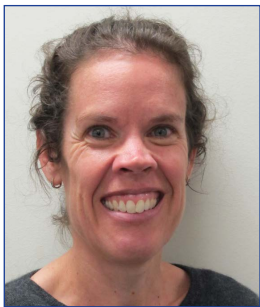
Brett has extensive experience in both clinical pathology and histopathology with a special interest in cytology, immunocytochemistry and immunohistochemistry, and is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists in Clinical Pathology.



### Dr Louise Sullivan

BVSc (Hons), BSc (Vet) (Hons), MVetPath, MANZCVS, Diplomate ACVP (Anatomic Pathology)

Louise grew up in Brisbane and received her Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree from the University of Sydney, during which she completed a BSc (Vet) thesis on immunohistochemistry of tumours of the canine skin and oral cavity. Following graduation, she worked in small animal general and emergency practices in Perth, before completing residency training programs in anatomic pathology at Murdoch University and the University of Pennsylvania, as well as a Master of Veterinary Pathology degree from Murdoch University, investigating rodent lung pathology. After completing her residency training, Louise worked as a lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania with a primary focus on surgical pathology service, before returning to Australia. Louise's major interest is surgical pathology and since 2015 she has worked for private veterinary pathology laboratories in Adelaide and Brisbane. Louise is Member of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists in Pathology and a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists in Anatomic Pathology. Her special interests include gastrointestinal and hepatobiliary disease, oncologic pathology and immunohistochemistry.



### Dr Helen Owen

BSc BVMS (Hons), MPhil, PhD, MANZCVS, DACVP

Helen completed her veterinary degree at Murdoch University, graduating in 1999. She then worked in small animal practice for two years in Adelaide before returning to Murdoch to undertake a PhD in rickettsial species in ectoparasites. Helen commenced her pathology training in 2006 at the University of QLD with an internship/residency funded by QML Vetnostics. Following this, she worked as a pathologist at QML Vetnostics and in 2008 attained Membership of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists in Pathology. In 2008-2009, Helen worked as a diagnostic pathologist at Cytopath Ltd in the UK. She returned to the University of QLD in 2009, initially as Lecturer and subsequently Senior Lecturer, and in 2018 completed a Masters degree in the development of clinical reasoning and assessment of preclinical BVSc students.

Helen joined QML Vetnostics in 2019. She is a Diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists and her special interests include infectious disease and wildlife pathology.



### Dr Alex Myers

DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVP (Clinical Pathology)

Alex received her veterinary degree from Texas A&M University in 2015 before completing her clinical pathology residency in 2018 and attaining board certification with the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. After residency, Alex went on to complete her PhD training in 2021. Her PhD work focused on the microbiome and genome of cats with dermatophytosis and led to identification of a genetic locus associated with severe ringworm in Persian cats. She also applied a PCR test to identify fungi directly from stained cytology slides. During her PhD training, Alex also worked as a contract pathologist evaluating digital cytology slides and blood films.

Now that her PhD training is complete, Alex is excited to dedicate herself full-time to diagnostic clinical pathology. She has a particular interest in infectious diseases, especially fungal.

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## Dr Emily Jones

BVSc, PhD, MANZCVS, Diplomate ACVP (Anatomic Pathology)

Emily graduated from James Cook University in 2012 and initially worked in mixed animal and small animal general practices in Innisfail, Canberra and Melbourne, before settling in Brisbane. Emily began her pathology journey in 2017 studying for a PhD in pathology of bladder diseases in cats and dogs at the University of Queensland, and was awarded her PhD in 2020. In 2021 Emily achieved Membership of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists in pathobiology, and was awarded Diplomate status of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. Emily has worked in a commercial diagnostic laboratory, and as a veterinary pathologist in academia - lecturing at the University of Queensland involving pathology, teaching and research. Outside of her work, Emily enjoys spending time with her partner and their two cats.



## Dr Michael Rozmanec

BVSc MVSc MACVSc DACVP MRCVS

Mike graduated from the University of Sydney in 1994 before joining the RSPCA as a small animal veterinarian. Between 1996 and 1998 he completed an internship and masters program in veterinary pathology at the University of Queensland, with his thesis involving immunocytochemical applications to veterinary cytology. He also became a Member of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists in 1998 in the Pathobiology Chapter, and began working in Sydney for a commercial veterinary pathology laboratory as a clinical pathologist. Mike was awarded the Jim Sutherland Memorial Scholarship in 2003 and travelled to Cornell University, in the USA to undertake a Residency in Veterinary Anatomic Pathology. Returning to Australia, he became a Diplomat of the American College of Veterinary Pathology (Anatomic Pathology) in 2006. In 2011 Mike moved to the UK with his family and began work at Cytopath Ltd, returning to Australia in 2022 and joining our national veterinary pathology business based at QML Vetnostics in Brisbane. Mike enjoys teaching pathology, and has interests in cytology, surgical pathology and dermatopathology.



## Internal Medicine Consultant

### Dr Katherine Briscoe

BVSc (Hons I) MVetStud (Small Animal Clinical Studies) FANZCVS (Feline Medicine)

Dr Katherine (Kath) Briscoe graduated from the University of Sydney in 2003. Kath worked in private small animal practice in Sydney and the UK before completing an internship and residency at the University Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Sydney. In 2008, Kath attained membership of the Australian and New Zealand College of Veterinary Scientists in feline medicine. In 2012 she attained Fellowship of the same college. During her residency, Kath completed a research project on the pathology of feline low grade alimentary lymphoma and IBD. Kath has a keen interest in all aspects of small animal medicine, and is also passionate about providing continuing education for veterinary practitioners. Kath has worked in both university and private referral practice, but has recently made a sea-change and is working in primary accession practice on the Mid-North Coast of NSW. Years of referral practice have allowed unique insights into ways in which a primary accession clinic might improve the health of small animal patients and provide superior services to their owners. Dr Briscoe is also keen to ensure general practitioners are well versed in what can be achieved in their own clinics and at what stage one should consider referral. Kath is looking forward to being able to discuss case management and interpretation of pathology profiles with general practitioners so that they can feel supported in the evaluation and treatment of their patients.



## Veterinary Support

### Tracey Nelson - Veterinary Operations Support Officer

OLY, Cert IV Veterinary Nursing, Cert IV Front-line Management

Tracey began as a small animal veterinary nurse in 2001 and went on to complete her Cert IV in Veterinary Nursing. In 2006 she joined Provet and worked as an Operations Coordinator and Customer Service Officer. Over the past 18 years, Tracey has developed an extensive knowledge of the veterinary industry with an exceptional customer service focus. Based in our Brisbane laboratory, Tracey's role is dedicated to optimizing customer service and the efficiency of our veterinary pathology operations.

Please do not hesitate to contact Tracey if you have any questions regarding any operational aspect of our service or account enquiries.

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With the delivery of routine results available within a 24 hour period, the QML Vetnostics team provides professional assistance in the management of an animal's health and well-being. Serviced by qualified Veterinary Pathologists, results include interpretative comments to assist you in the care giving process. Our Veterinary Pathologists are available to answer any questions or discuss results.

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