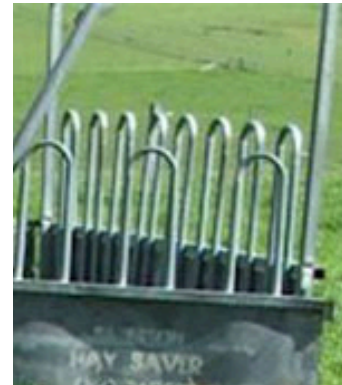
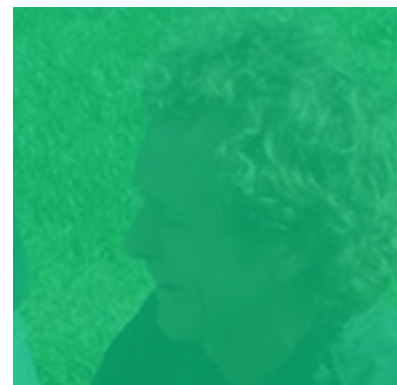




Annual Report

2025-2026



About the CVA

"The Mission of the Commonwealth Veterinary Association is to promote the veterinary profession within the Commonwealth by encouraging the highest professional standards of education, ethics and service in order to advance animal health, productivity and welfare so as to improve the quality of life of all its peoples."

Founded in 1967, the CVA celebrates 59 years without a single salaried staff member. We continue our capacity-building efforts to assist veterinarians in their professional roles and to develop their leadership potential within their communities and public offices. The main aim of the CVA is to help and strengthen the capacities of National Veterinary Associations in Commonwealth countries to improve the health and well-being of their communities and nations.

CVA Executive 2024-2027



PRESIDENT
Dr Sarah Wilkinson-Eytle (Jamaica)



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Dr Jeff Cave (Australia)



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Dr Dianne Philips (Australia)



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Dr Olatunji Nasir (Nigeria)



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Dr Abdul Rahman (India)



COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR
Dr Joshua Ngwisha (Zambia)

PROGRAM DIRECTOR
to be confirmed



Benefits of being a member of the CVA

Membership in the Commonwealth Veterinary Association (CVA) offers veterinarians access to international networks, professional development opportunities, advocacy support, and resources that strengthen both individual careers and the wider veterinary profession. It connects members across 54 Commonwealth countries, amplifies their voice in global forums, and provides tangible benefits in education, collaboration, and leadership.

- Provides representation at international bodies such as the World Veterinary Association (WVA) and World Small Animal Veterinary Association (WSAVA)
- Access to continuing education programs, workshops, and conferences at discounted member rates.
- CVA Study Fund - is an opportunity for younger veterinarians to improve their clinical skills or gain knowledge in specific areas of practice.
- CVA Small Projects – an opportunity to apply for funding to carry out small community-based projects that would advance education, development and animal health and welfare goals.
- CVA Book Program – Books, donated by veterinarians in Australia and New Zealand, are made available for distribution free of charge to graduate veterinarians and institutions in CVA member countries in good standing.

CVA membership strengthens your professional voice globally, provides access to international veterinary networks, and supports both career growth and humanitarian initiatives across the Commonwealth. It is especially beneficial for leaders, educators, and practitioners engaged in One Health and cross-border collaboration.

Donations

CVA BOOK PROGRAM

Every year donated veterinary textbooks are sent free of charge from Australia. Dr Jim Connah coordinates the CVA Book Program in Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. Books are donated by veterinarians in Australia, all of whom are thanked for their generosity; without their support, the program would not exist. The books are available for distribution to veterinarians and veterinary students in CVA member countries in good standing. The current inventory in Australia comprises nearly 1000 books with over 700 different titles. The CVA thanks Dr Connah for his continued support.



EBVM
in Practice

EBVM IN PRACTICE

Evidence-Based Veterinary Medicine (EBVM) in Practice is a free resource to assist busy veterinary practitioners in making evidence-based decisions for their patients by bringing together current clinical guidelines, consensus statements and critically appraised topics in veterinary medicine.

Notable Events

CVA PAST PRESIDENT ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD VETERINARY ASSOCIATION

A hearty congratulations to our Immediate Past President and Programs Director Dr Olatunji Nasir on being elected as WVA President. We thank all the national associations for the confidence entrusted in him. The CVA family wishes Dr Nasir all the best in his new role.

Dr Nasir, represented the CVA for the sixth time at the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) House of Delegates, where the CVA's ideals were presented and the links between the AVMA and the CVA were strengthened.



8TH PAN-COMMONWEALTH VETERINARY CONFERENCE (PCVC8) IN JAMAICA

Set against the vibrant backdrop of Jamaica, the 8th Pan-Commonwealth Veterinary Conference (PCVC8) and the 34th Caribbean Veterinary Medical Association (CbVMA) Congress, held in Montego Bay, Jamaica, from 14 - 17 April, 2026, brought together leading veterinary minds from across the globe.



CVA Activities in the Asian Region

KVAFSU/CVA ANIMAL WELFARE RESEARCH CENTRE – INDIA

CVA supported the opening of the KVAFSU/CVA Animal Welfare Research Centre at Shivamogga Veterinary College, India.

The inauguration on 10 February 2026 brought together academic leaders, international experts, and postgraduate researchers.

Highlights included:

- Presentations by Prof Cathy Dwyer and Dr Rebecca Doyle
- Dr Dianne Phillips' keynote on animal welfare in natural disasters
- Visit to the WOAH-accredited rabies diagnosis laboratory
- Tour of the Institute of Animal Health (livestock vaccine production)

This collaboration reflects CVA's commitment to advancing animal welfare research, disaster preparedness, academic exchange, and international veterinary partnerships.



FOUR INDIAN VETERINARIANS RECEIVE ANIMAL WELFARE TRAINING IN EDINBURGH

Four faculty members of the college and one from Hassan Veterinary College travelled to Jean Marchig International Centre for Animal Welfare, University of Edinburgh, for training in animal welfare.

COEFFICIENT FUNDING PROVIDES ANIMAL WELFARE TRAINING EQUIPMENT

Coefficient Giving provided funding to equip two of the existing animal welfare centres with necessary animal welfare equipment. The CVA gratefully acknowledges its continuing partnership with Coefficient Giving.



World Veterinary Day across the Commonwealth

On 25 April 2026, we celebrated World Veterinary Day with the theme "Guardians of Food and Health".



Collaborations

WEBINAR REGARDING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND VETERINARIANS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITIES IN THE PACIFIC

The Commonwealth Veterinary Association hosted a webinar regarding volunteer opportunities for Australian and New Zealand veterinarians and for communities in the Pacific.

The webinar included presentations by Anne Lloyd-Jones of Vets Beyond Borders, Brooke Rankmore of AMRRIC (Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities), Karen Schade of SPAW (South Pacific Animal Welfare), Casey Quimby of TPIAAA (The Pacific Islands Animal Advocacy Alliance), and Jade Hackney, a volunteer with Volunteers Services Abroad.

WVA CONGRESS

The CVA gratefully accepted the WVA's invitation to attend the WVA Congress in Tokyo, Japan, where it was represented by CVA Secretary, Dr Jeff Cave.

Volunteer opportunities for Australian and New Zealand veterinarians and opportunities for communities in the Pacific

Hosted by the Commonwealth Veterinary Association (CVA)

with presentations by:

- Vets Beyond Borders
- SPAW (South Pacific Animal Welfare)
- AMRRIC (Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities)
- TPIAAA (The Pacific Islands Animal Advocacy Alliance)
- Jade Hackney, Volunteer Service Abroad

Wednesday, 22 July 2026, 7:00 pm AEST, 9:00 pm NZ (9:00 am UTC)



Volunteer Service Abroad
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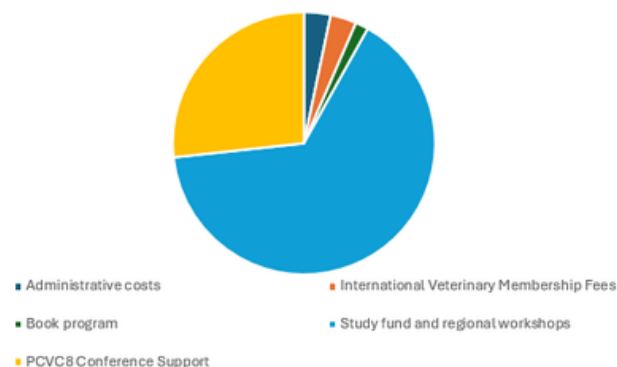
TREASURER'S REPORT

For the financial year 2025-26, the CVA received a combined income of AUD 84,531.77 from country memberships, sponsorship and funding from Coefficient Giving.

CVA Income 2025-26 financial year



CVA Outgoings 2025-26 financial year



COMMUNICATIONS

The CVA's primary means of external communication is through a combination of its website, a regular e-Newsletter, and an active Facebook page. Internally, officers communicate frequently using WhatsApp chat groups.

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Here is to a productive year filled with engagement

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