



Equine Surgeon

Ballarat Veterinary Practice – Equine Clinic

The Ballarat Veterinary Practice Equine Clinic was established in 1945 and is one of the largest and most experienced equine hospitals in the Southern Hemisphere.

We are renowned for our expertise in equine surgery and sports medicine, and offer both primary and referral consultations, as well as a full range of racetrack and on-farm services.

We are looking for a committed surgeon to join our team surgical team consisting of one boarded ACVS specialist, one ACVS residency trained associate surgeon, and a further specialist surgeon who consults on a part-time basis. Board/specialist certification is desired, but not mandatory to join our team, however applicants must be residency trained and eligible to sit for surgical board exams.



The clinic is adjacent to the Ballarat Turf Club Racing and Training Centre where 600 thoroughbred race horses are trained and 36 race meetings are held each year. There is also a large local standardbred population, and 40 meetings per year are held at the local harness racing track. Our sport horse population is growing and we service some of the leading dressage, jumping and eventing horses in Victoria.

The clinic provides a hospital based surgical, medical and imaging referral service, and is the base for a five-vet mobile ambulatory service provided to the racetrack and general equine clients in the surrounding district.

The practice runs an internship program with three interns currently employed, and we also have a satellite four-vet equine clinic based in Warrnambool, Victoria. A dedicated team of ten equine veterinary nurses and an experienced stable team assist with the hospital and ambulatory services.

The hospital is extremely well-equipped with the resources to excel in case work-up and diagnosis, including:

- Standing MRI
- Scintigraphy
- Stalls and yards to accommodate up to 28 horses
- Surgical suite with two padded recovery boxes, video surveillance and a sling recovery system where necessary
- Customised surgery crush for standing procedures including upper respiratory tract and back surgery
- Soft lunge and hard trot up areas
- Full in-house laboratory with IRAP and PRP
- Digital radiography and ultrasound
- Video endoscopy/gastroscopy



Preferred candidates will have a BVSc/DVM or equivalent degree and be board certified by the Australian Veterinary Boards Council Inc. (AVBC) or equivalent. Candidates who have completed an equine surgery residency training program are also encouraged to apply.

Applicants will possess outstanding clinical skills, high-quality communication skills, and will have previous experience in a busy referral practice. Some prior leadership responsibilities would be an asset. Clinical duties will involve extended working hours including evening and weekend responsibilities on rotation, so flexibility in this area is required.

The successful candidate will:

- Provide outstanding care for all patients and will be required to carry out both simple and advanced surgical procedures from castrations and laceration repair, thorough to complex colic, respiratory, and orthopaedic procedures. Primary responsibility is surgical care, lameness diagnosis and treatment for in house and external referrals.
- Have proven interpersonal skills and the ability to work in collaboration with the entire team.
- The ability to establish a good rapport with clients and referring veterinarians, including timely, professional communication
- A dedication to professional growth through continued learning, and ongoing development of a positive and professional working relationship through upholding BVP's core values are essential.

Overseas applicants who are eligible for registration with the Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria are welcome to apply, and we will assist with visa applications and relocation logistics, including the provision of financial relocation assistance, for the successful applicant.

The remuneration package is negotiable dependent on experience. This includes base salary, superannuation, an estimate of extra after-hours commissions, a car and phone for business and reasonable personal use, and membership with the Australian Veterinary Association, Equine Veterinarians Australia and your specialist association.



An annual continuing education stipend is available for national or international conferences.

Ballarat is a beautiful, thriving city of more than 100,000 people, making it the third largest inland city in Australia. It has a vibrant sporting, arts and cultural community. Ballarat boasts affordable living, top class schools, hospitals, sporting and entertainment venues of its own, whilst Melbourne is little more than an hour away via train or on the freeway. For a link which depicts what life is like in beautiful Ballarat, click <https://youtu.be/BP3ml8sEUBg>

To apply, please forward a copy of your curriculum vitae with accompanying cover letter to the attention of Dr Brian Anderson at careers@bvp.com.au. Please ensure that you include the name, phone number and email address of at least three professional referees with your application.

Applications close on 31st January 2021