

# Seminar program

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## Wednesday 18 February 2026 (All times are in AEDT)

12:00	<b>Welcome to Day 1</b> <b>Official welcome:</b> Richard Mussell Chief Executive Officer, RSPCA Australia  <b>Chair:</b> Dr Suzanne Fowler Chief Science Officer, RSPCA Australia
12:10	<b>Opportunities and risks of digital technology on animal farms: a practical perspective</b>  <b>Speaker:</b> Prof Janice Siegford Michigan State University
12:55	<b>What's artificial intelligence got to do with animals?</b>  <b>Speakers:</b> Dr Simon Coghlan & Prof Christine Parker The University of Melbourne
13:35	<b>Virtual fencing – the good, the bad and the ugly</b>  <b>Speaker:</b> Dr Helen Beattie Veterinarians for Animal Welfare Aotearoa
14:15	<b>Break</b>
14:30	<b>Artificial intelligence in the abattoir to improve welfare outcomes</b>  <b>Speaker:</b> Dr Dana Campbell CSIRO
15:10	<b>Innovating to replace, reduce and refine animal use in education</b>  <b>Speaker:</b> Dr Megan Lucas The University of Melbourne
15:50	<b>Panel discussion: Ethical implementation of digital technology in farmed animal industries – strategies and barriers to progress</b>  <b>Panel:</b> Day 1 Speakers
16:30	<b>Close</b>

## Thursday 19 February 2026 (All times are in AEDT)

12:00	<b>Welcome to Day 2</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Dr Suzanne Fowler Chief Science Officer, RSPCA Australia
12:05	<b>Improving feline welfare: The role of digital technology in pain detection</b>  <b>Speaker:</b> Dr Natalie Lloyd Zoetis
12:45	<b>Improving the lives of zoo animals with digital technology: A historical and empirical perspective</b>  <b>Speaker:</b> Dr Eduardo J. Fernandez The University of Adelaide
13:20	<b>Advancing cage-side welfare assessment: Automated monitoring technologies in laboratory animal research</b>  <b>Speaker:</b> Assoc Prof Alexandra Whittaker The University of Adelaide
13:55	<b>Harnessing the power of cancer registries in veterinary care</b>  <b>Speaker:</b> Prof Chiara Palmieri The University of Queensland
14:30	<b>Break</b>
14:50	<b>Use of drones in marine mammal research</b>  <b>Speaker:</b> Dr Vanessa Pirota Macquarie University
15:25	<b>Respecting data, strengthening care: Integrating digital solutions for remote animal health</b>  <b>Speaker:</b> Dr Bonny Cumming AMRRIC
16:00	<b>From viral to harmful: Understanding animal cruelty content online</b>  <b>Speaker:</b> Nicola O'Brien SMACC, Asia for Animals Coalition
16:40	<b>Close</b>

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