



VCNZ Update - January 2017

Welcome to 2017!

We hope you all had a relaxing break.

There's a lot of change at Council at the moment.

We're starting the year by farewelling our Chief Executive/Registrar Janet Eden. Janet has been with Council for 9 years. If you know Janet, you'll know how dedicated and respected she is, and how much we're going to miss her.

Luckily, we've got Sean McKinley joining us as CEO in early February. Sean comes to us from the Social Workers Registration Board, and we're delighted to have him starting soon. More about Sean in our next update.

Iain McLachlan joined us late last year as Deputy Registrar (Legal). Iain has just returned from the UK where he was working with the Nursing and Midwifery Council. Iain's knowledge of regulation and law is a huge asset and we're loving having him as part of the team.

We've also got two new Council members, Rachel Gebbie and Ben Davidson. Rachel and Ben will be attending their first meeting in February. We're excited to have them on board. You can read more about Ben, Rachel, and the other members of Council on [this new page of our website](#).

Radiation Safety Act

In [June](#) and [August](#) we talked about changes to the Radiation Safety Act, which come into effect in March. Wayne Ricketts and Callum Irvine (NZVA) have summarised [what you need to know](#).

Research project: Volunteer Lower North Island Practising Veterinarians Wanted

Stuart Gordon at Massey is looking at the use of critical incident reporting to determine essential veterinary professional skills for career success. This project aims to determine practising veterinarians' perceptions of which veterinary professional skills are deemed essential to career success. Stuart is looking for vets from the lower North Island to volunteer. See the [flyer](#) for more information.

Contact Stuart Gordon on 0274 804040 or S.J.G.Gordon@massey.ac.nz if you're interested.