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Good Dog:

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- 6:45pm** Welcome
- 7:00pm** **Keynote Speech: Dr. Pauleen Bennett**
“Smart Dogs - What we think versus what we know about canine intelligence”
- 7:30pm** Panel introductions, stories and case studies
- 8:00pm** Complimentary Coffee & Tea
You will have the opportunity to meet some Guide Dog Puppies, purchase merchandise, and write questions for our panelists.
Please give your questions to Royal Guide Dogs staff members prior to 8:15.
- 8:30pm** Q & A
- 9:30pm** Close

Good Dog Host

Denise Hanlon

Denise is an award-winning singer and professional comedienne by night but like many starving performers, a slave to the corporate machine by day. By night, she moves in some colourful circles, having performed with Bob Downe, Ian “Dicko” Dickson and Courtney Act. By day, she tries to look as busy and important as she can as the Head of Learning and Organisational Development for ING DIRECT Bank.

Denise lives in Sydney in a large dog kennel with her averagely intelligent partner and their two, extremely clever 4-footed friends - Charley the Maltese and Gus the Shitzu.



Good Dog Presenters

Dr Pauleen Bennett

Associate Professor Pauleen Bennett trained as a behavioural neuroscientist and spent the first few years of her working life measuring intelligence in humans. After deciding it was much more fun to play with dogs she embarked on a career as an anthrozoologist – someone who studies human-animal relationships. Pauleen is recognised as one of the world’s leading experts in this field. She is also Founder and Director of the Anthrozoology Research Group (ARG), Australia’s preeminent group of Anthrozoologists, and is on the editorial board for the international peer-reviewed journal, Anthrozoös.

She is currently Director of Regional Operations for the School of Psychological Science at La Trobe University, Bendigo campus, and lives on a beautiful country property with a bunch of super intelligent canines.



Dr Katrina Ward

Katrina Ward (BVSc, MANZCVS, CMAVA) is a Tasmanian veterinarian, graduating from the University of Queensland in 1992. She has since been working in private practice, in Tasmania and England, initially in mixed practice and later focusing on small animal medicine and surgery.

Since July 2009 Katrina has been working solely as a behavioural consultant and has been an active committee member of the Behaviour Interest Group of the AVA. She is eager to help promote this vital component of veterinary medicine, for the improvement of animal welfare and the perpetuation of compassionate human-animal bonds.



Dr Chris Johnson

Chris Johnson is Professor of Wildlife Conservation at the University of Tasmania. He studied the behaviour of kangaroos for his PhD at the University of New England, and since then he has worked on the ecology of wildlife and the management of threatened species throughout Australia. Some of his main research interests are the ecology of marsupials, the environmental history of Australia, and the ecological roles of top predators. Over the last few years, he has done several research projects on the importance of dogs - dingoes and livestock guardian dogs - in ecosystem ecology and wildlife management in Australia.



Dan English

Dan English is the Chief Executive Officer of Royal Guide Dogs Tasmania. Before taking up his present position, Dan was the Guide Dog Services Manager with Royal Guide Dogs Tasmania and also previously worked in Queensland, New Zealand and South Australia within the guide dog profession. Dan also serves as a Director on the Board of the Australian Blindness Forum and has contributed to numerous disability and guide dog forums.

Dan has the distinction of being one of 20 International Guide Dog Assessors worldwide. He lives in Launceston with his wife, Kylie, and their three children aged 23, 21 and 18.

