



## Travel & Training Bursary Report

**FFN member:** Bonnie Tangey, NSW

**Event:** Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities Annual Conference, Darwin – 23-25 September 2014

My name is Bonnie Tangey and I am an undergraduate student of Animal and Veterinary Bioscience at the University of Sydney. I recently attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual AMRRIC Conference in Darwin from 23-25 September 2014. AMRRIC (Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities) is a not-for profit organisation which actively works toward the improvement of animal health in remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities via the coordination of evidence-based animal health and education programs.

This year, AMRRIC's conference focused on the concept of One Health and the intimate relationship between human, animal and environmental health and welfare. Over three days, experts from around the globe spoke on topics of biosecurity, roaming animal management, cross cultural awareness and animal welfare issues. Conference highlights included presentations by Dr Frank Ascione, a Scholar in Residence in the Graduate School of Social Work at the University of Denver, who reviewed the scientific literature in relation to links between interpersonal and animal violence. For me, these lectures helped to illuminate the depth of integration between human and animal health, not only in terms of zoonotic disease but also within psychological, social and cultural contexts. I also enjoyed hearing Prof. Paul McGreevy from University of Sydney presenting his most recent 'dogmanship' research which looked at management practices in Australian stock dog handlers.

This event was a fantastic opportunity for me to network with professionals and academics across a range of disciplines whilst strengthening my understanding of animal health and welfare concerns in remote communities. I would like to thank the Future Farmers Network for their FFN training and travel bursary as it would not have been possible for me to attend the conference without this support.

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