

## **Staff Profile – Dr Chris Richards BSc BVSc**



### **Summary**

Chris completed a Bachelor of Science Degree at LaTrobe University before then embarking upon his Bachelor of Veterinary Science Degree at Melbourne University. Chris received a student scholarship from the Victorian Farmers Federation Pig Group and the PRDC to travel to the USA and UK to investigate the then new concept of Segregated Early Weaning of pigs. This trip started Chris's interest in the swine industry, which he has been involved in ever since he graduated.

As well as running Chris Richards & Associates, Chris is a shareholder of a 400 sow Farrow-to-Finish piggery at Huntly, and an 8,000 pig grow-out facility near Leitchville. Chris is a shareholder in Auspork a pig abattoir, and is an APIQP Facilitator and Auditor and is on the Victorian Pig Fair Committee.

Chris' interests lie in disease prevention and eradication, boar studs and semen evaluation, straw based housing systems, pig welfare and quality assurance, and optimising pig production and marketing strategies. He is also involved in the delivery and application of new technologies to pig producers.

### **Education**

1989-1992 Bachelor of Science  
La Trobe University  
Bundoora Victoria

1993-1996 Bachelor of Veterinary Science  
University of Melbourne  
Parkville Victoria

## **Roles in Current Position**

### **1. Swine Veterinary Consultant**

- On-farm veterinary and production consulting to over 65,000 sows and progeny in Australia and SE Asia Pig
- Health Monitoring at Slaughter- examination of pigs at abattoir for disease surveillance
- Management of Kings Piggery Joint Venture

### **2. Facilitator and Auditor (1997-current)**

#### **Australian Pork Industry Quality Program**

Audits > 80 pig producers

Facilitation > 180 producers facilitated

Roles- facilitation and auditing of the APIQ Program ensure adoption and compliance of the Chemical, Biological, Physical, Meat Quality and Welfare Standards

### **3. Pig Producer**

a. Terricks Farms Pty Ltd (8000 pigs)- Director

b. Kings Piggery Joint Venture (400 sows)- Director & General Manager

### **4. Shareholder**

Auspork Pty Ltd

Specialist pig abattoirs located at Daylesford, Vic and Murray Bridge SA.

## Recent Publications

- 1. Author - Research Project**  
**Antibiotics for Inclusion in Porcine Semen**  
**Extenders**  
**Australian Pork Limited Project 1792**  
**January 2002**

*An assessment and recommendations to the NRA of antibiotics for inclusion in extenders based upon effectiveness, residues, food safety, incorporating a comparison of other food safety papers such as the Cull Sow project for antibiotic levels in pig meat.*

## Recent Media Articles

- 1. The Australian**  
**Handheld Vet keeps pigs Healthy**  
<http://australianit.news.com.au/articles/0,7204,6703792%5e15841%5e%5enbv%5e,00.html>  
  
<http://www.webprowire.com/summaries/533421.html>
- 2. Momentum Technologies Press Release**  
Squiz Biz use at Kings Piggery  
[http://www.momentumgroup.com.au/release\\_1.html](http://www.momentumgroup.com.au/release_1.html)

## Professional Memberships

1. Australian Veterinary Association
2. Australian Association of Pig Veterinarians
3. Australasian Pig Science Association
4. American Association Swine Veterinarians
5. Registered Veterinary Practitioner or Surgeon- Victoria, NSW, Tasmania, WA, Qld, SA.
6. Quality Standards Australia

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