

Quality Assurance and Veterinary Chemical Trainer

Jocelyn Birch Baker

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ABOUT JOCELYN BIRCH BAKER

Jocelyn Birch Baker started her veterinary career in the 1980's. She enjoyed working with cattle and horses and she took on roles within the beef industry.

In 1996 she worked as a part time vet in various vet clinics in Central Queensland. Then in July 2012, she took ownership of High Street Veterinary Surgery and was awarded the Best in Business in Central Queensland on 2014.

Jocelyn has also founded "Smooth Operating Vets" which is focused on developing new pathways and flexibility in clinics for mothers returning to the workforce.

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Vets work 40
hours a week
on average in
Australia

45.5% of
female vets
aged 35-44
work < 30
hours per
week

49% of vets
work in group
practice
settings

Source: Australian Veterinary Workforce Survey 2018

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9:25 - What Jocelyn learned on the cattle station that she applies in her life now as a vet.

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17:22 - The five rules that Jocelyn lives by and how she implements them in her practice

29:11 - How to manage demanding work commitments at the same time as being a parent

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56:36 - How the job crisis could affect the landscape of the veterinary profession

JOCELYN'S PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Board Member of The Queensland Beef Industry Institute
- Chair of The Local Beef Improvement Association
- Veterinary Chemical Trainer
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