

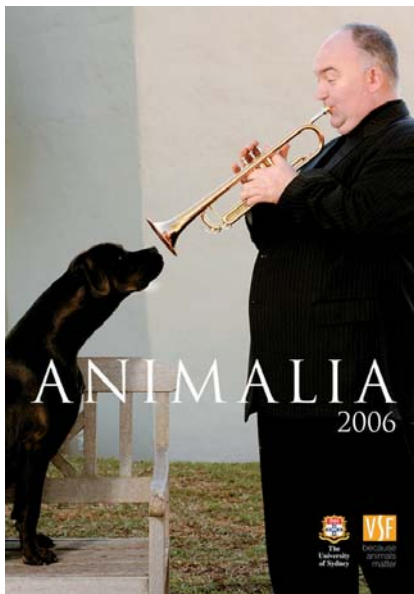
From the Dean's Desk



Professor Leo Jeffcott

The Faculty of Veterinary Science has much to be proud of these days and the credit for this must go to the quality of its staff and students. One of the ways a prestigious university like Sydney rewards its staff for their academic achievements is through a rigorous process of promotion. As in previous years we have done very well, and in the latest round we have maintained a 100% record of success from the applications to the University's Central Promotions Committee.

On this occasion we wish to acknowledge and warmly congratulate the three Lecturers (Level B) who have been promoted to Senior Lecturer (Level C) - Drs Merran Govendir, Jenny-Ann Toribio and Kate Bosward. They are all extremely deserving of this promotion (and Kate Bosward even produced a beautiful baby at the same time!). We have also heard from the Provost, Professor Don Nutbeam, that there were two Level D promotions for the Faculty - Dr Vivienne Reeve who has been promoted to Principal Research Fellow and Dr Paul McGreevy who will be an Associate Professor from 1 January 2007. So well done to all five. I am sure there will be more next year!



What a blast!

James Morrison, supported by the Australian Youth Orchestra and jazz singer Emma Pask, was spectacular as he entertained nearly 300 guests supporting this year's Animalia Fund raising Concert.

James showed off not only his well known trumpeting skills but tickled the ivory with some measure of excellence as well! He was very engaging in his banter with the musical curator Marshall McGuire as they desperately and creatively looked for the 'animal connection' with each piece of music performed. Although at times the connection was far fetched to say the least, they were highly entertaining and gave the concert a warm and very "Animalia" personal feel. As in years past, the concert concluded with lively audience participation in a unique rendition of the 12 days of Christmas. Jonica Newby of ABC TV Catalyst fame and a Vet; did a gallant job as our special guest MC.

The event was again held at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and thanks to our sponsors, donors and friends, raised over \$40,000 for the Veterinary Science Foundation.

In recognition of their support, here are our sponsors: Abby Parkes Sculptures; The Academy Network; Atradius Credit Insurance; Fiona and James Balfour; Dendy Cinemas; Emirates; Fosters Group; Fusion Catering; Get Smart Dogs; Huka Lodge, New Zealand; Ingham's Enterprises Pty Ltd; Joss Stuart Financial Services; KPMG; Link Market Services; Lyppard; Deborah and John McMurtrie; Mary Rossi Travel; Roger and Belinda Massey-Green; Royal Agricultural Society of NSW; Rural Press Ltd; The Vintage Golf Club; Waratah Cat Alliance and Yamaha Australia.



Special Guest MC - Dr Jonica Newby



James Balfour entertains the guests.



The 6th Faculty of Veterinary Science Postgraduate Conference

Held on the 30th and 31st October at Plant Breeding Institute, Camden the conference was well attended and a great success. In addition to 58 excellent oral presentations and ten posters from our postgraduates, there was a workshop 'Maintaining Focus and Motivation' facilitated by Anthony Rigney from Counselling Services, an inspirational speech from Prof Gareth Evans and a SUPRA sponsored BBQ on Monday night.

The conference was generously sponsored by the Poultry Research Foundation, MLA, PG Foundation in Veterinary Science, Dairy Research Foundation and the Invasive Animals CRC.

Prizes for excellent presentations or posters went to Kiri Beilby, Stephanie Xavier, Helen Smith, Nicole Spiegel, Nicole Schembri, Navneet Dhand, Sarah Jobbins, Yvette Miller and Jaclyn Aldenhoven.

On Safari... with the VSF and World Expeditions

Following the fantastically successful VSF and World Expedition Trip to Antarctica early this year, the VSF has decided to join with World Expeditions again for the opportunity to go on an African Adventure!

Tour dates are 11 to 29 June, 2007 and the cost is \$8,290 twin share -fully escorted from Sydney. \$1,000 of the tour cost receipted as a donation to the VSF.

Lions stalking their prey, hippos wallowing in murky waters, elephants trumpeting for all to hear – the wildlife is certainly a major draw card for visitors to Africa.

Tanzania has some of the best wildlife viewing possibilities in Africa; The Serengeti with its endless plains and the biggest migration on earth, Tarangire with its unique landscape and elephant population, Lake Manyara with dense forest and tree climbing lions and of course, Ngorongoro, a magnificent extinct volcano teaming with wildlife. Spending time in each park, we have the chance to get off the beaten track, and take advantage of opportunities as they arise in the company of an expert safari guide. Stunning sunsets seem to appropriately conclude each day, leaving lasting impressions of the charm and diversity of Africa.

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Faculty News

Catherine Gulliver selected to represent Australia in 2007 International Meat Judging Competition.

Further to our news story in August Rumenations, Catherine Gulliver was recently selected from a large pool of Meat judging specialists to represent Australia at the National Western Intercollegiate Meat Judging Competition to be held on 14 January 2007 in Colorado, USA!

A Quirindi local and Sydney Uni graduate, Catherine is one of ten judges in the Australian team to display their wares to the Americans and hopefully bring home the bacon. Catherine joins a growing list of Sydney University graduates over the past 8 years who have been selected to represent Australia in one of the world's toughest competitions.

International Stockmens Educational Foundation Travel fellowship.

Julie Cassar, enrolled in the final year of her Agricultural Science degree, is one of 2 Australian students to win one of 25 highly coveted Fellowships awarded world wide to participate in a an intensive training course at the International Livestock Congress held in Denver in January 2007.

Julie has worked on her final year honours research project with Rockdale Beef, NSW Department of Primary Industries and Sydney University on a project investigating the effects of animal handling and carcass storage on meat quality defects.

The work was supported by a Meat Industry scholarship and was supervised by Dr David Hopkins from NSW Primary Industries and Associate Professor Peter Wynn from the Veterinary Faculty. This travel scholarship provides just reward for a student who is destined to play a major role in the Australian meat industry in future years.