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SYDNEY UNIVERSITY VETERINARY SOCIETY

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**Celebrating 100
Years of History**

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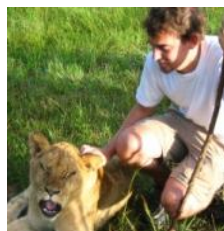
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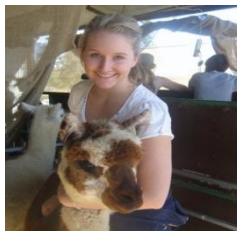
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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars!

THURS & FRI

1-2

MARCH

SOLE

Camperdown & Camden Campus

MONDAY

5

MARCH

Semester 1 Commences

THURSDAY

8

MARCH

VetSoc Second-Hand Book Sale

1-2 PM Vet Lawns

FRIDAY

16

MARCH

Beer, Pies & Bull Keg

Time TBD, Vet Lawns



Celebrating Our Centenary

Getting students hammered for 100 Years

It is with great pleasure that our committee will preside over our Society's centenary this year. That's right our centenary! Our keg reps are in overdrive, the Treasurer has been told to fudge the books and we've locked our Secretary in the office until he's pulled up every file on record. So here's a quick rundown on the start of our Society.

The Sydney University Veterinary Society (better known as VetSoc) was formed in 1912, presided by none other than J.D. Stewart himself – the founder of the Faculty of Veterinary Science at the University of Sydney. For the first eight years of its activities, the Society was presided over by a member of staff, alternating between Professor J.D. Stewart and Dr. S. Dodd. In 1920, however, the administration of the Society was completely transferred to the student body with then student Dr. I. Clunies Ross elected as the first student president of the Society, making the Sydney University Veterinary Society the second oldest student-run society on campus and only preceded by the University of Sydney Union itself.

For more information, check our website regularly.

A Year in Review

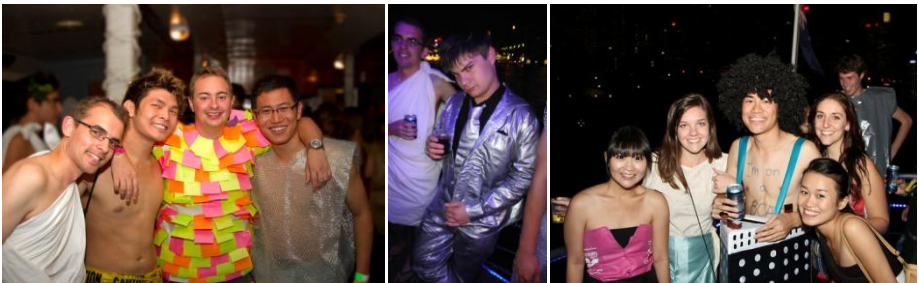
Where did the year go?

Beer, Pies and Bull

You know it's the start of the Social Calendar when VetSoc holds its traditional Beer, Pies and Bull. As the first keg of the year, it's a great opportunity for first years to socialise with other years and meet friends within their own year. Oh, did we mention there's a giant mechanical bull to ride?

VetSoc ABC Cruise

What do you get when you commission a bigger boat, order more pizza and have hundreds of students without clothes? An awesome night out that's what! 2011's Cruise was themed ABC - Anything But Clothes! It was an amazing sight to see everybody's creativity run wild and we also witnessed the birth of 'the Sock'.



L → R: Oliver, Aaron, Vanja, Justin; Gian in his duct tape suit; Marj, Sarah, Chris, Rachel, Valeria

Trivia Night

It was time to dust off those General Knowledge books when Vetsoc hosted its Trivia Night in May last year. The night provided students a chance to show off their mental brawn while mulled wine kept everyone warm during the cold autumn night.

Mexican Keg

The return of second semester means only one thing – drinking those sorrows away! For the first time tequila shots were served (with lemon and salt of course) during the limited happy hour period at our Mexican fiesta.



L → R: Justin & Aaron escaping into the US; Rachel, Sarah and Valeria enjoying a shot of tequila

Vetball – Casino Royale

It's the return of the biggest event on the VetSoc calendar with the annual Vetball. It was time to suit or frock up this time 'round, with VetSoc setting a theme – Casino Royale. The old VetSoc committee really set the bar high, with the event going beyond simple drinking to socialising with style. Whether you were gambling the odds, socialising over a feast or busting a move on the dance floor, it was truly a memorable night to remember.



L → R: Evil Dr. Zi Yi; Second Year Vet; Vanja and Oliver in a 2 person play

Rugby & Changeover Keg

It was time to celebrate the new VetSoc committee of 2011-2012 and the last Interfaculty Rugby game of the year by holding a keg on the Vet lawns. Whether you were there to support the Vet Rugby team, the incoming committee or just there to get smashed, the night was one to remember (or try to remember depending on your state in the morning).

Wacky Races & Camden Weekender

While Vetball may be the biggest event on the VetSoc calendar, nothing can compare to the magnitude of the Camden Weekender (BBGrog) held by the Camden Farms Society. But why spend an hour in the car by yourself when you can race with your friends showing your knowledge of Sydney while doing crazy tasks and challenges in VetSoc's traditional Wacky Races? We set the bar high, with the largest list ever made (which FYI was a bitch to mark) and starting off the race with contestants having to eat Stinky Tofu. Whether you pashed a stranger, rode a horse or planked, it was great to watch so many people having fun.



L→ R: best dressed; second best dressed; winners.



L→ R: stinky tofu challenge, riding a horse, IMAX Theatre

It was then time for the Year Games to begin at BBGrog. Not even rain can ruin the spirit of BBGrog. From iron gut to lube wrestling, scrub races to tug-of-war, it was year pitted against year. Of course the highlight of the night was the fourth year Revue, packed with more NUDITY than ever before!





FRIDAY 16 MARCH 2012
JOIN THE 7PM
RODEO VET LAWNS

ACCESS NON-ACCESS

\$3

\$7

VetSoc Members get a free pie & drink

DRINKS

\$2 BEER

\$2 PUNCH

\$1 SOFTIES



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Lizard of the Quarter

In case you haven't had Glenn lecturing in a while

A **Southern Spinifex**
Delma, *Delma butleri*,
from near Coombah,
south of Broken Hill.



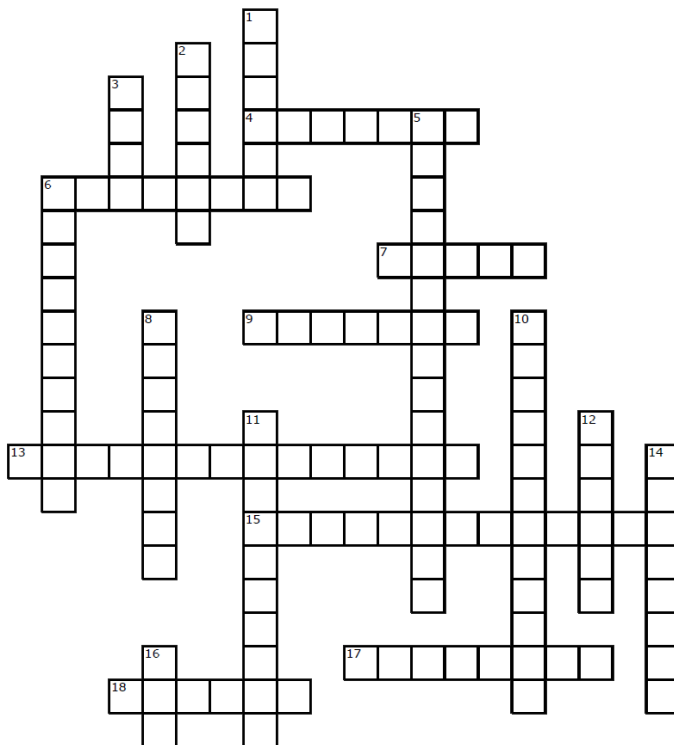
This is one of the
pygopod lizards, a
uniquely Australian
family of gecko

relatives that have evolved an elongate body with limb reduction. Despite the general similarity in appearance to snakes, they are unrelated to them, and are easily distinguished from snakes by possessing an external ear opening (absent in snakes), a thick fleshy tongue (not a slender forked snake tongue), paired scales along the belly (rather than a single row of broad scales), a relatively short body and long tail (the junction of body and tail on this one is marked by the hind limb flaps, which can be seen just adjacent to where the tip of the tail crosses the lizard's body – snakes have a long body and a very short tail), and the ability to autotomise and regenerate the tail (this individual has a regenerated tail, marked by the abrupt change in scale arrangement about half-way along the last coil at the rear of the photo). Like their gecko ancestors, pygopods are completely non-venomous.

This species is one of a number of Australian lizards that inhabit spinifex (Triodia) tussocks in arid Australia, sheltering among the dense network of spines, and hunting insects in the clumps. If pursued outside the clumps, they leap into the air by suddenly straightening themselves from a partly coiled or wriggling position in the hope of escaping predators. This particular species also has the unusual ability to rapidly change its belly colour from bright yellow to pure white.

Games

Because sometimes Lectures aren't interesting enough



Across

4. The surname of the person who founded VetSoc in 1912 (7)
6. PAS Stain can indicate the presence of this (8)
7. A female cat (5)
9. Marsupials have three of these (7)
13. Some lizards can do this on will when threatened (6,8)
15. The level of this gas controls respiration rate (6,7)
17. First poo (8)
18. Part of a hen's reproductive tract and also an Ice Cream brand (6)

Down

1. Liisa's dog's name (6)
2. 2012 is the Year of the *** according to the Chinese Lunar Calendar (6)
3. Baby marsupials are called this (4)
5. Work on these if you want a six pack (6,9)
6. The Family of the lizard named after Dr. Glenn Shea (10)
8. An important vein for blood collection in dogs and cats (8)
10. The powerhouse of the cell (12)
11. Pectoral muscle only found in the horse (10)
12. Most popular sheep breed in Australia (6)
14. A small fold of tissue that restricts the motion of a mobile organ (9)
16. The most popular dog name in Australia (3)



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