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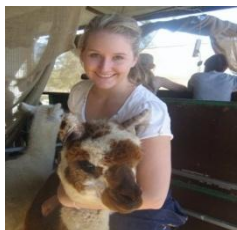
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Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars!

Friday

21

October

Rugby & Changeover Keg

6:30 PM

St John's Oval & VetLawns

Saturday

6

October

Wacky Races

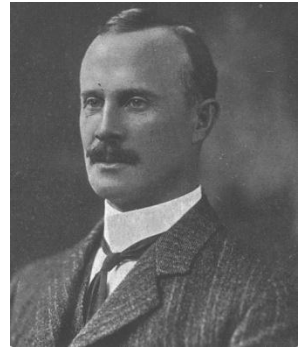
JD Stewart

Year of the Centaur

VetSoc celebrates 100 Years!

A Society is Formed

The Faculty of Veterinary Science at the University of Sydney was established on 22 March 1910 with a student enrolment of 16 students. Two years after opening its doors, the Director of the school, Professor James Douglas Stewart, expressed interest in the formation of a society in connection with the Department of Veterinary Science. On Friday 17 May 1912, a general meeting comprised of Professor J.D. Stewart, Dr. Sydney Dodd, Mr. Horace Morgan Baker and 14 students gathered in the Anatomy Theatre at 2:30 P.M. to form a society, adopt a constitution and elect officers. The formation of the Society was proposed by Mr.



J.D. Stewart, the first President of VetSoc

Hindmarsh, seconded by Mr. Pattern and unanimously carried. After 3 long hours of debate and voting, the first Constitution of the Sydney University Veterinary Society was drafted and adopted, with the following members elected as the first Executive Committee of the Society: Prof. JD Stewart (President), Dr. Dodd (Vice President), Mr. Baker (Vice President), ES James (Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer) and Davis, Finlay and Hindmarsh voted as part of the executive committee.

In 1913, the first Annual Dinner of the Society took place in Adam's Café, George Street, Sydney. This event would eventually reform and evolve over the years to what it is today - VetSoc's annual



The first Society Annual Dinner

Vetball. In 1914, the world was ensued in the First World War (WWI), where one of the founders of the Society, H.M. Baker, tragically died in conflict. During this time, the Society reached its lowest point, becoming inactive between 1915-17.

A Transfer in Leadership

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. This momentous occasion, however, was short-lived. With low student numbers, much doubt and concern lingered on the future of the Faculty and the Society.



Ian Clunies Ross as a student

Growth & Expansion

1930 saw the admittance of the first female student of the Faculty of Veterinary Science, Ann Flashman, also becoming the first female member of the Society. By the mid-1930s, the Society began to flourish as student intake by the Faculty steadily increased. With a greater student base, funding for the Society increased and more social activities were organised as a result, establishing VetSoc's reputation as the society it is today.

Growth & Expansion

The War

In 1939, Australia entered WWII subsequent to the invasion of Poland. By the early 1940s, many scalpels were laid down in exchange for arms, as students in the Faculty entered the war. With decreasing student numbers and focus spent on the war, the Society (among others) struggled during this period, making it impossible to hold events such as the Annual ball despite the best of efforts of the Society. It is unfortunate that students in the Faculty lost their lives.

Rising from the Ashes

With the cessation of hostilities in Europe and Asia and the resumption of the normal academic calendar saw a turning point in the activity of the Society. Greater numbers enrolled in the Faculty led to increase funding for the Society and led to more successful events. As the Faculty grew in number, so did members of the Society, however participation in meetings and non-social events continued to struggle due to a lack of interest.

A Turn in the Tide

As the decades rolled, the Society transformed itself markedly from the roots of sharing academic information into a society infamous for its social events. This led to an ever increasing membership count as students finally began to show a sense of pride in their degree. This in turn supported the Society's treasury balance to hold better events and contribute to the Faculty. As time passed, the rising prominence of women in the Faculty and profession eventually led to the removal of the Executive position of Women's Representative.



The Centaury

In 1996, the Society donated money to Faculty for the purpose of building the Veterinary Science Conference Centre, opening in 1998. As the Sydney Olympics blazed past at the turn of the century in 2000, the Faculty began its preparation for its own centenary in 2010, refurbishing the historical J.D. Stewart, Clunies Ross Lecture Theatre and the Roundhouse. In 2011, unbeknown to the newly elected 98th committee, the centenary of the Society was fast approaching. It was only until creating content for the new VetSoc website did we stumble (accidentally) that we would preside over our centenary! And the rest they say is history...

This overview of VetSoc's history has been derived from old records, the Society's annual publication *Centaur* and the Faculty's centenary publication *The School at the Foot of the Hill*. Compiled by the Hon. Secretary Aaron Koey.

New Merchandise

Exciting new merchandise!



VetSoc and proud to show it? With jerseys, t-shirts, polos, hoodies, diaries and more, students within the Faculty of Veterinary Science have been able to put their true stripes on display in 2012. The introduction of placement polos has been a great success, with orders not only from students, but also lecturers and farm managers!

Meanwhile the colourful t-shirts bearing images designed by one of our very own third years, Angela, added a personal touch to the merchandise. However, receiving over 150 orders for hoodies in a huge array of colours was the resounding success of 2012 merchandise, putting a smile on the dial of many exam-withered VetSoc members.



Down the Amazon

A Wild Night on the Water

It's already been a year since our Faculty took over Sydney Harbour? This year we introduced two changes to previous years – we decided to hold our infamous cruise after the Easter break rather than the day before Good Friday and pizza was served at sail off rather than midway during the cruise. Both of these changes occurred without a hitch and we think they managed to reduce drunken behaviour (and damages) on the night.

With spectacular views of the harbour, an open bar and crazy costumes, the night was a spectacular journey down the Amazon.





AVBS Masquerade Dinner

The first ever AVBS charity dinner

Animal and Veterinary Bioscience students from the Faculty of Veterinary Science at the University of Sydney recently held a charity dinner to raise money for the Save the Tasmanian Devil Appeal. This event enabled students to gain an understanding of current research into Tasmanian devils within our own Faculty. The night was a huge success and has hopefully raised awareness into this Australian icon. Students are hoping to make this an annual event, as well as encouraging students to undertake research projects in this field and provide them with potential graduate opportunities



Organised by Third Year AVBS students Ellie Mowle, Camille Goldstone-Henry, Ethan Mooney, Jaime Manning, Emma Peel, Mark Legge (AVBS Rep) and Jessica Sanchez with guest of honour Kathy Below



Jaime Manning, Jessica Sanchez and Emma Peel have were invited by Kathy Belov to attend Sympathy for the Devil lecture on 25 July, presented by the award winning guest speaker, A/Prof Katherine Belov.





Hill's Halfway Dinner

"Oh we're half way there..."

There's only one milestone that can almost match the excitement and atmosphere of graduation – HALFWAY! Two-and-a-half years in the making, all of third year descended upon Darling Harbour for a night to remember.

Organised by 7 highly skilled wedding planners (should vet not work out for them), the year dazzled the city with shiny new dresses and smashing suits. With food, alcohol and the euphoria of passing the halfway mark keeping us abuzz for the night; it truly was a night we won't forget soon. Let the pictures paint a thousand words. Did we mention Susan Hemsley dancing on the dance floor? Yes we forgot that...

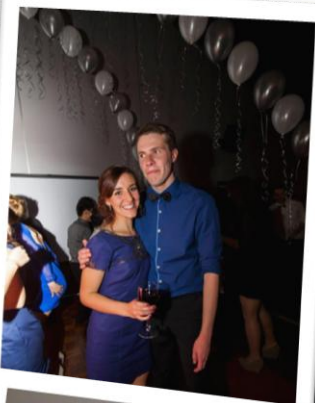


Left: Year Reps Aaron and Justin show off their 'friendship bracelets' for cutest couple

Right: Halfway Dinner Committee members Riannon, Chloe, Jessica, Alice, Angela, Victoria and Shannon







Games of the Centenary

Trivia Night and Olympics Keg rolled into one

Olympians emerged from their lairs and came out to shine at the 2012 VetSoc Trivia event. Over 16 teams registered and came dressed in their sporting best, with prizes for the placewinners, best dressed team and most unique team name. The following keg, featuring a special 'Olympic strength' punch and a 16m inflatable obstacle course proved to be very popular across the faculty, especially after the misfortune of a leaking beer pipe. The cold weather meant that this keg was a little smaller than the last, but that just meant more sausages, drinks and obstacle course time

for everyone else!

Congratulations to the Mershed Perderders for coming first in trivia!





Farewells

We say goodbye to two of our most beloved Anatomy staff

With the end of Semester 1, we say goodbye to two of the most well recognised staff members in the Faculty – Stephen Freaan and Susan Hemsley.

Stephen Freaan – “The Freaan”

Kids in third year BVSc will remember Stephen Freaan well. He taught our first lecture and in return, we broke his lecture-ginity at the University of Sydney. Commonly remembered for pressing his index finger and thumb together to emphasise a point, the Freaan had his bad hair days with his luxurious locks being chopped off for a more normal haircut in 2011. Remembered for his partly British, but South-African accent, he will be remembered well for setting the hardest practical exam ever set in the Faculty of Veterinary Science (VAP2A).

Famous quotes:

- Looks at his diagram on his powerpoint and pauses: ‘Frankly, this slide is a complete mindf*’
- On the first day back from semester 1: ‘We’re going to take it slow today... Because I don’t think I’m quite mentally prepared’
- ‘You can easily palpate the femoral pulse in the dog’s crotch. And you can do that on yourself but not in public. Actually it’s much more fun if you do it on someone else... Don’t tell anyone I told you that!’

Susan Hemsley – “That Histology Fanchick”

Who knows histology (fyi, histology is the study of cells) better than Susan Hemsley? Many will remember sitting in lectures of histology not having a single clue on what histology was despite her enthusiasm in the subject. Known for personifying cells to be ‘cute’, Susan’s long standing career at the University is to be reckoned with. Those in third year will remember Susan best for dancing at Halfway Dinner! And yes! We do have photos.



Third Year BVSc students with Stephen Freen

On the right, Third Year BVSc reps Aaron and Justin present Susan with flowers at Halfway Dinner.



Vetball 2012

Old Hollywood

On the 31st August, 250 students from the Faculty swapped gore for glamour, surgical gowns for ball gowns and scrubs for suits! It was of course Vetball, but not just any Vetball, a centenary Vetball! The night started with a bang, transporting everyone back to Old Hollywood where they could meet Elvis and Marilyn (albeit cardboard versions of their former selves). The night then continued with old blue eyes and Louis Armstrong entertaining us with their timeless jazz beats. The photobooth had a marathon of a night luring groups of up 5 into its addictive lair (could really only fit 2 comfortably) and forcing them to get up close and personal in order to get in the frame. Then the meals which were to any foodies standard combined with as much alcohol as our liver's could handle. Everyone then got their dancing shoes on, even Elvis letting loose and crowd surfing across the dancefloor. When the night was finally over, many braved the cold Darling Harbour winds to stumble up to Retro Hotel where the party continued through the night.

Your Keg Reps





Get to Know Your Staff

Liisa Ahlstrom

1. What's your favourite colour?

Gall bladder green!

2. If you could be any animal, what would it be and why?

A bird, so I could fly. Probably a long-lived bird! Maybe a King parrot – I love them.



Liisa at Halfway Dinner

3. Which subject were you the worst at during vet?

I think it was called agronomy? It was about grass. I didn't do very well.

4. What's your favourite drink?

Champagne!!! In moderation of course...

5. A question we all want to know... When's Jessie's birthday?

Hmmm, can you ask me another Jessie question? Because I don't know! We haven't even made up a pretend b'day for Jess. So she just misses out completely!! I know, I'm a terrible parent! Jess thinks it's her b'day when she goes for an adventure up our street and finds something revolting to eat (chicken poo, cat poo and old, rotten bones are favourites) – again, bad parenting!

Games

Relive Trivia Night

Round 1

1. What are the four official languages of Singapore?
2. From which country does the kiwifruit originate from?
3. Which Australian state has the largest land perimeter?
4. What does QANTAS stand for?
5. Which country has the only non-rectangular flag?
6. What is the deadliest animal on Earth?
7. What is the hottest planet in our Solar System?
8. Which nation has the densest population?
9. Name as many films that have grossed over \$1b
10. What is the chemical symbol for Tungsten?

Round 2

1. When was the last time the Blues took out the State of Origin?
2. Who is the most recent Australian to win the men's single at Wimbledon?
3. Which animal was featured on the now defunct 2 cent coin?
4. The inferior Fahrenheit temperature system is officially used in which 3 countries?
5. The Big Banana is located in which NSW town?
6. Which of the following is NOT an Australian innovation?
a) Wifi b) Lawn Sprinkler c) Plastic notes d) Dual flush toilet e) Dim sim
7. What is the most common name in the world?
8. Which astrological sign features a crab?
9. What is the longest undisputed non-technical word in the English language?
10. Which fast food burger in Australia has the largest number of kJ on a menu?

Round 3

1. Sydney Central Station has how many platforms currently in use?
2. What is Australia's favourite confectionary based on sales?
3. What is the largest desert in the world?
4. What is the largest production source of oxygen?
5. In the Wizard of Oz, which character lacked a brain?
6. What is a lazy Susan?
7. How many faces are there on a soccer ball?
8. What dog breed's name is composed of two common male names?
9. If a male shark is called a bull and a female shark is a cow, what is a baby shark called?
10. When viewed side-on, what initials can be made out from Homer Simpson's ear and hairline?

Round 1

1. English, Mandarin, Malay and Tamil
2. China
3. NSW
4. Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services
5. Nepal
6. Mosquito
7. Venus
8. Monaco
9. Refer to http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Highest_grossing_films#Highest-grossing_films
10. W

Round 2

1. 2005
2. Lleyton Hewitt
3. Frilled-neck Lizard
4. US, Cayman Islands and Belize
5. Coffs Harbour
6. B – Lawn Sprinkler
7. Mohammed
8. Cancer
9. Floccinaucinihilipilification
10. Ultimate Double Whopper (5085 kJ)

Round 3

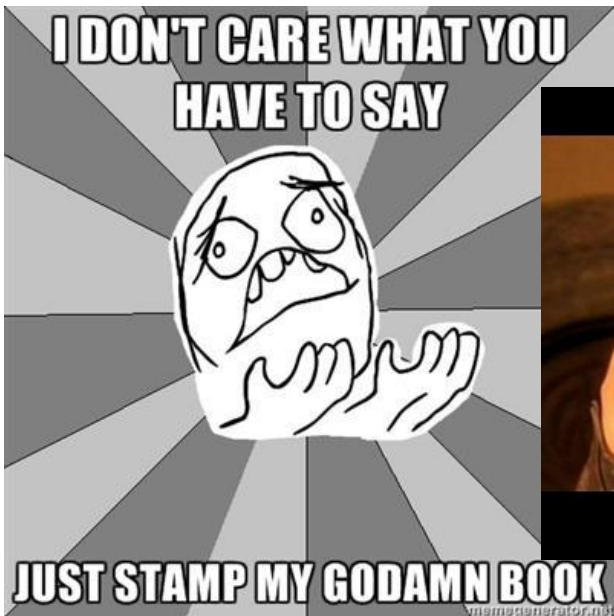
1. 25
2. Mars Bar
3. Antarctica
4. Phytoplankton
5. The Scarecrow
6. Spinning table
7. 32
8. Jack Russel
9. Pup
10. MG for Matt Groening

LOL Section

Just for laughs



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The VetSock



Few people know what the VetSock is so let's go into a little bit of history. In 2011, VetSoc held an 'Anything But Clothes Cruise'. A mysterious student in third year called 'X', had the decency to cover his crown jewels with a single sock. After the cruise, X kindly donated the sock and was framed by the 2010-2011 VetSoc committee. From then on, the Executive committee selects a winner on the most outrageous party-goer in their term of office.

This year, we would like to congratulate Justin from third year for his costume on the VetSoc Cruise for 2012: Down the Amazon. VetSoc awarded him the honorific title as we believe, like X, he had courage (to go semi nude) and the confidence to dress as a drag butterfly (which has severely impacted his chance of finding a girl in vet).

When receiving this award, Justin replied, 'I wonder why I'm still single?'



Mr. X above from the 2011 VetSoc Cruise and Justin in his butterfly costume on the left.

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HAPPY CENTENARY!



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