

# r u m e n a t i o n s

On 1 April the Faculty hosted its annual student prize giving ceremony, recognising outstanding students who excelled in different fields of veterinary science in 2004. The Faculty is grateful to its prize donors - prizes are awarded in memory of, or supported by, individuals, or sponsored by industry and a range of organisations.

Inaugural 2004 presentations included a number of new sponsors, through the efforts of Dr Paul McGreevy, for prizes awarded for excellence in the "Animal Welfare Science Essay" component of his unit. These included Elsevier Australia, Vet's Best Products, RSPCA (Australia) and the Veterinarian Magazine. The Friends of the Brush-Tailed Rock Wallaby Scholarship was also awarded for the first time. This scholarship will support a student in the Masters of Applied Science (Wildlife Health and Population Management) program undertaking research to enhance knowledge of the Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby and/or its habitat.

Full recipient list attached

Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Professor Beryl Hesketh, and Dean, Professor Leo Jeffcott, with the 2004 Dean's List recipients



## student prize giving

Inaugural recipients of the Veterinarian Magazine Prize for Written Communication with Editor, Mr Luke Martin - far right



# AVA great debate

**Real Vets are Men** was the subject for debate at the 2005 RAVA Great Debate. An evening of spirited argument and discussion took place in the Veterinary Science Conference Centre on 19 April with MC, AVA Student Representative, Ms Elva Cha.

The 2005 Great Debate teams were:

**For - The Realists**

Dr Bruce Cartmill (Past President AVA NSW Division), Dr Peter Gibbs (AVA Executive Member and Principal, Yass Veterinary Hospital) and Mr Jason Kwan (Year 4 veterinary science student)

**Against - XXceptionals**

with emphasis on the double XX – Associate Professor Geraldine Hunt (Associate Professor in Small Animal Surgery and Director, University Veterinary Centre Sydney), Dr Lydia Brichta (Coordinator for the AVA's upcoming The Great Big Animal Open Day) and Ms Alison Avery (Year 2 veterinary science Student)

Arguments were presented to the Adjudicating Panel, headed by Dr Joanne Sillince (Past President AVA National) and including Dr Mark Lawrie (President AVA NSW Division and RSPCA Chief Veterinarian) and Mr Greg Aspinall (Finance Director for the Master Painters Association).

Points from the 'The Realists' included 'girls anatomy getting in the way of good practice' while 'XXceptionals' argued that men are living in a 'fantasy land' if they expect women to stay at home and look after the kids! 'XXceptionals' were victorious, using among their arguments brain over brawn to tackle the issue of differences in physical strength.



Back from left: Associate Professor Geraldine Hunt, Dr Lydia Brichta, Dr Bruce Cartmill, Ms Alison Avery, Ms Elva Cha, Mr Jason Kwan, Dr Peter Gibbs, Front from left: Mr Greg Aspinall, Dr Joanne Sillince and Dr Mark Lawrie



# from the dean's desk



The seven members of the AVMA Accreditation Committee with Faculty staff - Dean, Professor Leo Jeffcott, and Associate Professors Jennie Hodgson (front) and Rosanne Taylor (far right)

The much-anticipated final accreditation visit from the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) took place from 10-14 April 2005 and I'm pleased to report that it appeared to go extremely well. Unfortunately, there will be no official word until the next AVMA Council meeting in October as to whether we have earned our accreditation (and we sincerely hope we have!). If we are successful, the AVMA will backdate their decision to the last day of the site visit: 14 April 2005.

The visitors were impressed by the extensive facilities in Sydney and Camden, and by our excellent students and highly motivated staff. They commended us on the new curriculum, particularly the Year 5 program, our graduate attributes, outcomes assessment and increasing research profile. All that's left now is to wait until October - but in the meantime an enormous vote of thanks is due to the whole Faculty (staff and students) for their fantastic team effort in presenting us in the best possible light - their commitment was very much appreciated by the Dean and the Faculty Executive Committee.

*Dean, Professor Leo Jeffcott*

## Staff News

### 2005 Australian Veterinary Association Teaching Award

Dr Paul McGreevy has been awarded The Australian Veterinary Association Excellence in Teaching Award 2005. Dr McGreevy has taught Animal Husbandry and Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare Science in the Faculty for the past 9 years. He is a pioneer in this area of research and has written a number of books on small animal and equine behaviour. His teaching includes some of the most up-to-date research and advanced approaches in these fields worldwide. He is a Recognised Specialist in Veterinary Behavioural Medicine (RCVS), one of only two in the world.

Dr McGreevy enjoys adding variety to his classes and each year, students are visited by a member of the NSW Police mounted division with one of the division's horses - this year Bodie, a 16 year old Cleveland Bay gelding (pictured). Students learn how the officers and horses are trained to work with one another, and consider how urban riding affects the horse's health and behaviour. Dr McGreevy advocates that more science should be involved in the teaching of horse riding.

He will receive his prize at the 2005 AVA Conference on the Gold Coast in May.



Bodie arrests a student

## Veterinary Science Foundation Annual General Meeting



Ms Deborah Smithers, President Veterinary Science Foundation

The Veterinary Science Foundation, the fundraising arm of the Faculty, held its AGM on 28 April - the first for the Dean, Professor Leo Jeffcott, as a new member of the Executive Committee, and for the Foundation's President, Ms Deborah Smithers.

The Foundation reported on a successful year in 2004 - including the completion of the Valentine Charlton Cat Centre, Stage 1 of the University Veterinary Centre Sydney redevelopment, and the December fundraising concert, featuring the Australian Chamber Orchestra and Michael Leunig performing Carnival of the Animals. The concert raised more than \$80,000.

Building on these successes in 2005, the Foundation is now raising funds for the building of the Stage 2 Dog Centre, and planning is underway for a unique concert with the Australian Youth Orchestra, to be held on Thursday 1 December 2005 at the Conservatorium of Music in Sydney.

If you would like to receive a copy of the Veterinary Science Foundation's 2004 Annual Report please call (02) 9351 8026 or email [vsf@vetsci.usyd.edu.au](mailto:vsf@vetsci.usyd.edu.au).



## Dragon Boat Racing Professor

Professor Chris Moran has just returned from competing in the National 2005 Dragon Boat Racing Championships in Canberra. Held on Lake Burley Griffin the event attracted over 50 teams. Professor Moran represented New South Wales competing in four events in two categories. Two events were in the Masters category for over 40 paddlers. The other two events were in the Premier category, with no age restriction. In each category, he was a member of the Open team (men) and a Mixed team (12 men and 8 women). He won all four finals and will now represent Australia at the World Championships to be held in Berlin in August.

**We want your feedback and contributions.**  
 Contact the newsletter team on email [vsf@vetsci.usyd.edu.au](mailto:vsf@vetsci.usyd.edu.au), or phone Zara Gosson on (02) 9351 8026.

## 2004 Student Prize Winners

**Deans List** - Awarded for Excellence in Academic Performance

Year 1: Athanasia Chambers, Tanya Raynes, Sophie Hale, Tristan Maugueret Year 2: Fiona Shailer, Sally-Anne Debney, Rosemary Brungs, Gwen Shirlow, Leanne Huynh, Chung Wah Angeline Wong, Sara Biasutti, Suzanne Leibel Year 3: Michelle Grey, Andrew Levien, Luke Ingenhoff, Michelle Cohen Year 4: Erin Bell, Kathryn Stalder, Ninette Hamilton, Jillian Kelly

**Albert Victor Steers Harris Bequest** - Awarded to the top female students in the 5th year of the BVSc receiving the highest marks

Emma Synnott (5)

**Albert Victor Steers Harris Bequest** - Awarded to the top male students in the 5th year of the BVSc receiving the highest marks

Timothy Craig (5)

**Association of Pet Dog Trainers (APDT-Australia) Prize for Canine Welfare Science** -Proficiency in VETS3018 Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare Science behaviour and welfare of the domestic dog

Alexandra Brueckner (3)

**Australian College of Veterinary Scientists, Surgical Chapter Prize for Veterinary Surgery** -Proficiency in Veterinary Surgery in Year 3

Lynda Shaw (3)

**Australian Equine Veterinary Association Prize in Horse Medicine and Surgery** -Awarded to the top equine student in horse medicine and surgery in 4th Year

Kathryn Stalder (4)

**Australian Small Animal Veterinary Association and Masterfoods Australia New Zealand Prize in Medicine and Surgery** -Proficiency in small animal medicine and surgery

Erin Bell (4)

**Australian Society for Parasitology Prize in Veterinary Parasitology** -Proficiency in Parasitology 3 (shared)

Belinda Argent (Year 3), Anna Kabaila, Eloise Cotton, Ellen Dovey

**Australian Veterinarians in Public Health Students Prize** - For Excellence in Veterinary Public Health Studies

Michelle Gray (3)

**Auxiliary to the AVA (NSW Division) Prize for 3rd Year** -Greatest improvement in 3rd year after having passed 2nd year with more than 60%

Elicia Halliday (3)

**Auxiliary to the AVA (NSW Division) Prize for Cell Biology and Veterinary Anatomy & Physiology I and II** -Proficiency in Cell Biology and Veterinary Anatomy & Physiology in 1st and 2nd Years

Fiona Shailer (3)

**Auxiliary to the AVA (NSW Division) Prize in Animal Genetics** -Proficiency in Animal Genetics

Alicia McLuckie (3)

**Auxiliary to the AVA (NSW Division) Prize in Veterinary Medicine & Clinical Pathology** -Proficiency in 4th year Veterinary Medicine & Clinical Pathology

Erin Bell (3)

**AVA Prize for Undergraduates in Veterinary Pathology** -Proficiency in Veterinary Pathology

Michelle Gray (3)

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| <b>AVA Student Award</b> - A student who through their academic work and participation in student affairs, are considered to be an asset to the student body and potentially an asset to the veterinary profession and AVA.                                     | James Carroll (5)                   |
| <b>Baker and Ridley Memorial Prize for Animal Husbandry</b> - Proficiency in 4th year Animal Husbandry Practical Report   | Kimberley MacAdams (4)              |
| <b>C.W. Emmens Prize in Veterinary Physiology</b> - Highest aggregate marks in 1st and 2nd year Veterinary Anatomy & Physiology in sequential years   | Fiona Shailer (2)                   |
| <b>Chapter of Veterinary Pharmacology of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists Prize in Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology</b> - Proficiency in 3rd year Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology   | Michelle Gray (3)                   |
| <b>Schering-Plough Animal Health Prize in Veterinary Parasitology</b> - Proficiency Veterinary Parasitology in 3rd year   | Andrew Levien (3)                   |
| <b>Elsevier Prize for Exotic Animal Welfare Science</b> - Proficiency in VETS3018 Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare Science and the greatest understanding of issues related to exotic animal behaviour and welfare in the Animal Welfare Science Essay.      | Leesa Haynes (3)                    |
| <b>Epidemiology Chapter of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists Prize in Epidemiology</b> - Proficiency in VETS5338 Rural Public Practice Rotation and knowledge of Epidemiology.  | Zoe Page (5)                        |
| <b>F.H. Loxton Scholarship in BSc(Vet)</b> - by application   | Jeffrey Go BSc(Vet)                 |
| <b>Farr Memorial Prize in Animal Husbandry</b> - Proficiency in 1st year horse husbandry  | Alison Avery (1)                    |
| <b>Grahame Edgar Scholarship</b> - by application   | Katherine Evans BSc(Vet)            |
| <b>H.G. Belschner Prize in Sheep and Wool</b> - Proficiency in 1st year sheep and wool  | Tanya Raynes (1)                    |
| <b>H.R. Carne Prize and Medal for Excellence in the Bachelor of Science (Vet) Degree</b> - Proficiency in the examinations for BSc(Vet) degree  | Jeffrey Go BSc(Vet)                 |
| <b>John Gurner and Frederick Ebsworth Scholarship in Cell Biology 1A</b> - Proficiency in 1st year in Cell Biology 1A   | Sophie Hale (1)                     |
| <b>John Gurner and Frederick Ebsworth Scholarship in Cell Biology 1B</b> - Proficiency in 1st year in Cell Biology 1B   | Athanasia Chambers (1)              |
| <b>John Gurner and Frederick Ebsworth Scholarship in Chemistry</b> - Proficiency in 1st year in Chemistry   | Kai Ho (Colt) Ma (1)                |
| <b>K.G. Johnston Prize in Veterinary Clinical Pathology</b> - Proficiency in Veterinary Medicine & Clinical Pathology   | Kathryn Stalder (5)                 |
| <b>Lonsdale Prize (A) in Clinical Studies</b> - Proficiency in 4th year in Clinical Studies   | Erin Bell (4)                       |
| <b>Lonsdale Prize (B) in Clinical Studies</b> - Proficiency in 4th year in Clinical Studies   | Jillian Kelly (4)                   |
| <b>Mayne Health Vetnostics Prize in Veterinary Medicine &amp; Clinical Pathology</b> - Proficiency in 4th year Veterinary Medicine & Clinical Pathology   | Kathryn Stalder (4)                 |
| <b>N.P.H. Graham Prize in Sheep Medicine</b> - Proficiency in the sheep component of Veterinary Ruminant Health & Production  | Erin Bell (4)                       |
| <b>Post Graduate Foundation Veterinary Prize</b> - For clinical competency to a graduating veterinarian   | Richard Lam (5)                     |
| <b>Rex Butterfield Prize in Veterinary Anatomy</b> - Proficiency in 2nd year Veterinary Anatomy (shared)  | Fiona Shailer (2), Damon Leeder (3) |
| <b>Richard Norman Sanders Prize</b> - Proficiency in practical clinical work in both the 4th and 5th years of study   | Richard Lam (5)                     |
| <b>Robert Reeves Hodgekiss Prize</b> - Proficiency in the Horse Medicine & Surgery in Year 4  | Tania Selig (4)                     |
| <b>RSPCA/Una Clare Spark Animal Welfare Scholarship</b> - Established in 2003 to promote and encourage research related to animal welfare. Awarded to a Bachelor of Science (Veterinary) student based on the appropriateness of the proposed program of study. | Ariella Hayek BSc(Vet)              |
| <b>Stewart Prize in Veterinary Medicine</b> - Proficiency in 4th year in Veterinary Medicine  | Kathryn Stalder (4)                 |

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| <p><b>The Jean and Ray Blencowe Scholarship</b> - Awarded each year to the student in NSW who achieves the highest aggregate score in the Higher School Certificate and who is admitted to a full-time University course in NSW in Veterinary Science the following year.</p>      | <p>Alpha Au (1)</p>   |
| <p><b>The Veterinarian Magazine Prize for Written Communication</b> - Awarded annually to students enrolled in VETS3018 Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare Science who achieve a high distinction in the Animal Welfare Science Essay</p>   | <p>Year 3: Belinda Argent, Andrea Bolderson, Kim Bonner, Alexandra Brueckner, Evan Cariola, Michelle Cohen, Melanie Colville, Eloise Cotton, Peter Curl, Ellen Dovey, Laura Grogan, Leesa Haynes, Luke Ingenhoff, Anna Kabaila, Patrick Maguire, Tamira Mitchell, Alison Neef, Lynda Shaw, Adrian Simon, Michelle Sutherland, Michelle Tolhurst and Elizabeth Wallace</p> |
| <p><b>Veterinary Imaging Associates Prize in Veterinary Radiology</b> - Proficiency in 4th year in Veterinary Radiology</p>  | <p>Erin Bell (4)</p>  |
| <p><b>Vet's Best Products Reward</b> - Proficiency in VETS3018 Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare Science for the greatest understanding of animal training in the Animal Welfare Science Essay</p>   | <p>Anna Kabaila (3)</p>   |
| <p><b>Virginia Osborne Prize for Anatomy of the Horse</b> - Proficiency in 2nd year in anatomy of the horse</p>  | <p>Timothy Hugo (2)</p>   |
| <p><b>W.R. Sidman Memorial Prize awarded by AVA (NSW Div) for Clinical Studies in 4th Year</b> - Proficiency in 4th year in Veterinary Clinical Studies</p>  | <p>Erin Bell (4)</p>  |
| <p><b>Wally McGreevy Prize in Animal Welfare Science</b> - Proficiency in Animal Behaviour and Animal Welfare Science</p>  | <p>Tamira Mitchell (3)</p>  |
| <p><b>WIRES Wildlife Prize</b> - Proficiency in the 'Written Project' component of Veterinary Conservation Biology in Year 2 relating to Australian native wildlife</p>  | <p>Claire Sanderson (2)</p>   |
| <p><b>Friends of the Brush-Tailed Wallaby Scholarship</b> - Awarded to a student enrolled in the Masters of Applied Science (Wildlife Health and Population Management) program, for research that will enhance knowledge of the Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby and/or its habitat.</p> | <p>Leanne Gillespie (PG)</p>  |