support our super team!

vets@work 2003 will feature twelve stars, an amazing team of veterinary students undertaking a bid for the Guinness World Record in dog washing. The record attempt is the focus of vets@work 2003 Australia’s Biggest Dog Wash, to be held at Sydney Olympic Park on Sunday 14 September (see page 3). Our event is part of Sydney Olympic Park ALIVE! a huge day of free and fun entertainment.

Our team members and reserves are Kathryn Adams, Brett Alexander, Patrick Brogan, Jonathon Early, Harry Ellsmore, Andrew Hill, Emily Orchard-Mills, Jade Patterson, Hannah Wellman, Melanie Wyrzykowski, John Thirlwell, Andrea McDonald, Edwina Wilks and Astrid Loch-Wilkinson. Thank you also to the 250 plus students and staff who have already volunteered to help us run the day - this event would be impossible without you.

The current world record stands at 715 dogs washed in 8 hours by a group of twelve from The Netherlands. We need to surpass this huge number, and our biggest challenge is to ensure we register OVER 700 DOGS before Sunday 14 September so our team can make a legitimate record attempt.

Your family can help by bringing their dog! Registration forms are available from the Veterinary Science Foundation offices, or visit our website on www.vetsci.usyd.edu.au/Foundation, email us on vsf@vetsci.usyd.edu.au, or phone 9351 8026. The Veterinary Science Foundation benefits from the $10 registration for each dog, and the fee includes a certificate signed by our special guest on the day Dr Harry Cooper and a doggie sample bag.

jd stewart address

All students and staff are invited to the J D Stewart Address and cocktail reception on Thursday 11 September, part of vets@work 2003. The Address commences at 5.30pm in the Webster Lecture Theatre and will include presentation of prizes to the winners of the inaugural VSAW Animal Welfare Photographic Awards by Greg Weight, the winner of the (inaugural) 2003 Archibald Portrait Prize. The reception will be 6.30pm to 8.00pm, and everyone is welcome to stay for cocktails - RSVPs essential, to the Veterinary Science Foundation (drop in or email us on vsf@vetsci.usyd.edu.au).

The J D Stewart Address will be presented this year by Dr Graham Kelly, founder and Executive Director of Novogen Limited. Dr Kelly has an inspiring story to tell that illustrates the powerful potential of a degree in veterinary science.

Dr Kelly graduated from this Faculty in 1969 with a BScVet, then gained a PhD from the Faculty of Medicine. His career path has included post-doctoral research in the Sydney University Transplantation Unit, a period as inaugural Director of Laboratory Animal Science at the University, and principal of a part-time veterinary practice from the mid-seventies to 1991.

In 1993 Dr Kelly founded the veterinary pharmaceutical company Norvet Ltd, which subsequently focused on human pharmaceutical drug development and became Novogen Limited, the largest biotech company in Australia. He currently directs the company’s oncology drug program and is Executive Chairman of Marshall Edwards Inc, a subsidiary company of Novogen focused on anti-cancer drugs.

Dr Kelly will announce a major breakthrough in anti-cancer research at the Address.
This is my last Dean’s Message for Rumenations with my term as Dean finishing on September 12. Five years have gone quickly and I have been reflecting on the big changes for the Faculty with the new curriculum, introduced in 2000, close to the end of its formal components for Year 4 students.

Times have been difficult for universities, with decreased government support leading to the need for the Faculty to forge partnerships and collaborations with a range of external groups. Generally, these changes have been good for us, as we have had to work hard to define our vision, mission and strategies and gain the financial support of industry groups and increase our research capacity.

The practising profession has been generous in providing feedback about curriculum design and assisting with clinical placements for final year students. One of the continuing challenges for the Faculty is to continue to invest time and effort in developing relationships inside and outside the university - the work of the Veterinary Science Foundation for example is critical to the Faculty’s future.

I would like to thank all staff and students for their support over the last 5 years and in particular members of the Faculty Executive Committee. I wish the Faculty great success for the future and know that the Acting Dean, Paul Canfield, will have your strong support.

OLIVER - Online Image Library for Veterinary Education and Research - is an extensive and growing database containing over 7,000 images - access at http://oliver.vetsci.usyd.edu.au/. OLIVER is currently available for the use of staff and students for teaching and learning.

The usage statistics show an increasing number of staff and students are discovering the wealth of material on the database. Log in to OLIVER by using the button labelled: Users with EXTRO accounts. If you forget your extro account details, please contact IT support on http://wwwintra.vetsci.usyd.edu.au/itsupport/.

Use the Search screen for search tips and follow the examples for the most effective searching.

A second stage of OLIVER will be launched when the current indexing task has been completed. Work is continuing on the search engine, and the OLIVER team is very keen to hear from users about the images that have been lodged to date and on their experience with OLIVER. This can be forwarded via the OLIVER Feedback page.

Hill’s Pet Nutrition are not only contributing significantly to the capital campaign for the redevelopment of the University Veterinary Centre at Sydney (as are Provet, Apex Laboratories and Novartis), the company is supportive in other ways. Thanks to Hills for donating to the clinic reference library the book and CD “Handbook of Behaviour Problems of the Dog and Cat”.

We want your feedback and contributions. Contact the newsletter team on email vsf@vetsci.usyd.edu.au, phone Jennie Churchill, Director of the VSF on 9351 8024, or Zara Gosson, VSF Project Coordinator, on 9351 8026.

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Sunday 14 September at Sydney Olympic Park

With special guest
DR HARRY COOPER

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