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vets@work 2003

australia’s biggest dog wash

congratulations again to our record breaking dog washing team on smashing the world record at this year’s event, australia’s biggest dog wash. the previous record of 715 dogs was passed just 6.5 hours into the 8 hour record attempt, with an amazing final total of 848. supporting materials are being submitted to the guinness world records to verify the attempt - so watch this space!
from the dean’s desk

Last month saw the departure of our former Dean, Reuben Rose. Although tinged with sadness, his farewell party was one of happy reminiscences and congratulations on his achievements for the Faculty. He now moves on to fresh challenges with Meat and Livestock Australia. However, for the Faculty it is business as usual. We have a number of projects to embed and a new initiative in the form of the Wildlife Health and Conservation Centre to progress. We also start our strategic planning process for the next three years. It will be interesting and challenging, but the Faculty is blessed with a wonderful team of people.

One of the legacies left by Reuben was that of shared leadership. This phrase may sound trite, but it has real significance for the Faculty’s survival and growth. That is why the leadership program will continue for 2004 - all of us have important roles to fulfill within the Faculty and if we share the responsibility and tasks, then we can share the rewards of success. I look forward to working with all of you.

Associate Professor Paul Canfield, Acting Dean

VSAW PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The VSAW Animal Welfare Photographic Competition concluded with an excellent exhibition of the 100-plus entries on the night. The results were announced at the J D Stewart Address and the judge, Archibald prize winner Greg Weight, presented prizes of digital cameras donated by the event sponsor Harvey Norman. Due to the high standard of entries, Greg gave a number of “highly recommended” awards to non-prize winning entries.

Colour and Grand Prize Winner
Rose Anderson (Yr 3)
“Kristine’s Baby, Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre, Borneo”
(left)

Black & White
Penelope Kingston (Yr 2)
“The Simple Things”

Digital
Christina Knight (Yr 5)
“Dancing Jelly”

Staff
Kristopher Hughes (Camden)
“Go-on, Throw Me The Ball”

People’s Choice
Alan Marcus (Yr 2)
“Lala Laaa!”

Congratulations to VSAW’s Secretary, Katherine Evans, for her organisation of the event, and to all those who entered.

new appointments

New Faculty Executive appointments for 2004:

Professor Chis Maxwell -
Associate Dean, Staff & Students

Associate Professor Rosanne Taylor -
Associate Dean, Teaching & Learning

Professor Gareth Evans -
Associate Dean, Research

Associate Professor Geraldine Hunt -
Director, University Veterinary Centre, Sydney

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J D STEWART ADDRESS 2003

Presenter of the 2003 J D Stewart Address, Dr Graham Kelly, alumnus and Founder/Executive Director of Novogen Limited, made a major announcement about a potential new treatment in the fight against cancer which sparked wide interest in the international and Australian media. The initial research behind the drug began at this University in the 1980’s from veterinary studies into clover disease in sheep.

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.