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CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU! *Three thousand members of the general public, and almost as many dogs, can't be wrong – the Vet Week 2001 Open Day on Saturday 1 September has been branded a success.*

What a team effort! Close to 200 students and staff volunteered their time to wash dogs, undertake pet health checks, entertain and inform the crowd, lavish care on sponsors, and keep the long lines of Dr Harry and Dr Katrina fans under control.

The Vet Week 2001 story began in May, with the formation of a core committee consisting of four Pfizer Leadership Program students, Justin Choo, Dominic Barfield, Ryan Ong and Matt Luttrell, second year representative Sandra Barnard, Bob Ratcliffe, Veterinary Science Foundation staff Jennie Churchill and Denise Popovic, and clinic Open Day coordinator Leonie Beadman.

Others helped along the way – Dr Glenn Shea starred in the now infamous promotional video (subtly edited by Keith Ellis), and Associate Professor Paul Canfield formed a devastating Open Day Master of Ceremonies team with Dominic Barfield and James Blackshaw. On Friday night, Professor Reuben Rose, Associate Professors Chis Maxwell and Paul Canfield argued heroically the Staff Student Debate topic 'methane in cows: power source of the 21st century?', but lost out to students Cassandra Pride, Patrick Kenny and Kieran Beatty (largely due to the inability of the staff present to match the thunderous applause of the student audience).

The Vet Week 2001 Launch featured Dr Karl Kruszelnicki with Dr Gardner Murray, Chief Veterinary Officer of Australia, presenting the Bayer J D Stewart Address.

The two hundred students, staff and friends of the Faculty attending the Launch – and the general public on Open Day – had the opportunity to view art works by Faculty artist Bozena Jantulik and veterinary students. Bozena also mounted the artworks and judged the exhibition.

Celia and the Band



The Vet Week Launch crowd were entertained by the sounds of not one, but two student string quartets and Celia Romero (above) leading the jazz band, proving yet again the creative diversity of veterinary undergraduates.

Art Exhibition and Competition

Oil/Acrylic/Watercolours – Zoe Munro (1st), Georgia Knudsen (2nd)

Drawings – Lalit Bhadresha (1st), Melissa Marshall (2nd)

Cartoons – Jenny Watts (1st), Alex Burleigh (commended)

Photography – Chris Brown (1st), Aiden Picking (2nd), Margie Roser (3rd)



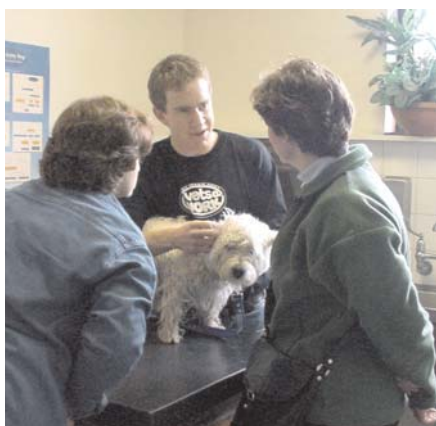
Dr Karl Kruszelnicki presenting art competition winner Lalit Bhadresha with his prize at the Vet Week 2001 Launch.



Dr Harry Cooper, alumnus of the Faculty, signing autographs and winning more hearts.

Our Sponsors

Vet Week 2001 was totally underwritten by funds external to the Faculty and the VSF wishes to acknowledge our sponsors' generosity. The event won a \$7,500 University Sesquicentenary Grant, and 14 veterinary industry sponsors provided significant support – Bayer, Ralston Purina, Iams, Post Graduate Foundation, AVA NSW, CSL, Intervet, Uncle Bens, Jurox, Elanco, Nature Vet, Provet, Pfizer and Guild Insurance. Sponsors participated in the trade fair on Friday 31 August, and seven companies returned for the Open Day, joined by WIRES, the Ferret Society, Cat Protection Society, the Greyhound Adoption Program. The Guide Dog Association of NSW benefited from the day.



The clinic hosted several thousand visitors on Open Day, with students from years 4 and 5 performing free pet health checks.

Vet Week images by Yukari Miyaki, Hadley Willsallen and Tony Nguyen

Naming the Newsletter

Congratulations to Dr Henry Collins for winning the competition to name our newsletter with the title **Rumenations**

From the Dean's Desk

Next week, between 10 to 14 September, the Veterinary Schools Accreditation Committee (VSAAC) will visit the Sydney Veterinary School. This important visit is part of the accreditation process for our Faculty and occurs every 5 years. This year for the first time there will be a representative from the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons in the UK.

We are promoting our Faculty as a leader and innovator in curriculum, and in the development of new ways of thinking about the profession's future. Meetings will be held throughout the week with students and staff to discuss various aspects of the course, and we appreciate your help in providing positive input to the committee.

The Faculty has advertised a new Sesqui Chair in Farm Animal Health, supported by the University and Meat and Livestock Australia. This position will bring a new focus and capacity to this important area for training and research, helping to protect the Australian livestock industries.



Students operated five mobile dog wash units to shampoo more than 230 dogs in 6 hours, a feat that smashed the previous record held by Murdoch University.

Contact Us

We want your comments and contributions. Contact the newsletter team on email vsf@vetsci.usyd.edu.au, or phone Jennie Churchill, Director of the VSF on 9351 8024, or Denise Popovic, VSF Communications Coordinator on 9351 8026.

2000 Veterinary Undergraduate Prize Winners

Congratulations to the following students awarded the 2000 Faculty of Veterinary Science awards for academic achievement.

- Dean's List - 1st Year** - Tanya Grassi, Timothy Craig, Clare Jones, Erin Bell
Dean's List - 2nd Year - Katherine Briscoe, Phillip McDonagh, Anna Dean, Steven Mrljak
Dean's List - 3rd Year - Christopher Wearne, Alexa Brown, Adam Gerhardt, Claire Hynes
Dean's List - 4th Year - Elizabeth Duhs, Jane Lacey, Jessie Smith, Roshan Jungalwalla
Australian Small Animal Veterinary Association Prize in Medicine and Surgery - Elizabeth Duhs
Australian Society for Parasitology Prize in Veterinary Parasitology - Kathryn Dufty, Edward Irwin, Roshan Jungalwalla, Tanya Magennis
Australian Veterinarians in Public Health Students Prize - Claudia Vischer
Australian Veterinary Association Prize for Undergraduates in Veterinary Pathology - James Blackshaw
Australian Veterinary Association Student Award - Kym Hagon
Auxiliary to the Australian Veterinary Association (NSW Division) Prize for 3rd Year - Sonya Bailey
Auxiliary to the Australian Veterinary Association (NSW Division) Prize for Biochemistry and Vet Physiology I and II - Katherine Briscoe
Auxiliary to the Australian Veterinary Association (NSW Division) Prize in Animal Genetics - Katrina Goldsmith
Auxiliary to the Australian Veterinary Association (NSW Division) Prize in Veterinary Clinical Pathology - Jennifer Nesbitt Hawes
Baker and Ridley Memorial Prize for Animal Husbandry - Claire Ruting, Beri Sinkovic
Poultry Medicine Prize - Polina Ryuntyu
C.W. Emmens Prize in Veterinary Physiology - Grace Ho
Chapter of Veterinary Pharmacology of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists Prize in Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology - Alexa Brown
Cooper Australia Prize in Veterinary Parasitology - Roshan Jungalwalla
Epidemiology Chapter of the Australian College of Veterinary Scientists Prize in Epidemiology - Sophia Tzannes
Farr Memorial Prize in Animal Husbandry - Tanya Grassi
Grahame Edgar Scholarship - Siobhan Mor
H.C. Belschner Prize in Sheep and Wool - James Carroll
H.R. Carne Prize and Medal for Excellence in the Bachelor of Science (Veterinary) Degree - Simon Starkey
J.D. Stewart Essay Prize in Veterinary Science - Jane Heller
John Gurner and Frederick Ebsworth Scholarship in Cell Biology 1A - Kristy Harris
John Gurner and Frederick Ebsworth Scholarship in Cell Biology 1B - Erin Bell
John Gurner and Frederick Ebsworth Scholarship in Chemistry - Timothy Craig
K.G. Johnston Prize in Veterinary Clinical Pathology - Arie Ende
Lonsdale Prize (A) in Clinical Studies - Elizabeth Duhs
Lonsdale Prize (B) in Clinical Studies and the Stewart Prize in Veterinary Medicine - Jessie Smith
Mayne Health Vetnostics Prize in Veterinary Clinical Pathology - Jennifer Nesbitt Hawes
N.P.H. Graham Prize in Sheep Medicine - Joanne McPhie
Post Graduate Foundation Veterinary Prize - Arianne Lowe
R.W. Gee Animal Welfare Prize - Sharon Roche
Rex Butterfield Prize in Veterinary Anatomy - Katherine Briscoe
Richard Norman Sanders Prize - Christopher Tan
Robert Reeves Hodgekiss Prize for Equine Research - Nadine Scott
S.T.D. Symons Prize for Clinical Studies - Sophia Tzannes
Stewart Prize in Veterinary Medicine - Jessie Smith
Virginia Osborne Prize for Anatomy of the Horse - Justin Wimpole
W.R. Sidman Memorial Prize awarded by the NSW Division of the Australian Veterinary Association for Clinical Studies in 4th Year - Jane Lacey
Wally McGreevy Prize - Louise Jones
William James McHugh Prize in Equine Medicine or Surgery - Nerida Frost
WIRES Wildlife Prize - Michelle Ward

