

STUDENT CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 28 - Nov 5:
WDAA & ASCM Conference

Held in Bali, Indonesia

Dec 4-6:
AWMS Annual Conference

Australian Wildlife Management Society conference, held in Hobart

Jan 27- Feb 2 2019:
AVSC 2019

Australian Veterinary Students Conference, held at University of Melbourne- Werribee campus

Feb 18-22 2019:
ARWH Workshop

Wildlife Pathology short course, held at Toronga, Sydney

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Welcome existing and new members to the first WDAA Student Chapter newsletter! We have had a revamp and have some exciting opportunities for members coming up, so watch this space!

In the mean time, check out our new website: www.wdaastudents.com.au

and our facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/WDAAustralasiastudents/>

We are still seeking more members so please tell your friends and colleagues about us and spread the word. New members can sign up by emailing us on wdaastudents@gmail.com

-WDAA Student Chapter Committee

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

WDAA & ASCM Conference
Student Poster Competition

We are excited to announce that we are giving you the opportunity to be supported to attend the Conference in Bali this year! We are running a poster competition, with the top 5 getting their registration costs paid for! For more information check your email or our facebook page for the flyer.

STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

John Howell Zoo and Wildlife Residency Program - Perth Zoo

Wildlife and Conservation Medicine Residency - New Zealand

STEM Internship opportunities for PhD students

Centre for Freshwater Ecosystems Post-graduate Research Scholarships

PhD projects in ecology, evolution & invasive species

PhD project on Conservation of Mountain Gorillas

PhD project on the Ecology and Health of Bat Populations in Plantations vs Native Forest

KEY DATES

Sep 30: ASCM & WDAA Conference
Student Poster Competition Due



MEET THE COMMITTEE

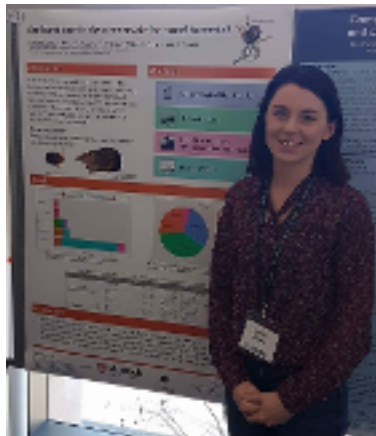
Julien Grosmaire



My name is Julien and I am a 4th year student at Charles Sturt University studying a Bachelor of Veterinary Biology/ Bachelor of Veterinary Science. I have a strong interest in wildlife disease, particularly emerging infectious diseases and their impact on conservation.

Siobhon Egan

"I am a PhD candidate at Murdoch University, currently working on all things tick and wildlife related. I am particularly interested in the human-wildlife interface and the growing range of molecular tools available to answer just some of life's questions. In my spare time I am an amateur birder and natural history enthusiast."



Katy Seddon



"My name is Katy and I'm a second year BVSc student at Massey University, New Zealand. I love wildlife, and it would be my dream to go into animal conservation work after I graduate."

Ellie Windle

"My name's Ellie and I'm a fourth year BVSc student at the University of Queensland. I've always had a passion for wildlife and hope to be super involved in many global conservation projects after graduation."



Kimberley Woods



"I'm Kim and I'm a 3rd year Vet student at James Cook University. I have a passion for all aspects of wildlife, and hope to have a future career with wildlife as a veterinarian."

Tina Lee

My name is Tina and I'm a 2nd year DVM student at Murdoch University. I have a keen interest in wildlife rehabilitation and would love to work in wildlife medicine one day.



TOP STORIES

Cats blamed for spread of native wildlife-killing toxoplasmosis, as calls for urgent action grow

Feral cats in Tasmania are thought to be spreading Toxoplasmosis to native wildlife, as found in an Eastern Barred Bandicoot on necropsy. Call to implement action plans to reduce the the massive toll it is taking on wildlife.

Read full story [HERE](#)

Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife supports Aussie Ark Eastern quoll insurance population

The Eastern quoll was declared extinct on the mainland in 1963, an insurance population of Eastern quolls in the Barrington Tops region of NSW will lead to eventual reintroduction into the wild.

Read full story [HERE](#)

Dangerous parasites worming their way through wildlife

Many damaging parasitic worm species are using Australian wildlife as intermediate hosts, not just cats and dogs, playing a greater role in the transmission than once thought.

Read full story [HERE](#)

Native wildlife in starvation due to drought

An increase in wildlife deaths are occurring due to the ongoing drought. Koala food sources are depleting so more are traveling further for food, leading to higher incidence of dog attacks, vehicle accidents, and disease incidence.

Read full story [HERE](#)

Scientists look to map the genes of thousands of animals

The Genome 10,000 consortium has released the first 15 gene maps of the Vertebrate Gene Project, Including the Kakapo, native to New Zealand. The project aims to map the genomes of all 66,000 vertebrate species.

Read full story [HERE](#)

Meet the DOC dogs protecting New Zealand's native wildlife

Department of Conservation are using dogs to track native wildlife to assist with and promote conservation.

Read full story [HERE](#)

NOTES

Events

Have any events coming up in your local area?

Please email them to students@wdaa.com.au to add into the newsletter

Members Photo of the Month

If you have a photo you have taken that you'd like to be featured in the newsletter please email it through and each month one or more photos will be featured!

MEMBER PHOTO OF THE MONTH



"King Parrot" taken in Badger Creek, Victoria. Photo by Kimberley Woods (Committee member, JCU Uni)