



STUDENT CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 18-22 2019:

ARWH Workshop

Wildlife Pathology short course, held at Toronga, Sydney

Feb 21 2019:

ARWH/WDAA Pitch Night

Pitch presentation and social event

April 17-18 2019

International Conference on Veterinary and Animal Science

Held in Tokyo Japan

May 22-24 2019:

New Zealand Veterinary Association Conference

Held in Wellington, New Zealand

June 12-13 2019:

Australian Biosecurity Symposium

Inaugural event, Held in Gold Coast, Queensland

Want to learn more about the upcoming events or study opportunities in this newsletter? just control+shift+click the name to be redirected to further information!

FROM THE COMMITTEE

It has been an exciting few months for our student chapter! Our membership numbers have grown to 344 members, and our highlights include:

-WDA-A/ASCM Conference poster competition the allowed 3 of our members to attend the conference and showcase their posters

-We have provided Wildlife health manuals to 10 Aus/NZ universities

-Our recent Scholarship competition for the ARWH workshop is allowing for 6 members to attend the short course this month

Our committee elections have taken place and the new committee will be revealed soon!

Stay tuned to your emails and our facebook page for more upcoming events and opportunities!

-WDAA Student Chapter Committee

MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

ARWH/WDAA Pitch Night

The Winners of our ARWH Wildlife Health and Pathology Short Course Student Scholarships will be presenting their ideas at a "Pitch night" held in Sydney during the workshop. The Pitch night will be held on Thursday 21st February (location TBC). We encourage any members who are attending the workshop, or that will be in Sydney are welcome to come along and socialise and listen to the interesting pitches!

CONFERENCE WRAP UP

WDA-A/ASCM Conference

By Orr Cohen (WDA Student Chapter Scholarship recipient)

The joint ASCM/WDA-A conference in Bali was fascinating and inspiring. I was lucky enough to win free registration thanks to a poster competition held by the WDA-A student chapter. My poster was on trypanosomes in haemadipsid leeches which tied in with my honours research project. The poster competition was a great opportunity to get involved in the conference and actively participate. This gave me the chance to meet like-minded people that were passionate about wildlife and their work. The presentations and posters were captivating and diverse, ranging from rabies in ferret badgers in Taiwan to techniques on how to collect shark semen. It was amazing to learn about different career opportunities within the wildlife world and receive invaluable advice from international experts in the field. Attending this conference has undoubtedly benefited my own research and I am very much looking forward to the next one!

CHAPTER NEWS

Wildlife Heath Manuals

We have donated a Wildlife Heath Manual to the following universities for all students to utilise:

Murdoch University
University of Queensland
James Cook University
The University of Melbourne
The University of Sydney
The University of Adelaide
Charles Sturt University
Australian National University
University of Tasmania
Massey University

Further details about location of the books on your campus will be provided by us soon or by your local wildlife groups!



STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

John Howell Zoo and Wildlife Residency Program - Perth Zoo

Wildlife and Conservation Medicine Residency - New Zealand

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

Recovery of quokkas following a large scale and intense wildfire in the southern forest, Western Australia

HDR Scholarship - Wildlife to Wellbeing; the multiple values of citizen science and new technology. A unique cross-disciplinary PhD opportunity

PhD scholarship: Research project on Tasmanian devils and transmissible cancers

TOP STORIES

7 Ways Wildlife Won in 2018

National Geographic Australia list 7 positive highlights in wildlife conservation this year.

Read full story [HERE](#)

Wildlife emergencies peak as 'trauma season' intensifies at Australia Zoo

Australia Zoo Wildlife Hospital has entered "Trauma Season" with the increase in summer emergencies. This article describes the hospital and the wide range of cases seen.

Read full story [HERE](#)

Tougher penalties for wildlife cruelty, national ban on ivory trade placed on national agenda

Victoria looks to implement tougher fines and prison sentences for cruelty to native wildlife , and plans for a national ban on domestic trade of ivory and rhino horn to be implemented.

Read full story [HERE](#)

UQ work to protect campus wildlife

UQ is implementing a pest animal removal campaign to protect the native wildlife living on campus.

Read full story [HERE](#)

More than 2,000 flying foxes die from heat stress in eastern Victoria

Extreme weather has caused heat stress in eastern Victorian flying foxes, causing fatalities of almost a third of the population

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Rewilding project to create 'great southern ark' over former mine, farmland

Approximately 20 mammal species that are extinct from the Yorke Peninsula, SA, will be reintroduced to the site in a 120,000 hectare sanctuary to help rebuild the ecosystem.

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Tasmanian devil cancer unlikely to cause extinction, new study finds

Study finds that the Tasmanian Devil Facial Tumour Disease is unlikely to continue to cause population declines and more likely to fade out or coexist with devils.

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