

AVSA REPORT

The last few weeks have seen two of the bigger annual events for AVSA roll around with the Staff v Student netball match on 6 August and the Wine Tour which took place on Sunday 15 August.

Staff v Student sport competition

The inaugural Staff v Student sporting competition took place on the evening of Friday 6 August, in what it is hoped will be the start of a tradition that will grow with each year. The students chose the sport of netball this year and everything was to play for, with an impressive trophy (*yet to be named, any ideas should contact AVSA*) the most prized object.

The students got off to a flyer with an opening 11 goal to 1 first quarter, showing no mercy to the staff side (superbly captained and coached by Ryan Handley), most of who had only learnt of the existence of the sport a few days earlier. After some reshuffling at quarter time (and a couple of deflections of tutors to the staff side), the staff steadied and came home to narrowly win the next three quarters to give a final score of 18 to 25 to the students.

Both sides retired to the Tavern after the match for the presentations and a drink or two. Presentations included the cup, which it was soon discovered was not water tight, but we'll endeavour to fix that for next year! There were also certificates (good for one free drink at the Tav!) for prominent players, including '*the player most likely to take out another team mate*', '*most entertaining player*' and '*most energetic player*'. A great night was had by all and after having stayed away from the Accident & Emergency Department, we are eagerly awaiting next year for the staff's sport of choice!



Wine Tour 2010

It was also the inaugural running of the wine tour as well, an idea that was floated last year, but didn't take form until this year. We had a modest interest with 16 tickets being sold for the day.

Unfortunately due to a sweeping wave of sickness which plagued the inhabitants of Roseworthy campus that weekend our numbers were somewhat depleted with only the final total of ten students being left.

In spite of this however it was a truly fantastic way to spend a lazy Sunday, starting at Penfolds, where our education in the finer things in life began!

At this point I have to try and resist making a reference to mainstream media, but I'm not sure it's working as the best description I can think of for the day is that it was a relaxed day out that was little bit fancy!

After Penfolds we made our way to Gomersal winery where we had a pleasant lunch, kindly cooked for us by our bus driver while we tasted the wines and were educated by the chief winemaker Barry.

After lunch we made our way to Seppeltsfield to sample their fortified wines before heading back to Gawler and Roseworthy.

Everyone on the tour received a complementary, engraved wine glass commemorating the day as well as two lucky people who won the Pro-vet equipment vouchers worth \$50 each! (*see photos of trip on last page*)

SHOW CATTLE TEAM

I encourage all staff and students to come and see/support our students at the Royal Adelaide Show Cattle competition. The group have been working for months (under the guidance of Darren Koopman) to get the animals to specs and they are looking great (the animals that is!). The group comprises an even split of vets, animal scientists and aggies and watching them work together has been great.

Judging starts at 9.00am on Thursday 9 September and should be finished by around 1.00 pm. If you want to see the judging then Thursday morning is the time. You don't have to stay long, even just popping into the cattle preparation area is appreciated. There is some judging for team classes on Wednesday afternoon from 1.4pm, and again you can interact with the students then.

Phil Hynd—Director

Special Interest Presentation—Dr Robert Holmes—Animal Behaviour

The Animal Welfare Special Interest Group and Gail Anderson will be hosting a guest speaker next week. Everyone is welcome to attend.

GUEST PRESENTATION – DR. ROBERT HOLMES – ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR

Dr. Holmes is based in Melbourne and runs a business providing an understanding of the causes and modification of domestic animal behaviour

TUESDAY 24TH AUGUST, 4pm, STEFANSON THEATRE

WHINE AND DINE SESSIONS

Continuing on from the Whine and Dine sessions in Semester 1, we will be holding another set over the next few weeks for the different programs and year levels. Please try to make the appropriate one for your group—we will give you a free lunch and all we ask in return is some honest feedback about your courses and the program. If you are unable to make it and have things you want to say, please email me and I will pass the feedback on (anonymity assured).

The schedule is:

Tuesday 24 August—**Level III Animal Science**—NRAB (Williams Building) at 12 noon

Wednesday 25 August—**Level II Pre-Vet and Animal Science** NRAB (Williams Building) at 1.00 pm

Thursday 26 August

Level I Pre-Vet and Animal Science—Stefanson Lecture Theatre at 12 noon

Level III Animal Science and Ag Students—APESMA Careers presentation—Richardson Lecture Theatre at 12 noon

Wednesday 8 September—**Level III Pre-Vets**—Whine and Dine, EMS Information Session, DVM Information Session—NRAB at 12 noon

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ANIMAL WELFARE ACTION GROUP

AWAG proudly presents a talk by the President and Founder of Australian Marine Wildlife Research and Rescue Organisation (AMWRRO), Aaron Machado. AMWRRO provides marine wildlife services to South Australian seas and estuary waters. Aaron will be coming to talk to us about his work with the organisation and his recent experiences assisting with the cleanup of the devastating oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

When: Tuesday 31 August

Where: Stephanson Lecture Theatre

Time: 12 noon to 1.00 pm

Cost: Free for AWAG members, gold coin donation for non AWG members—all proceeds raised will go to supporting the AMWRRO.

Everybody is welcome!



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**Wine tasting (obviously
early in the day)**

Roseworthy Girl's Basketball Club

This year we put in two girls basketball teams which played at STARplex every week. We had a great season with some people going from never played before to great players. The Black team made it to finals and come runners up loosing the Grand final by 3pts. It was a great effort from the girls and I thank them for there commitment through out the season. The Pink team was unlucky with a lot of forfeits due to people having other commitments so they fell short of finishing the season off. Congratulations to all the girls who participated this year and hopefully all are keen to kick it off again next year. Thankyou to RACSUC for helping us purchase our new uniforms!!



The Roseworthy Basketball Girls in Action at Starplex

[Animals Asia Talk](#)

The Adelaide Wildlife Appreciation Group (AWAG) on the 9th July at the University of Adelaide hosted an event with special guest Jill Robinson, the founder and CEO of Animals Asia. Animals Asia Foundation is an animal welfare charity whose mission is "to improve the lives of all animals in Asia, end cruelty and restore respect for animals Asia-wide". Jill spoke to Roseworthy students in a number of disciplines including veterinary science, animal science and agricultural science about the plight of moon bears in China and Vietnam. The moon bears are held captive in appalling conditions on bear farms that results in physical and mental suffering. Moon bears are farmed so they can be milked for their bile for the use in traditional medicine to cure ailments. Jill's talk was highly informative with first hand accounts and many images depicting the poor conditions of the rescued bears including the pathological conditions (necrosis of gall bladder) and psychological welfare (stereotypical behaviours-bar biting). Jill also touched on animal Asia's other projects including pet educational programs. Thanks to everyone that came to the talk, we look forward to providing any interested parties more information about Animals Asia, otherwise visit

www.animalsasia.org

[Wildlife Rescue Talk](#)

Adelaide wildlife appreciation group (AWAG) and Animals welfare and ethics special Interest group (AWESig) co-hosted an evening talk by Dr Ian Hough a wildlife veterinarian and Tafe lecturer. Dr Ian Hough's talk was engaging and extremely practical in complementing our university studies. His talk focused on wildlife rescue and the importance of providing humane treatment and procedures to injured wildlife in the event of varying circumstances such as fires or road accidents. The talk was highly interactive with a number of our investigative skills put to the test including triage for injured wildlife. The speech was very enjoyable and informative, and for anyone interested in learning more about wildlife, Dr Ian Hough runs short courses at Tafe SA.

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