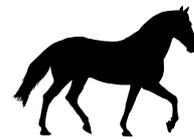


Nose to Tail: MUVSA News



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We hope you have all had a good Easter, celebrating by eating a tonne of chocolate, that you will spend the rest of the semester burning off! Particularly the second year vets, remember you guys have that calendar to make next year!

The AVMA accreditation is coming up this week, so remember to be on your best behaviour, no nude streaking you third years.

Warning: This newsletter contains a few bare bottoms!

If anyone is interested in being featured in future editions we would love to hear from you.

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Dani & Anna

Upcoming Events:

- **This week:** AVMA accreditation visit
- 7th May Barely There Calendar Release
- 10th May Grad Happy Hour theme: Night at the Museum
- 14th May MUVSA Meeting
- 16th May Slave Auction
- 26th May Eukanuba Diet Talk
- 30th May Quiz Night Happy Hour

"Pick of the Pets"

Congratulations to this editions winner, introducing Murphy owned by Tessa Boys BVSc V!

Murphy is a 3yr 'Cavoodle' (Cavalier King Charles Spaniel and Poodle Cross). He lives at home with his mate Brie, who is also a Cavoodle. Murphy is a bit of a hard case and absolutely loves eating things! He is pretty much a mini labrador and acts like he is starving all the time. We are lucky that he has had no trips to the vet yet with all the stuff he manages to eat; including ice cream containers, plants, socks, cellotape and rubber mats! He is also a major wuss and comes running inside to find someone the moment something scary happens. For example when a magpie dive bombs him... He is a brilliant dog though and I have yet to meet one with such a sweet personality.



Do you have a cuddly cat or a gorgeous goldfish?

Every newsletter will feature someone's pet, so send in a picture of your pet with a short blurb about their quirky personality into us a masseyvetnewsletter@gmail.com.

The featured pet will win a surprise goodie! Murphy has won a 'Barely There' calendar.

Presidents Report by Alex Meban

It's hard to believe that we are already half way through the first semester for 2014. With all of us being so busy it is amazing how fast time has flown by.

Since the last issue we have had the infamous Mr Vet. It was again a fine display of talent and was definitely worth the door charge, which went a long way to raising funds for the third year's halfway day.



This year Haewon Lee stunned the crowd and judges with a very impressive range of vocals and more. Special mention goes out to Ryan Philips for his impressive exit and to Jarrod Davey for his nearly successful world record attempt.

Just recently our very own fourth year Malcolm Gibson competed in the U23 Kayak Slalom world champs in Australia. He came away 25th overall which was an improvement on last year and is a very commendable effort as he chases that Olympic dream.

I would like to thank our editors on their efforts for the first and now second edition for this, the vet student's newsletter. They put a lot of time and effort into making it readable and interesting. As it is still in its infant stages they would love your input and ideas on things they can add.

Remember with the accreditation taking place this week, to be on your best behaviour (that's directed at some more than others) and to keep things nice and tidy around the vet tower.

If anyone has any questions or queries MUVSA related or not, feel free to come and have a chat with me or drop me an email on muvsapres@gmail.com.

'BARELY THERE' 2014 CALENDAR



RELEASE DATE 7TH MAY

The 'Barely There' Calendar 2014 launches this Wednesday!

Come and see us on concourse and in the MUSA lounge between **12pm and 2pm** for the launch. We will be screening behind the scenes pictures, putting on a sausage sizzle and a bake sale.

The launch on Wednesday is the only time calendars will be sold for the student friendly price of **\$10!** After Wednesday they will be \$15 each. So make the most of your common break and get down to concourse to get your hands on the new eye popping issue.

After Wednesday, you will be able to purchase the calendars from the third year vet students individually or online at www.vetcalendar.co.nz.

Make sure you don't miss out on the latest edition of our brave Massey Vet students baring all. 10% of proceeds are going to the New Zealand Riding for the Disabled Charity. We would really appreciate your support.

Hope to see you there!



Wanganui Bird Rescue

Tucked away in a small farmland plot on the outskirts of Wanganui, is the Wanganui Bird Rescue. This bird rescue, run by Dawne, a highly dedicated bird lover and conservationist relies on donations and the willing help of a few volunteers. Each weekend Massey University students have the opportunity to go out to the Bird Rescue and assist Dawne in her daily tasks for the birds.

My experience at Wanganui Bird Rescue started on a fine morning by being picked up at the early hour of 8 o' clock. After a drive to Wanganui we arrived at the Bird Rescue. We were greeted by Dawne's boisterous dog and Dawne herself. We had a quick tour of the cages that housed Tui, Kereru, Ruru and Harrier Hawks, just a few of the current inmates at the sanctuary. Immediately afterwards we got into doing some cage clearing in the kiwi enclosure. The plan was for us to weed a track across the enclosure, in order for us to extend the current area available to the resident Kiwi. We spent the rest of the morning tugging and hacking at the rather long grass in the enclosure and digging holes for posts. We broke for lunch after a satisfying morning of work and went out to the beach to eat our lunch.

After relaxing in the sun, we headed back to the sanctuary to continue working. This time we got to help feeding out to the multitudes of birds. Usually, on a day without volunteers, this task takes Dawne all day. This leaves very little time for her to be able to do cage maintenance, which is why volunteers from Massey are so helpful! Whilst doing this task it is highly important that good hygiene practices are undertaken. This is to ensure both the safety of the volunteers from zoonoses, but also to protect the birds from catching diseases from one another. To the Kereru we fed a mix of vegetables, to the Tuis, Lorikeet mix and to the sea birds, fish. We also got to observe Dawne feeding the kiwi and after she had eaten we got to pet her. Surprisingly, she likes to be scratched under her chin!

Overall it was a great experience and really cool to see such a dedicated volunteer hard at work. Fellow students, please volunteer at Wanganui Bird Rescue, and you too can help Dawne make a difference.

Written by Dani Stevens



Dawne and I giving the kiwi a pat.



Kyle feeding a Kereru

If you too want get up and personal with some of New Zealand's most in need natives and volunteer at the Wanganui Bird Rescue then the sign ups are outside ICLT Lecture theatre on the Wildlife Club notice board. Groups can attend on Saturdays or Sundays. Alternatively email mswcc.birdrescue@gmail.com.

Wildlife Club Somes Island Trip

The Massey University Wildlife and Conservation Club recently embarked on their annual field trip to Somes Island (also known as Matiu Island). The students had the option of staying overnight on the island or visiting just for the day.

Somes Island is a small island located in the centre of the Wellington harbour. The island is currently a department of conservation scientific and historic reserve but, has served many purposes in its past including an animal quarantine station, an internment camp and a military defense position. These days the island is home to some of our country's rarest species including; Tuatara, Kakariki, Little Blue Penguins, Cook Strait Giant Weta and 4 species of skinks and 3 species of geckos.

The overnighers left on Friday and arrived on the island mid afternoon. They were given a guided tour of the island followed later by night walk to try and spot some of the Island's nocturnal species.

I went with the day trippers. Our day began at the painfully early time of 7.15am, At Massey we loaded into cars, ready for the 2 hour drive to Wellington. We caught the ferry from Queens Wharf in Wellington and, after a short 20 minute trip, arrived on Somes Island. We went through a short safety briefing and a few biosecurity checks before joining the over nighters and embarking on a 2 hour guided tour of the island with one of the resident DOC rangers. The tour included sightings of the native wildlife on the island, a brief history of the island and tours of historical sights including; the old quarantine building, a memorial to people that died on the island and gun emplacements. The tour also had a focus on sustainability. The rangers on Somes are passionate about sustainability and go the extra mile to ensure New Zealand's flora and fauna can be enjoyed by future generations. They are doing their bit by generating their own electricity by way of wind and solar power and producing composts from their own worm farms. Somes Island also has an extensive habitat restoration programme in place, involving hundreds of volunteers over three decades. The tour provided a few special sightings of rare wildlife. We saw 3 tuataras, thanks to the DOC ranger, who knew exactly where to look. Without her we never would have seen the statue like dinosaurs, skillfully camouflaged in the bush. We also got up close and personal with some giant Weta, skinks and a gecko.

After the tour, the students were free to explore the Island before ferrying back to Wellington and returning to Palmerston North.

Written by Kyle Jones



Above: A Tiny Skink!



Above: Cook Strait Giant Weta
Below: Tuatara



Come Support the Vets XV Rugby

Last year was a great year for the Vet XV and this season is sure to be even better. In 2013, we were the winners of the 'Old Gibbons Cup' for Manawatu Senior Reserve grade and the annual 'Varsity Tri-nations' trophy for club dominance. This season we look to just as well and win the most important game of the season; The Vets vs Ags game.

The season so far

Played 4, Won 3, Lost 1, Points For 133, Points Against 72

We have had a strong start to the rugby season with record numbers turning out to pre-season training sessions. Competing in the Massey 10's competition in March we were by far the most structured and composed team.

We carried this hot form on into the first game of the season. We versed Marist, beating them 21-7 on the scoreboard, as well as sending one of their players away in an ambulance.

The following week we made the journey out to Feilding and despite losing a mudguard on the way, we arrived all barred up to win. Early on in the game, Buckley scored a try right under the posts. The conservative and structured game plan was soon chucked out the window in favour of a more 'island style' footy. We came out as winners with a great score of 59-3.

Check out below for information about when and where our games are held, come and support the Boys!



Date	Teams	Location
10th May	Massey Vets vs Ashhurst	Ashhurst
17th May	Massey Vets vs Linton	Linton
24th May	Massey Vets vs Feilding	Massey
31st May	Massey Vets vs Dannevirke	Dannevirke
June 7th	Massey Vets vs COB	Massey
June 14th	Massey Vets vs Marist	Arena Manawatu or Ongley Park
June 21st	Massey Vets vs Bunnythorpe	Bunnythorpe
June 28th	Massey Vets vs Ashhurst	Massey
July 5th	Massey Vets vs Linton	Massey
July 12th	Massey Vets vs Feilding	Johnson Park, Feilding
July 19th	Massey Vets vs Dannevirke	Massey
July 26th	Massey Vets vs College old Boys	Ongley Park

Mr Vet 2014 Winner: Haewon Lee BVSc IV

