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Dookie Campus hosts Chinese Delegation



Left to Right: Mr Hu Hongda, Mr Sun Chaoyu , Mr Sun Jingdu , Mr Tian Yitang, Mrs Sarah Parker (Dookie Campus), Ms Jennifer Li , Mr Chen Xiaotao, Mr Wan Haibin

Dookie Campus recently hosted a delegation from The Ministry of Water Resources of the People's Republic of China. Visiting Greater Shepparton to study opportunities exploring Australian drought and flood management strategies, the group toured Dookie Campus and met with experts from Shepparton Council and the GBCMA.

At Dookie Campus the delegation inspected the \$4.5 million Science Technology and Innovation Irrigation Research Project. Focus was on the technology and software that enables irrigators to increase production whilst reducing water waste.

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“The delegation toured the University of Melbourne’s agricultural enterprises including broadacre, orchard, vineyard and dairy, focussing on drought impacts and management strategies as well as various irrigation delivery methods including subsurface tape, flood and drip methods. “

Visiting the Greater Shepparton Council Offices, the delegation met with Greg McKenzie, Manager Sustainability and Environment and Guy Tinney from Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority.

“The group was briefed on the recently completed Flood Warning Project for Shepparton and Mooroopna by experts from the Council and Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, “ says Mr McKenzie.

The briefing session also focussed on work being undertaken by the GBCMA in relation to the Lower Goulburn rehabilitation option.

Parelli workshop attendance exceeds expectations

The Parelli Natural Horsemanship Workshop hosted by Dookie Campus on December 15 attracted over 90 people. Attendees at the workshop viewed a practical demonstration by leading instructors Kaye Thomas and Adrian Heinen.



International Parelli Instructor Adrian Heinen

The demonstration provided horse enthusiasts with the opportunity to discover and experience a unique program that teaches horses and humans to work together. Horse owners develop a better understanding of equine behaviour, allowing them to positively influence their horses, eliminating many of the common problems and safety issues owners experienced in the equine industry.



Adrian Heinen and Kaye Thomas demonstrating the advantages of Parelli Horsemanship

Parelli instructor, Kay Thomas was exceptionally pleased with attendance at the workshop resulting in a Parelli Partnership Level One weekend to be held at Dookie Campus on February 24 & 25. Persons interested in attending the weekend can contact Kay Ivanac on 0419 609 226 or email mbridgewater@ncdea.edu.au

Dookie Campus Winery welcomes new staff member

Dookie Campus welcomes new staff member Tanya Blackmore to the winery team. Tanya will be focussing on marketing for the Historic Dookie Campus Winery.

Tanya has a Bachelor of Applied Science (Food & Nutrition) from the University of Western Sydney, Hawkesbury and is in her final year of a Wine Science degree at Charles Sturt University. Tanya has worked in a variety of roles within the wine industry including

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wine sourcing for The Wine Society in Sydney and wine marketing for various boutique wineries.



Tanya Blackmore sampling some of Dookie's finest.

Tanya's winery experience includes vintage work at Rosemount Estate in the Hunter Valley. She also has an active interest in wine show judging, being an Associate Judge at Cowra Wine Show in 2005 and 2006 and more locally as a Judge at the Dookie Wine Show in 2006. Tanya can be contacted on 03 5833 9295 or email her on tanyaib@unimelb.edu.au

Dookie students shine at International Dairy Week

Dookie Campus students and graduates demonstrated a strong presence at International Dairy Week at Tatura. Graduates employed in service industry roles including animal nutritionists, breeding advisors and as farm managers were present both as exhibitors and employees servicing the dairy industry.

Current students included Melissa Spain (B Ag) and Heather Campbell (B Ag). Melissa achieved 5th

place, showing her heifer Wallumlands Blush 2. Melissa also assisted exhibitors Matt Templeton and Lisa Thompson (B Ag Graduate) with animal care duties.



Bachelor of Agriculture student Melissa Spain was awarded

Heather worked with genetics company Semex Australia advising farmers on semen available for using in their particular herds. Heather is pictured with Semex Australia General Manager Jim Conroy.



Bachelor of Agriculture student Heather Campbell with Semex Australia General Manager Jim Conroy.



2007 commencing students Declan Paten and Danielle McMillan also participated in the event. Declan in the 2007 Holstein Australia Youth Show and Danielle showing her family's stud cattle in the Jersey, Guernsey and Illawarra Breed Shows.

Nationals Scholarships for Young Leaders 2007

Following their success in 2006, the Nationals are running a Scholarship for Young Leaders to assist a student(s) from rural and regional Victoria to complete their chosen course. Valued at \$15000 over 3 years the scholarship may be shared amongst one or more successful applicants.

It is intended that the scholarship be awarded to students intending to remain in the country following completion of their course and demonstrate career commitment that will ultimately benefit rural/regional Victoria. Applications close 25 February 2007. Forms and further information is available from www.vic.nationals.org.au

Graham Johnson Memorial Workshop

On Friday 23 February 2007 the North East Poll Hereford Breeders Group will be holding the third annual Graham Johnson Memorial Workshop. A Youth Development Program for Cattle Handlers will be held in conjunction with the North East Expo and Leisure Show at Wangaratta. The day is aimed at all persons interested in cattle.

Three education sessions will be held for participants – Muscle Evaluation, Structural Evaluation and Beef Markets. Cost is \$5.00 and all participants will receive a certificate. Further information including registration forms are available from Mr Rex Forrest on 03 5728 1146.

What's happening on Campus

February 2007

- 2 GOTAFE Graded Assessment Workshop
Location: E Lecture Theatre
Contact: Kirsty Boyer
- 5 - 6 Mansfield Autistic Centre
Location: Conference Centre
Contact: Helen Wallace
- 5 - 6 Rural Health Module Forum
Location: UMWIC, E & F Dorms
Contact: Helen Wallace/Reception
- 7 - 9 FCJ College
Location: Hall, Conference Centre, Dorms
Contact: Helen Wallace
- 12 - 16 Ohio University Group
Location: Hall, Conference Centre, Dorms
Contact: Jeff Topp/Helen Wallace
- 12 - 16 Australia in the Wine World
Location: Computer room, Units, Single Q
Contact: Geoff Bath/Helen Wallace
- 12 - 16 Rural Health Rotation 1
Location: C Lecture, Museum, Dorms
Contact: Helen Wallace
- 15 GOTAFE
Location: E Lecture
Contact: Kirsty Boyer
- 15 - 16 McGuire College
Location: Lounge, Hall, Conf. Centre
Contact: Helen Wallace
- 15 - 22 Residential Advisors & O-Week Training
Contact: Ros Gall & Dennis O'Brien
Venue: TBA



Campus Services

Library Opening Hours

Library opening hours during semester break are as follows:

9 am - 12 noon, 1 pm - 4.30 pm Monday to Friday.

These hours will operate until Friday 23 February 2007.

Counseling Services

Campus Counselor, Draz Stanko will be available for consultation during semester. Draz's consultation hours will be advised prior to commencement of Semester One 2007. Draz works in the Gavin Gibson building. Draz can be contacted on (03) 5833 0253.

Staff Store

Membership fees are now due for the staff store. These (\$2.00) can be paid when purchasing fuel.

If you require petrol during semester break, please contact Reception who will advise you who to contact.

If you require petrol urgently at other times, please contact a keyholder (Reception has a list of keyholders).

Medical Services

For medical services please contact the Carrier Street Medical Centre: ph 5762 2033.

