



THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE

2005

Dookie Campus News

31 October

The University of Melbourne >



Welcome to the new look Campus newsletter

Welcome to the first edition of the new look Dookie Campus News; a fortnightly newsletter on news, events, and services from and for the Dookie Campus community.

The newsletter is being compiled by the Development and Projects Office with support from the Reception Desk. Please forward news items to Julie McNiece or Georgia von Guttner (jmcniece@unimelb.edu.au, georgiav@unimelb.edu.au). Please also feel free to provide feedback on the format and style of the newsletter to Julie or Georgia.

In the news

Matthew Bollen wins RSPCA Scholarship

Second year Bachelor of Agriculture student Matthew Bollen has won the RSPCA's Australia Humane Animal Production Scholarship for 2005. His project is titled: "Evaluation of an integrated management system for controlling flystrike in the absence of mulesing" and aims to determine the costs, labour requirements and sheep health consequences of fully integrated management in the absence of mulesing.

The project aims to evaluate a management system using current techniques and knowledge that will mitigate the effects of flystrike on unmulesed Merinos. Although mulesing is aimed at preventing breech strike, it is anticipated that the improved management required by the un-mulesed lambs will also reduce the incidence of flystrike in other areas.

This project will compare a mob of unmulesed lambs with fully integrated management practices (including Lucitraps and insecticides to control flies, control of parasitic and nutritional scours, and increased monitoring), with a mulesed mob with standard flystrike management practices, and with a mulesed mob with fully integrated management practices.

There has been significant media interest in Matthew's scholarship award, look out for articles in the *Weekly Times*, *Stock and Land*, *Country News* and national radio news coverage.

Matthew's project supervisor is Dr Sarah Chaplin.



Also In This Edition

Student Services Advisory Group	2
Merino to Match Field Day	2
Dookie at field days	2
Special consideration for exams	2
Experience Dookie Campus	3
Dustraisers	3
Stephanie Alexander master class	3
Dookie student from 1944 visits campus	4

A newsletter of the University of Melbourne's Dookie Campus and the Dookie Student Association



Dookie Campus News >

Student Services Advisory Group

A new group has been formed collaboratively between staff and students to improve student life on campus and provide two way feedback on academic programs, social issues and other matters of importance to students. Its members include senior resident representatives, DSA representatives, house and apartment representatives, the head of campus, head of catering and residential services, student and staff counselor, and academic course coordinators. The current members are:

Senior Student reps: Ashley Bryant
Melissa Thom
James Jess
Michael Brady

DSA representatives: Elizabeth Tonkin
Sue Andrew
Melissa Brumley

House reps: Danni Weekes
Chris McManus

Apartment rep: Gregor Macauley

Head of Campus: Dennis O'Brien

Head of Catering & Residential Services: Bruce Harris

Student & Staff Counsellor: Draz Stanko

BAg Coordinator: John Wellman

AdvDipAg and BRD Coordinator: Ros Gall

The group has held two meetings to date, and plans to hold two meetings a semester. The notes from the meetings will be published in this newsletter.

For more information contact Dennis O'Brien, Head of Campus, or any of the members of the group.

Merino to Match Field Day

The Merino to Match Field Day was held at the Dookie Campus Shearing Sheds on 27 October. Facilitated by the DPI, a number of stud teams were on display, and seminars were presented with findings from the research trials.

Approximately 50 farmers as well as students from Dookie Campus attended the field day, utilising the opportunity to visually inspect wool quality traits in the ewes and their progeny.



Dookie at field days

Dookie staff and students attended the Henty Machinery Field Days between 20—22 September. There was strong community interest in the Dookie stand and a constant stream of course and campus enquiries (over 100 enquiries on the last day!). Participation by Dookie students in the stand was a major contributor to its success, with prospective students keen to hear 'how it really is'. A special thank you to Dookie first year student, Phil Clifton who assisted at the stand for the entire event.

Following staff feedback from previous years, the Faculty did not have a stand at this years Elmore Field Days (3-5 October). In its stead, Dookie had a six page spread in the Field Day Guide, which had a distribution of 60,000 copies.

Student and Staff Counselling Service: special consideration for exams

Any students who have seen the Staff and Student Counsellor, Draz Stanko, are encouraged to apply for Special Consideration. Special Consideration application forms and instructions can be downloaded from the University of Melbourne website:

<https://sis.unimelb.edu.au/cgi-bin/special-consideration.pl>



Dookie Campus News >

(You will need your health provider to assist with completing the form.)

Applying for special consideration is an insurance policy if you have an issue that may be exacerbated by the stress of exams. When granted special consideration you may be given the opportunity to sit a supplementary exam.

Anyone who has not seen the Student Counsellor on campus will not be supported for their Special Consideration Application, unless extreme circumstances are involved.

The Student Counsellor office is open Mondays and Fridays. Drop in or make an appointment by calling Draz on: 0407 540 488, or 5833 925. drazenka@unimelb.edu.au

Experience Dookie Campus

Dookie's annual overnight stay for prospective undergraduate students took place on 22-23 September and received very positive feedback from students and parents.

The event seeks to showcase student life at Dookie as well as the academic program and campus and farm facilities. The Dookie Student Association (DSA) made a significant contribution to the program, and participants said that Dookie student involvement was a highlight.

More than 40 people participated, some from as far away as Swan Hill and Gippsland. In past years as many as 80% of the event's participants have subsequently enrolled at Dookie.

Dustraisers

Dustraisers Charity Ball was held on Saturday 15th October 2005. Although numbers were down on the last couple of years, the hardworking committee of volunteer students managed to raise \$10,000 for the local Dookie community. The money is earmarked for the new multipurpose community complex due to be completed in 2007.

Over a number of years Dookie student organizing

committees have worked hard to put on well regarded and memorable events. Dustraisers is now one of the major charity events in the district. The Dustraisers committee also would like to thank local businesses for their ongoing support.

Sue Andrew, DSA Executive Officer, paid special tribute to this year's Dustraisers committee. She said that committee members were both well organised and professional in their approach, and had put in a fantastic effort. Well done to the Dustraisers committee 2005!

The 2005 Dustraisers Committee are:

Ben Kerslake (President)
Fluff Tonkin (Vice president)
Sue Andrew (Treasurer)
Geraldine Torpy (Secretary)

Melissa Brumley	Phil Lang
Bonnie Bruton	Ben White
Ben Rathjen	Ian Cocking
Sarah Johnston	Steve Wainwright
Sarah Challis	John Towt (consultant)



Stephanie Alexander master class

On 18 October Dookie Campus hosted a GOTAFE event where catering and public relations students had the opportunity to work with top chef Stephanie Alexander.



Dookie Campus News >

180 invited guests enjoyed a fabulous meal made with local ingredients and held in the highly atmospheric Grain Store (built in 1929), and Winery (built in 1896).

Dookie student from 1944 visits campus

Peter Fellows and his wife recently paid a visit to Dookie Campus. This was his first visit since attending Dookie at the age of 15 in 1944. Peter described a fascinating period in Dookie's history, all the more interesting because there appears to be little or no record of the years 1943-1944 in the campus archives.

Peter was a student at Melbourne Grammar School, which in 1944 was handed over to American High Command as part of the war effort. The younger students were distributed amongst other schools, and a group of 130 Intermediate-level students (years 9-10) were sent to Dookie for a year.

While Peter was here, he said the college was barely staffed. There were only four Dookie students left, all in the final stages of their course. The Melbourne Grammar boys did their school lessons in the mornings and were allocated into work groups for the farms in the afternoons. They were unsupervised at weekends.



Now retired to Ngambie, Peter credits his time at Dookie as introducing him to the land; a career he has successfully followed since leaving his family's Melbourne based business in his late 20s.

Peter has kept in contact with some of the other schools boys who were at Dookie during the war, and after enjoying his visit here, hopes to organize a reunion.

Publications

Cheryl O'Dwyer and Steve Hamilton, editors of the recently published *Grassland Conservation and Production: Both Sides of the Fence*. Proceedings of the 4th Stipa National Conference on Management of Native Grasses and Pastures, Burra, SA 11th - 13th October 2005.

What's happening on campus

- | | |
|----------|---|
| 31 Oct | Rotary Friendship Exchange
Farm Tour
Contact: Lynne Harmer |
| 1 Nov | Melbourne Cup Event
2pm: 1 Ridge Rd, Dookie Campus
Contact: Julie McNiece |
| 1-6 Nov | Red R
Contact: Helen Wallace |
| 4 Nov | Greening Australia
Contact: Sophie Riddell |
| 7 Nov | Examinations commence |
| 7-10 Nov | Diploma Wine Technology
Contact: Ashley Wheaton |
| 8-10 Nov | CMA. Biodiversity Workgroup
Contact: Helen Wallace |
| 11 Nov | Trust for Nature Conference
Contact: Helen Wallace |
| 11 Nov | Greening Australia
Contact: Sophie Riddell |

Campus Services Staff shop

Opening Hours during semester:
Weekdays 12:30 pm—12:50pm
5.00pm—5.15pm



Dookie Campus News >

Doctor

Doctor next on campus: 3 November, 10am—2.30pm. Doctors' Surgery, 8 Ridge Rd, Dookie Campus. Phone the Carrier Street Medical Centre for appointments: ph 5762 2033.

Employment opportunities

General Farm Hand/Assistant to the Manager

Strath Creek, 40kms SE of Seymour and 30kms SW of Yea. 1,100ha property, 400 cow self replacing beef herd and approx 1,000 merino ewes.

Seeking a motivated self starter able to work alone and unsupervised at times. A current drivers license and own transport is essential (work vehicle is supplied). Need to be competent on a 2 wheel motorbike as there is some steep hill country.

The successful applicant will be expected to own and maintain their own sheep dogs, although not essential straight away. Some mechanical welding experience would be helpful (keeps you dry in wet weather).

The position offers involvement in all aspects of the sheep & cattle industries from mustering and yard work to animal husbandry, tractor operation such as feeding out, spraying and sowing pastures and general farm maintenance.

A generous salary is offered relating to experience, and a comfortable 2 bedroom cottage (unfurnished) is included in the package.

For more information contact Gavin Hodge on (03) 5784 9251.
(Listed at Dookie 26/10/05.)

New arrivals

Congratulations and best wishes to:

Carla and Paul Wallace on the birth of Isabelle Harriet on 10 October.

Jess and Cameron Davey on the birth of India Elizabeth Therese on 26 October.

