

# Dept meeting 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015

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# Welcome to new staff



Renee Catullo



Ajay Narendra



Nathan Hart

# Dept governance

## **Head of Dept (ML)**

**Deputy Heads of Department** – Grant Hose, Melanie Bishop

**Executive members** – Mariella Herberstein, Andy Barron,  
Sharyon O'Donnell

## **Committees**

*Research, HDR, Curriculum, Enrolment, Prizes, MRes, Field  
Safety, Plant Growth Facility, WHS, Diving*

# Michelle's priorities

- update committees – membership, functions
- budget & strategic options for ↑ research productivity
- strategic plan 2016-2018
- staff planning / appointments
- postgrad curriculum
- webpage
- marketing & outreach to local schools

# Some numbers

## Student numbers

Enrolments in BIOL units: **2014** – 6409, **2015** – 6206  
(↓3.2%)

Lab-based units only: **2014** – 4051, **2015** – 4452 (↑9.9%)

Large decreases: 300-level advanced biology, MRes and postgrad units

# Some more numbers

## HDR

- completions over 5 year period = 3.97 students
- average number of HDR students = 3.12

## Publications

Average annual publication rate per academic staff

- 2005-2009    **4.04**
- 2006-2010    **4.14**
- 2007-2011    **4.33**
- 2008-2012    **4.68**
- 2009-2013    **4.97**
- 2010-2014    **5.47**

# MRes – Grant Hose

- Thanks to supervisors who attended the BIOL760/799 info session with their students
- For students completing year 2 at the end of this year, **Nomination of Examiners Forms are due at the Faculty by Friday 21st August.**
- **Biology MRes info session 18th August 1-2pm**
  - Showcase MRes projects / lab groups to potential 2016 year 1 applicants during Department MRes info session
  - Please send 1 slide with project details etc to Michelle Power by August 12
- MRes Applications for 2016: domestic students close September 30 and international students August 31.

# HDR – Adam Stow



# Curriculum – Michelle Power

- L&T grants are due
  - Innovation in Scholarship and extension grants
  - Due at Faculty 18 August
- Seminar / discussion with Erli Costa
  - Taking science to the community: linking undergrad teaching, research and outreach
  - 10 August 12pm tearoom
  - RSVP Michelle Power by Wednesday (for a light lunch)
- New FLTC has formed
  - Merge of FSQC and FLTC

# Plant Growth Facility

- all welcome to morning tea THIS THURSDAY 10.30am
- Come and see our funky new lights!