

# Dept meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016



- new faces
- finalised dept strategic and implementation plan
- new assessment policy (Michael Hitchens)
- L&T update (Michelle P)
- HDR update (Adam)
- eResearch (Josh)
- WHS (Marita)
- school liaison & open day (Dan)

# WELCOME!

## Kirsten Bilgmann

- marine mammals, molecular tools, conservation
- BIOL115 with Jen Hallinan



## Chris Reid

- optimisation in natural systems: ants & slime moulds
- BIOL114



Congrats to Mariella –  
new Chair of Academic  
Senate



# Department's implementation plan for 2016

STRATEGIC GOAL	KEY ACTIONS
<p>1. To deliver excellence in teaching at a sustainable level</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Investigate sustainability of majors and individual units</li><li>- revise Advanced Biology program</li><li>- Streamline postgrad offerings &amp; coordinate unit offerings with other relevant departments</li><li>- revise and streamline MRes unit offerings</li></ul>
<p>2. To sustain &amp; increase our recognised research strengths, with researchers working on problems of wide importance that result in high citation impact and international recognition</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Implement strategic research support program</li><li>- Appointment of new staff to support areas of research excellence</li><li>- development of research infrastructure (Biosecurity, Plant Growth Facility, funding schemes)</li></ul>

## Department's implementation plan for 2016, cont.

STRATEGIC GOAL	KEY ACTIONS
3. To support and enhance medical science related teaching programs and related research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- plan for two appointments in genomics, evolutionary medicine, physiology to keep BMedSci and Human Biology major sustainable</li><li>- develop teaching collaborations with Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences</li></ul>
4. To attract high quality HDR students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- analyse HDR recruitment, develop strategy</li><li>- Departmental workshops for supervisors on recruitment</li><li>- advertise scholarship opportunities internationally</li></ul>

## Department's implementation plan for 2016, cont.

STRATEGIC GOAL	KEY ACTIONS
5. To Increase our engagement with industry partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- facilitate industry research partnerships through strategic funds provided for meetings</li><li>- develop teaching and research partnerships with Taronga Zoo and Australian Museum</li></ul>
6. To be the destination of choice for biology students	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- identify target schools and develop strategic school partnerships,</li><li>- Develop and deliver school engagement program</li></ul>

# L&T updates

- Unit description updates for 2017
  - BIOL116, BIOL116, BIOL227, BIOL257, BIOL305, BIOL316, BIOL334, BIOL347, BIOL373, BIOL381 and BIOL399 (note BIOL326)
  - BIOL606, BIOL606, BIOL860, BIO861, BIOL861, BIOL874, BIOL875 and BIOL887
  - If you are not on list and want to alter unit description please send to me by May 6
- Recent L&T grant announcements – all closed
- Dept curriculum session (mid June or early July)
  - New assessment policy actions
  - BIOL116 seminar Leanne Armand

# L&T updates

- Advanced Science
  - Faculty review
  - Advanced Biology program review
- Taronga Zoo initiative
  - Involving Advanced Sci students with Zoo Scientists to develop outreach activity
  - around the zoo (Science week event)
  - Interested in becoming involved? or provide feedback to students on their activity: lunch sessions over next few Wednesdays



# Industry engagement

- Goals
  - Expand industry connections across L&T, Research and Outreach
  - Call for Dept staff who may like to be involved in engagement process and strategies
- Taronga Zoo initiative
  - Advanced Science aspect
  - Develop short course in One Health
  - Establish greater L&T links
  - Research connections
  - Outreach opportunities
  - Internships / volunteer research work for UGrads
- Work integrated learning
  - Applying for ACEN innovative and sustainable WIL models or assessments practices in WIL

# Higher Degree Research

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> June; 2016 Annual HDR Conference; 9am onwards each day; Location E8A labs.**

- The first panel interview for the year will be integrated with the conference, Panel members – please review your candidates files in ‘google docs’ beforehand.
- The second interview for the year will initially be via email and followed up by a face-to-face meeting as required.

**Tue 10<sup>th</sup> May (Next Week); Supervisor training module: Assessing and ranking prospective domestic and international PhD students; 1:00 – 2:00pm; E8A-280 (tea room). Attend and you have fulfilled your supervisor training for the year (and stay registered).**

- **Application processing – note early dates!**
- **Celebrating completions Thurs 3pm every 2 mo**

# HDR panels

Panel 1	Panel 2	Panel 3	Panel 4	Panel 5	Panel 6	Panel 7	Panel 8	Panel 9	Panel 10	Panel 11	Panel 12
<u>D. Raftos</u>	<u>Herbertstein</u>	<u>Hughes</u>	<u>Hose</u>	<u>Westoby</u>	<u>Alroy</u>	<u>Brock</u>	<u>Whiting</u>	<u>Harcourt</u>	<u>Atwell</u>	<u>Taylor</u>	<u>Power</u>
Bishop	Barron	Griffith	J. Raftos	Kemp	Brown	Cheng	Gillings	Armand	Kosnik	Barry	Wright
Madin	Lanfear	Hallinan	Allen	Williamson	Leishman	Beaumont	Narendra	Hart		Dudaniec	Nipperess
M. BETTS	S. ANDREW	D. BATEMAN	G. CARROLL	E. GRAY	P. LAGOS CEBALLOS	R. FURTADO	A. WILKINS	N. BASS	D. MCAFEE	S. JACQUET	P. COATES
			L-M. HARRISON								N. CHRISTIANSE N
F. RAIHAN	J. RILEY	P. MAHONEY	G. MUSCHETT	M. SALTON	L. HURLEY	P. BOLTON	T. MIZEREK	J. WILKS	M. MASOOD		
T. WHITE	J. BAXTER- GILBERT	C. FREAS	M. LADDS	E. SHELDON	L. CRITCHLEY	T. PEARSON	A. JAYaweera	I. ERRINGTON	R. WOODS	Y. SUN	L. HARDWICK
								J-G DOMINGUEZ			
V. PIROTTA	I. GEEDICKE [new]	S. KLEIN	D. O'HARA	M. HAQUE	N. DONG	J. PLATH	M. STRACK	SARMIENTO	S. TABASSUM	L. TROMPF	M. VOZZO
S. CHAMBERS [new]	M. BENELLI [new]	A. BADIANE	P. SMITH	M. AMERI	A. HERBERT	D. ENGLERT DUURSMA	E. MAY	C. VILA POUCA	R. HEIM [new]	H. VARINLI	L. CHOW
		M. MAHMUDUN NABI	G. WILKINS	A. MORALES SUAREZ	B. OFORI	S. HEWLETT	E. DEAUX	P. CARBIA	G. GUFU [new]	I (M). DAMAS MOREIRA	R. SELF [new]
		A. SALEH [new]	L. FERNANDEZ	A. CABRIOL	H. AKTER	B. SZABO [new]	K. WIERUCKA	R. NETTIMI		L. MEAH	
							T. MOADELI [new]	M. DUMKE [new]			

\*\* Students not listed are new and have not yet been assigned a panel

# **Safety Update**

**Department Meeting**

**2.5.16**

# GHS – Are you on track?

## 9 Steps to GHS

All labs should be up to step 7 by 31<sup>st</sup> May

My favourite approaches so far....

- Move it and make it someone else's problem
- Walk down memory lane and then get rid of it
- It's not mine so it's going
- Con Jenny

# 2016 WHS Inspections

## The Goal.....

All labs and offices inspected by the 29<sup>th</sup> July

### **Office Inspections**

All E8 offices have been inspected. You will be notified of your corrective actions soon.

### **Lab inspections**

Are underway

Lab supervisors please contact me ASAP for an inspection date and time

# Open Day & outreach