

Department of Biological Sciences

Dept meeting 4th June 2019



Agenda

- HoD news – Grant Hose
- Sustainability – Sam Newton
- Volunteering – Prasanth Subramani
- WHS – Simon Griffith
- HDR Conference – Julian May
- Outreach/Open Day – Kath McLennan
- Science in the City – Vivian Cumbo

- L&T – Drew Allen
- HDR – Grant Hose, Culum Brown

We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Custodians and Elders of the lands on which our university is located

Recruitment for the Lectureship in Evolutionary Genomics

We have five shortlisted candidates coming to visit campus as part of their final interview process for this role.

Michael – 4th July

Sally – 8th July

Cheong – 10th July

Oliver – 11th July

Seth – 16th July

Four of them are Domestic and one is an International candidate. Please make sure you come along to their Department Seminars and introduce yourself.

Sustainability

VEHICLE EMISSIONS

- Biological Sciences has 8 department vehicles used for fieldwork.
- In 2018 these vehicles travelled a collective distance of 116,000km and produced 31 tonnes of CO₂.
- The Department will offset these emissions through Carbon Neutral. The funds paid are used to plant biodiverse native forests in Australia.



GLOBAL PLASTIC FREE LUNCH

Thursday 6th June, 12-2pm

- Bring a dish representing the country or culture you identify with.
- BYO plates and cutlery – no single use plastics!
- Share positive and negative stories of your home environment



Pay it forward – community volunteering leave

WHS update

Corrective actions from inspections – Lab and Offices

- Incentives for timely completion of corrective actions

Lab Essentials

- needs to be completed by all academics and HDR students (access to labs will be restricted if not done)

Safety Fair will be held on 9th October

Smoking on campus – new policy out soon.....

HDR Conference: Next week!

| Tues 11 th June | Wed 12 th June | Thur 13 th June |
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| 9am: Guest speaker: Prof. Liz Harry (UTS) | 9:15am-12:15pm: Student talks (with morning tea break 10:15) | 9-10am: Student talks |
| 9:45am-12:15pm: Student talks (with morning tea break 10:30) | | 10:30am-12:45pm: Panel interviews |
| 12:15-1pm: ECR Workshop: Intro. to HDR Supervision (A/Prof Bill Ashraf) – light lunch! | (no lunch provided) | 12:45-~2:30pm: LUNCH in Bio court. Barbecue + GAMES, generously organised by student cte. |
| 1:30-5pm: Panel interviews | 1:30-5pm: Panel interviews | 2:00-4pm: MRes poster session |
| | | 4pm -> Prizes + socialising (drinks) |

- Talks in 14 SCO (E7B) T3, T4 – level 3 lecture theatres.
- Panel interviews in rooms, times as per timetable + calendar invitations.

Christmas in July

Celebrating Biology Outreach & Volunteers

Tuesday 2nd July 1-3pm, Biology Courtyard

Heart warming soups, music, games, prizes and certificates*

Everyone who has done outreach and volunteered for the department welcome!

For catering purposes please register here:

<http://bit.ly/2VZkgTv>

*for most outreach done and recorded in the Biology Outreach Form

Open day - Saturday 17 August 2019

- Academic Advising – Same as last year
- Lectures – each program will have a lecture delivered, instead of the general biology and med sci lectures
- Science Interactive Zone – 12 WW Atrium – we need new activities to showcase our department!
- Biology Tours – Two time slots immediately following biology program lectures
- More information to come



Sydney Science Festival

Science in the **CITY**

'Celebrate all things science'

INSPIRE THE FUTURE GENERATION OF BIOLOGISTS!

BIOLOGY needs students and staff to create an interactive display about your research or any other aspect of science*

Excellent opportunity to promote your research and develop your science communication portfolio!

YOUR CHOICE OF DATE FROM:

- 8th August: Primary school
- 10th August: General public
- 13th August: High school

INTERESTED? Contact Vivian (vivian.cumbo@mq.edu.au) or Juliano (juliano.morimoto@mq.edu.au) by June 21

**Science Communication training will be provided*