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## From the Editor: CSU in the News

*And the parts that Student Services Play*

It has been refreshing to see students and staff of The Division of Student Services featured in local news lately. Student/Staff Fundraising efforts and the current Exam Period have given reporter Nicole Barlow plenty of fodder for the Daily Advertiser.

Last week saw the Wagga community being informed about the wonderful fundraising efforts made by The Residential Support Scheme for Movember. In an initiative launched by the South Campus Head Resident Lloyd Smith, Lloyd and 11 of the Male Residential Advisers (RA's) bared all in their "Nude but not too Rude" 2010 Pictorial Calendar.

Movember is the month set aside each year for Men to be sponsored to grow a "Mo" (moustache), with all donations going to Men's Health initiatives Beyond Blue and the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. This wasn't the only Movember fundraising happening though. As November is a busy month for students, Coleen Pearce's Health Action Team (HAT), the RA's, Support Staff from St Francis and St Martin's Colleges were involved in Mcoctober. (Details on page 7)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November saw an article about study and exams from a student perspective. The highlight of the article was the featuring of Wagga Self Catered Head Resident Andrea Barnard and South Campus Residential Adviser Cameron Turner in text and picture.



Finally, please make note of all of the DSS Christmas Party Photos scattered throughout this Edition. A great time was had by all, and the costumes were amazing! Thanks to those who made it. Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy Holiday to All. See you again in 2010!

*"You must be the change to wish to see in the world." – Mahatma Gandhi*

## Ag Race Day

### Community Fundraising - Tom Stening

The 2009 Ag Race Day was a Great Success on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

It was the biggest Ag Race Day in its short history with an estimated 6000 racegoers on the day. Almost 900 tickets were sold at the gate on the day, a figure hugely increased from the previous two years average of 300-400. The majority of tickets were pre sold before the day at the Student Supplies Shop, Crow Bar and The William Farrer Hotel, totalling in almost \$100,000 in ticket sales.

Ag Race Day is an annual fundraiser for Ag College Alumni Peter Worsley, who was rendered paraplegic playing Rugby for the College in 1987. The increasing popularity of the event has not only ensured continuing financial support to Peter, but enabled other Wagga and other surrounding community organisations to benefit from the funds raised.

The day drew praise from Wagga Police and MTC CEO Christine Williams as fast becoming one of Wagga's biggest social events of the year.

We look forward to an even bigger year next year and congratulations must go out to Lachlan Holden and the Ag Club Race Day Committee, and Roger Ansell, for organising such a great day.



*Vicki Lawson and Kristine McPherson - DSS Wagga Christmas Party*

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## Unit Updates

### **International Student Support Officer - Jacqueline Blomfield**

The International Students had a great time getting out and about this semester, attending the Downside Bush Dance and hitting the snow in August. Pictures below!



Coleen Pearce and Deanne Tilden  
– DSS Wagga Christmas Party

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Q: "Why didn't the koala wear any shoes?"  
A: "Because he wanted to go 'bear'-foot!"

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*"If you see a friend without a smile, give them one of yours"*  
–Proverb

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### **Director, Residences & Business Unit - David Griffin**

Sustainability is an important strategic initiative for CSU and Student Residences & Business is making significant cash & in-kind investments in sustainability initiatives. We are: co-funding research projects managed by Rosey Black & Penny Davidson within residences focusing on social marketing to reduce energy consumption; working with Ed Maher on his project to implement better recycling container management; co-operating on a research project with Ben Wilson within residences at Thurgoona implementing a sustainable garden; and, we are managing our own sustainable veggie garden on WW campus. Further, we have implemented the following initiatives in the construction of our new student accommodation: prefab concrete construction positively impacts sustainability & reduces site impact; grey water reclamation; rain water capture; hydronic heating; revised chemical usage in cleaning applications; revised waste handling in all areas, especially kitchens & residences. In addition we are liaising with the campus sustainability committee on a proposed ban on sales of bottled water and have taken steps to significantly reduce desktop printing. Student Residences & Business has been through a significant period of change in the last 24 months. We have significantly increased our accommodation stock through use of external funding which changes our business dynamic. Our operations are becoming increasingly complex & demands on our services are changing. We are continuing to develop our service delivery processes and operational budget models in order to instil the agility required to respond to these challenges. In 2010 we will continue to work through the challenges of USM, Student Central, and the Transition project with a view to continuing to positively influence the Student Experience.

### **Acting Manager, Administration, Contact and Services - Justine Everaardt**

The application process for 2010 accommodation is in full swing! The first round of offers to continuing students has happened, with the payment of application fees due 5 November. Accommodation staff have put in a great effort and continue to meet timeframes in this area. Regular updates available at:

<http://www.csu.edu.au/division/studserv/residences/>

The Student Service Centre Change Management document was released on Wednesday 4 November with staff diligently reading and making notes, the consultation period for comment is now open until 16 November 2009. This is an interesting time for the University and I'm sure there'll be feedback from our staff.

The development of the knowledge articles for the Student Service Centre will be a challenge for our Division as we cover so many areas/topics. The software for the knowledge bank has been decided and once the template is finalised, staff will be notified for input.

## Unit Updates (cont.)

"Most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be" – Abraham Lincoln

### **BATHURST RESIDENCES: Manager, Residences Bathurst, Orange & Dubbo - James Kelly**

#### Diggings Global Dinner

The first Global Dinner at CSU Bathurst was an exercise in improving social consciousness and challenging perceptions of global poverty. The 160 Diggings Residents who attended were assigned to a table in the developing, semi-developed or developed world. They were treated accordingly throughout the night, by experiencing the drought, hunger and human rights standards endured by people from other nations. Thanks to the catering staff, we were able to feed the various nation-tables differently. Thankfully, due to our relatively privileged socio-economic situation, students were given pizza at the end of the night if they were hungry. The night was a great success and raised over \$1,600, which Diggings will donate to UNICEF Australia.

The Diggings Residential Advisor team is very grateful to the help of the Dining Hall staff, Joleen Wright and the many RAs for other areas for generously volunteering their time and effort!

#### Girls Night In- 20th October, 2009.

On the 20th of October, 2009 a Girls Night In was held in Diggings. It was a party for all the girls in Diggings to attend in order to raise funds for women's cancer research. It was a great night, with a good turnout, showing how much support there is out there towards the plight of cancer. Everyone had a great time, and was incredibly generous in their support for the Cancer Council. Instead of a traditional girls night in, which is technically a handful of friends getting together to donate money, Diggings did it a bit differently. In order to raise as much money as possible, we had a big pyjama party with all the girls in Diggings. We held raffles and a 100 club in order to raise money prior to the event and we took these competitions all around campus. Due to the extremely generous support of the local Bathurst community, the prizes were exceptional, and everyone was excited to get behind the cause due to the possibility that they could win something great. On the night, everyone had the opportunity to win prizes through the party games, as we had so many donated.

In general, the night was brilliant. The support of Diggings and the entire Charles Sturt community ensured that it was a great success for all. We believe we will reach our target amount of \$1,000.00 through all the fantastic donations we received. Thank you so much to everyone, and I am sure that from your generosity, many people will benefit.

#### Men of CSU Res-Scheme Present: Movember

The men of the CSU Bathurst Res-scheme joined together to support the fight against cancer, especially prostate cancer in men.

Students, on campus and off (along with male staff) had a clean shave Friday October 23rd to start an early Movember due to end of year exams.

Everyone participated was asked to donate \$10, and of course other donations were welcomed. Residential Advisors collected these donations in their dorms or in the RA Office, C5.

A total of almost \$500 was raised- an amazing effort!



Peter Bell  
And  
Tisi Tukuni  
– DSS Wagga  
Christmas Party

The Combined Residences Association, a group of students from all of the residences, coordinated Residences Week from the 30<sup>th</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> September. The week placed an emphasis on bonding, community spirit and support of charities. Over the course of the week, Bathurst Res Students raised over \$300 for charity. Well Done!



#### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August: AMDF Stay In Bed Day

The Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation was only established at the beginning of 2009 and Stay in Bed Day was their first charity event. Mitochondrial Disease is a debilitating and potentially fatal genetic disorder which affects approx. 100,000 Australians, many of which are undiagnosed. <http://stayinbedday.org.au/> Residences held movie and bonding days in their areas!

#### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August: Res Pride Day

At the beginning of the year each residence chose a colour to distinguish their area: JOV, Green; Diggings, Blue; Towers, Purple and Chifley Halls, Red. Students wore their jerseys and residence colour around campus and showed support and pride for their residence! On the day CRA members judged how much of the colours they saw and the residence with the most colours won a prize! There was food, music and games on the Library Lawn from 11-3pm.

#### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September: Cover me with Honey @ Uni Bar

Cover me with Honey was a charity trivia night held annually. Dorms were encouraged to enter teams, get involved and make donations towards the selected charity.

This years charity was "Young Life"

<http://younglife.com.au/>

There was an after party in Rafters, complete with music and drink specials.

#### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September: Residence Cricket Match

In conjunction with the McGrath Foundation <http://mcgrathfoundation.com.au/> an afternoon cricket match was organised involving the 4 residences. There were 4 teams of 8, (boys and girls) and use the Super 8's format, which made for entertaining and quick games. Residences were encouraged to get as many supporters as possible to the oval and wear their residence colour with a touch of pink to support Breast Cancer. CRA reps collected donations throughout the afternoon. There was a "Pretty in Pink" after party at DK to coincide with the McGrath Foundation.

#### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Band/DJ Comp @ Uni Bar

Uni Bar night, to support all the local musical talent CSU has to offer. The CRA held a BBQ and 100 Club/Raffle.

#### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September: Coffee Crawl

Coffee Crawl across town to check out the quality coffee Bathurst has to offer.

#### Movie Night at Metro Cinema

Chill out night at the movies, cheap tickets, great food deals and a private cinema for CSU students only.

The CRA are hoping Residential Week is even bigger and better next year!

Find the Newsletter online at:

<http://www.csu.edu.au/division/studserv/about/>

**Manager, Residences Wagga Wagga & Thurgoona - Peter Bell**

**Unit Updates (cont.)**

This last quarter has seen many interesting, new and exciting things occur within the Wagga Residences.

Firstly, as many of you already know, we have moved 'over the hill'. While we are saddened to move away from our students, we are looking forward to the fresh start in our new digs and are eager to see how the New Year takes off!



Speaking of taking off...some of you may have seen the erection of the new inflatable cinema screen a couple of weeks ago in the Nosh Pit quadrangle; a very exciting addition to the Division of Student Services. The screen can be viewed by over a thousand people, and was recently used for a Whole Campus Trivia/Movie Night held on Beres Ellwood Oval which was a huge success. A big thank you to Kurt Neville whose efforts made this amazing addition a reality!

Further achievements within the Residences include the Full Board Christmas Dinner held on the 9<sup>th</sup> November. Students participated in a Christmas Feast, and a myriad of prizes were given away. A big thank you to Dining Hall staff for their hospitality and generosity.

As well as the evening's special events, we were very pleased to have Deborah Braines, the House Manager of Ronald McDonald House in Wagga accept a cheque for over \$1500; the charity efforts of our Events Committee and Full Board Students in 2009. The Charity contributions don't stop there. Twelve brave male Residential Advisers bared all for November to raise awareness about men's health, specifically prostate cancer and depression; a cause very close to their hearts. The 'RA Nude But Not Too Rude' calendar has raised over \$2000 and counting. Special mentions must go to Richard Trethewey [Residential Student] and Lana Whytcross [Full Board RA] for their photographic and design skills, to the brave models, and to all involved staff and students.



Next year's RA's have some very big shoes to fill and with the recruitment process almost finalised we congratulate our four 2010 Head Residents – Jason Stuart *South Campus*, Rebecca Hallet *Self Catered*, Lana Whytcross *Full Board* and Dave Seymour *New Residences* as well as our Senior RA in Thurgoona, Chris Wilson. Chris is joined by 5 other RAs who will, along with Kurt Neville, see the Thurgoona Campus making their mark alongside the bigger campuses of Bathurst and Wagga.

Next year is looking very bright and with our [New] New Residences on track and scheduled for completion by 21<sup>st</sup> of January, 2010 is going to be bigger and better than ever!  
Peter Bell & Vanessa Conlin

# New Residence offers top dorm experience

KEVIN Mullins has lived on campus at Charles Sturt University for four years and said he will miss dorm life when he graduates.

While dorm life evokes images of constant parties and disputes over who gets to pick the television show on next, Kevin offers a contrast of harmoniously living with a group of people who quickly became his best friends.

He moved from The Cottages, an eight-person residence, to New Residence on February 13.

Pharmacy student Kevin cannot speak highly enough of the facilities, which consist of eight rooms upon entry and a further 12 rooms, kitchen and living area on the first level.

These are the largest self-catered residences at CSU Wagga and Kevin said they boast the best bathroom and shower facilities on campus.

The bedrooms in New Residence are also the only ones that have aerial access for televisions.

Each of the buildings are colour coded – red, pink, blue, green and yellow blocks and resemble giant Lego pieces, a stark contrast to the older buildings surrounding them.

According to Kevin, who is the residential adviser (RA) for the blue block, 120 students enjoy dorm life in New Residence, which is what it has been named until university officials allocate it a title.

Few disputes about dishes and personality clashes have risen in the past but Kevin said it is something you adapt to in order to live peacefully in the same building as 19 other people.

"At times you will find your pot or pan in a different spot

Pharmacy student Kevin Mullins is the residential adviser of blue block in New Residences.

Picture: Les Smith



but you get used to it," he said. "People who live on campus at uni want to get along."

Kevin met his girlfriend and some of his best friends through living in the same uni accommodation as them.

"After four years here I couldn't imagine living any other way," he said.

"It has helped me develop as a person."

He has noticed a few differences between The Cottages and New Residence, stating there is a dormitory feel about his new home.

"What they have here is a dormitory attitude towards living together," he said.

"It has all the friendliness of

a dorm and the social advantages with the convenience of being able to cook for yourself."

As an RA, Kevin is responsible for organising events, a task he said was made easier when he relocated to a premises with more people in a more central location.

Kevin will complete his degree at the end of the year and while he will be moving to Temora for work he said he will take fond memories of dorm life with him.

- Nicole Barlow



Outside shot of New Residences. Picture: Les Smith



Dawn, Tisi & David  
- DSS Wagga Christmas

## Unit Updates (cont.)

*"To be or not to be"*

– William Shakespeare

### Student Support Officer -Peta Bullock

What a successful term! Fundraising everywhere, club events each week, Inter Res Cup and to top it off Grand Final wins for most of our clubs.

#### SPORTING SUCCESS

The Ag Rugby club hosted ladies day on the 15<sup>th</sup> August. Raising over \$2000 for the Jane McGrath foundation the boys wore pink numbers on their jerseys and bright pink socks. The day was a success and it was great to see the boys organising an event rather than leaving it up to the Ag Netball girls ☺ The Club also this season has taken out Grand Final Honours in First Grade and Third Grade and runners up in Second Grade.

The **Bushpigs Australian Football Club** had a super year this year with their Second Grade team winning the Grand Final. This is a club who has struggled year after year to just win a game never alone a GF. This is due to their dedication to fundraising and canteen/gate takings which they have utilised and managed to secure a few good players to pull them through, heres to a bigger year next year.

The **Bushsows Netball Club** also had a successful season. Increased membership price due to a uniform upgrade saw many players make the change to the **Ag Netball Club**. The club soon made progress in the Farrer league and came out winning all three grades in the Grand Final.

Just missing out on a Grand Final win were the **Hockey Ducks**. With a record number of players and teams this year they made a huge impact on the Wagga Hockey Association.

The **Equestrian Club** have come out of the woods and held a very successful clinic for Dressage enthusiasts. The clinic saw 20 riders, students and non students, attend lessons throughout the weekend with a well known (and expensive mind you) Dressage Instructor Brett Parbury. The event was enjoyed by all and the two students who organised it should be commended on such a prestigious event.



#### SOCIAL CLUBS

This term I had the pleasure of being invited to the **Pharmacy Club Ball** "*frost yourself in black and white*" at the RSL. It was like no other club event I have been to; I actually thought I was at a wedding rather than a student function. The decorations were in a class of their own; table runners, glitter and centre pieces graced the tables and fairy lights were strung from a centre point in the room.

The students did a fantastic job organising the event, with a guest speaker and entertainment. A number of awards were presented and to my great surprise I received a *Life Membership* to the club. This club has been very successful throughout the year and has raised a considerable amount of money for Daffodil day and the Breast Cancer foundation. They have had other very successful functions including the annual Cruise on Sydney Harbour and their annual Soccer competition.

The **WARRIAHS (Rural Health) Club** have organised Mctober instead of Movember this year due to the term/exams cutting in the month. Amy (Lofty) Lofts has been the main organiser of this event and has done a fabulous job. Together with the support of Health and Well Being Guru Coleen they have secured numerous fantastic prizes and donations for this wonderful cause and have over 25 participants in the "competition" fundraiser. I have also entered (there is a girl section) but no I am not *growing* a mo ☺, I am *making* one. Come down on Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> November to Friday Unwind in the Crow Bar to see the array of Mo's from Most Stingiest to the Most Creative.

#### SUPPORT AND RESIDENCES

I have been lucky enough to join forces with Belly's RA's Sport Committee this year and helped out at the Inter Res Cup. The aim of Support joining forces is to increase participation on campus with residential students as well as off campus students. In the past sport has been on the outer and it will be fantastic to get it happening on campus and an annual event run each year similar to Bathurst campus.

A full day set out by the RA's a round robin of more than 5 sports and a few novelties, there was no rest for the competitors. Spectators had a great view of the action especially in the final competition of a relay eating various items of food that just didn't go together and running to the next station, luckily the competitors kept it all down.

The day was great however the attendance of off campus students was a little dismal and disappointing, never fear next year, more advertising and the increased support of various areas will curve attendance and the event can only get bigger.

**PETA'S NEWS** - I am on Maternity leave until April 27<sup>th</sup> 2010 and wish Tom Stening who is taking over the reins for this time the best of luck. The clubs will surprise you in many ways good and bad however they are a joy to work with, never leaving a dull moment. I just hope you don't like my dream job too much and I can come back. ☺ All the best for the end of 2009 and the beginning of 2010.

Cheers Peta Bullock



## Unit Updates (cont.)

*Student Support Officer - Jean Ryan (Bathurst)*

"The shortest way to do many things  
is to do only one thing at once"

*-Samuel Smiles*

### Manager, Access and Work

Debra Johnson commenced as Manager, Access and Work, on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Debra will be located at Thurgoona.

Deb has a varied background, having worked previously within disabilities and equity at a post secondary level and at CSU as an educational designer and academic. More recently Deb has been managing programmes that supported people with a mental illness.

Over the next few weeks Deb will endeavour to meet everyone across all of our campuses.

### BLUES BALL

Bathurst campus held its 40<sup>th</sup> annual Blues Ball on Thursday 15 October. 160 Students and invited guests, including the Acting Head of Campus, Senior Management of the Division of Student Services, Life Members of the Sports Council and the Student Support Officers from Bathurst and Orange campuses, attended the evening.

The guest speaker and award presenter for the night was Wendell Sailor, Professional Australian Rugby Football player and current St. George Illawarra NRL team member.

The Albury students who made up the majority of members of the Bluebottles Water Polo team travelled to Bathurst to attend the night.

Eight students received the Colour Award (Club Administration). 16 Merit Awards (active member of their club and represented at a high sporting level) were presented, and Blues (excelled at a high level in their chosen sport) were awarded to: Michelle Perry (Rugby Union), Matt Hawkesworth (Water Polo) and Matt Hogan (Water Polo).

#### The major awards were:

**Club of the Year** - Rugby Union

**Team of the Year**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Rugby Union

**Representative Team of the Year**

- CSU Bluebottles (Water Polo) and Lawn Bowls

**Atalanta Award** (Greatest contribution to female sport)

- Nadine Scarfone

**Bedwell Prize** (Greatest contribution to sport overall)

- Eliza Baddock

**Rookie of the Year**

- Brendon Collits (Touch Football) & Chiara Porter (Basketball)

**Coach of the Year**

- Samantha Gaal (Basketball)

**Sportsman of the Year** - Matthew Hogan (Water Polo)

**Sportswoman of the Year** - Michelle Perry (Rugby Union)



**Pictured:** Michelle Perry and Matthew Hogan (Sportspeople of the Year)



Marty, Belly & Vicki  
- DSS Wagga Christmas Party

*Respect is something you earn.  
You can't beg, borrow or steal it.  
It's a process of right doings.*

- GRAEME A.S. BROWN

### Events Team Leader - Tisi Tukuniu

*Well, 2009 has been a busy year, full of learning experiences. The 'new' Events Team have successfully negotiated all of the Domestic and now finally the International Graduations (with Kuala Lumpur (KL) and Hong Kong (HK) just completed), with Shiralee attending the Burlington Graduation and Tisi coordinating KL & HK. The year has seen us all acquire a lot of new skills and meet some wonderful new people, including staff in the OVC, Offices of the Heads' of Campus and Student Admin, as well as inside the Faculties and our own Division and outside of the University. Among other important guests, Bathurst have just hosted the Prime Minister and his Cabinet on campus, and Wagga welcomed Her Excellency Marie Bashir (Governor of NSW) and the Nationals Party earlier this year.*

*It is a busy time in the Event Unit, with preparations underway for the 2010 Graduations, and a lot of end of year and Christmas events being booked in our Catering and Function Venues. My personal congratulations to the team for a great effort in adapting to a new team leader, taking on the extra duties to ensure graduations was successful and making it happen for our students.*

## Moctober Winners

To all the participants, congratulations and we hope you had fun. 23 participants took up the challenge to grow/design a moustache in October for the National Movember Campaign. October was decided to be the month where students could participate fully for 4 weeks instead of being rushed over Movember (November).



These students/staff raised \$2000 for the campaign.

Prizes were awarded for:



Highest fundraiser: Iain Wright and Caitlin Russ



People's Choice: Jono Hilly and Briony McGrath



Most Bushiest : Sam Hartman and Ashley Innes



Longest: Grant Dodds



Most Stingiest: Iain Wright, Kyle Fairley and Briony McGrath



Most Colourful: Michael Bailey

Most Creative: Thomas Gordon

Bravery Award: Ashley Dwyer



Commendable Award: Lisa Clancy.

Special thanks go to Amy Lofts who approached all the business houses to sponsor this campaign and to Lloyd Smith who orchestrated the inaugural RA Nude calendar. But let us not forget the 12 boys who got their gear off in the name of charity!!!!!! And also to the 37 business houses who donated prizes.

Thanks to you all and we look forward to seeing you again next year and remember to bring a friend. Cheers Coleen Pearce (Health Promotion Officer.)

## Student Support Officer -Niklaus Granger

### 2009 Australian University Games - Gold Coast: 27 September – 2 October 2009

140 Charles Sturt University Students descended on the Gold Coast for a week of competition involving 41 Universities from across Australia and New Zealand. With 15 teams in 13 different sports, the CSU team was in the mix with 7000 other university students. The opening ceremony, hosted at Sea World, kicked off the week with CSU's very own Charles Croucher (MC) getting proceedings underway. The first day of competition saw some positive results and it was also great to see the likes of the inexperienced Beach Volleyball get a good win as well as a win for the Women's Volleyball team.

One of CSU's individual competitors Lance Faulkner took on the mammoth task of the Decathlon. In the Gold Coast heat Lance competed in 10 events over 2 days and finished in a very commendable 4<sup>th</sup> position.

Four of CSU's teams were competing in Division 2 medal matches on the final day. The Ultimate Frisbee team did fantastically well to get to the play off for Bronze as they only had three girls for the full week of competition. The final match came down to the wire and the CSU falcons were very unfortunate to lose in a final point play off to finish 4<sup>th</sup>.

The CSU Men's touch team, who were down on numbers all week, came away with a Bronze medal.

The CSU Bluebottles Men's Water Polo team found themselves in a tough match against the highly fancied USA (University of South Australia). The Bluebottles got out to a great start but the boys were unable to keep the lead. A penalty shot late in the first half was the difference and the boys had to settle for a Silver medal once again.

The final medal match for CSU was at the Southport Lawn Bowls Club where atmosphere was electric. Music was pumping and the crowds were cheering on the CSU mixed lawn bowls team, up against the UNSW team with their experienced English representative. UNSW had the chance to drive CSU out of the final game but masterful rolling by Adam Parker secured the match and Gold for CSU.

For each sport there is a Green and Gold Merit team selected, a paper based team of people who have stood out to selectors during the week. CSU had 6 members selected in their respective Green and Gold teams:

Chiara Porter – Basketball  
Shane Conroy – Hockey  
Eliza Baddock – Touch  
Sam Thompson – Touch  
Brendan Collits – Touch  
Adam Parker – Lawn Bowls



It was a great week of competition where all CSU students participated in the right spirit and were generally well behaved. This did not go by unnoticed and CSU were the unofficial runners up for the Spirit of the Games award. This is testament to the great nature of CSU students, who year in year out are known for their great spirit, sportsmanship and good behaviour. I am sure many students are now looking toward the future and the CSU teams will need to be motivated and ready as it will be a long trip to Perth for the 2010 Australian University Games.



Lance Faulkner



#### **Pictured:**

**Left: Womens Basketball: (F)**

Erin Cafe, Chiara Porter,  
Madison Johnstone (M)  
Katherine Burke, Sarah  
Murray (B) Shirley Squires,  
Lauren Beecroft, Jess Hine

#### **Right:**

#### **Lawn Bowls Winners:**

Marin Gray, Dom Inglis,  
Rhiannon Peoples,  
Andrew Banasik,  
Ben Mumford,  
Jay Methieson,  
Adam Parker



#### **Toby's Tickle :)**

“How a man plays the game, shows something of his character.....  
How he loses, shows all of it”

### **Orange Campus Update- Fundraising Efforts and Sports Awards**

The Orange Campus students have been very active heading towards the end of the year. The Orange Student Representative Committee (OSRC) recently hosted the Gentleman's Dinner on campus and in a turn around from last year the boys did some good for the community. The male members of the OSRC worked hard in the lead up to the event securing sponsorship for a raffle. This, combined with donations, raised just over \$300 for Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. The women on campus could not be out done, so they held their own Ladies Dinner. The ladies on campus attended a 'Barbie' themed dinner to not only have a bit of fun but also raise some funds for Breast Cancer research. The girls were very generous and were able to raise in excess of \$630.00, which is a fantastic effort for a great cause.

#### **CSU Orange Sports Awards**

The Awards night was held in the Templers Mill Bar on Wednesday 21 October 2009. It is a night to reflect on the sports seasons of 2009 and reward the efforts of some outstanding participants. Our guest speaker was Garret Crossman (son of campus security guard Dan Crossman) who currently plays in the NRL for South Sydney and has played with Penrith, Melbourne and Hull in the UK. It was a great night and three major awards were presented, Club person of the year, Team of the Year and Sports person of the Year. Nominations were received for each category and a committee voted on the nominees. The worthy recipients were Ben Vogelzang (Club Person of the year) for his efforts with the Men's Soccer Club, Team of the Year was the Men's Soccer club for their outstanding season making it to the Grand Final and Sports Person of the Year was Heath Justin. Heath was the captain of the Aggies Rugby Union side, on the club executive committee and also selected as a member of the Central West Rugby Union Under 20's team which competed at the NSW Country Championships who won the plate final in 2009.



**Pictured are:** Ben, Heath, Ewan and Guest Garret Crossman

## Unit Updates – Food & Beverage

### Catering Manager -Brett Russell

The Food & Beverage unit has undergone a restructure within the management group this year & all positions are now in place: The management group is: Brett Russell [Manager – Food & Beverage services] Toby Perry [Team leader – Southern region] Joleen Wright [Team leader – Northern region] Adrian Bowden, Anthony White, Tom Hogan, Michael Bailey, Morgan Grivas [assistant managers – Food & Beverage unit], also thanks to Kevin Faulkner & Terri Lee Duffy who provide assistance where necessary at Orange & Dubbo.

A special welcome to Morgan who started on October 26<sup>th</sup> – which is our busiest week of the year featuring Cinderella Ball & the Village Fair, Morgan has been appointed to the role of beverage manager located on the Bathurst campus.

Village Fair: The Bar operations supported the students in the activities on Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup> with bars on site for the 2300 attendees. The bar operations ran very smoothly on the day & Tom Hogan deserves special mention for his assistance in planning the operation in the absence of a manager at Bathurst leading up to the event. Michael Bailey also assisted with Cinderella Ball & The Fair. It was great to see the bar guys working together to achieve a great result for CSU. Thank you to Mike & Tom for inducting Morgan in my absence.

The food area provided service to the Green rooms for the Hooley Dooleys show & the artists, staff & volunteers at VF09.

Survey: The F & B section is participating in a bench marking survey with NACUFS [National Association of College & University Food Services] to ensure we meet & exceed customer requirements into the future.

Trainees: The department is recruiting trainees for the Bathurst & Wagga campuses & looks forward to these new staff starting in February 2010.



Lucas and Allira Myers and  
Peta and Trent Bullock  
– DSS Wagga Christmas Party

### Retail Outlet Update -Gail Hadfield

Kath Shephard has returned from Maternity Leave in the Shop in Bathurst. We welcome her back to the world of adult conversation and look forward to Kath working her “magic” in the shop. With Kath returning we say farewell and a big thank you to Sai Mudaliar. Sai is returning to catering after completing a six month secondment in the Shop.

A reminder to DSS staff that we have an Australia Post outlet on both the Bathurst & Wagga campuses. If you need to send off those Christmas parcels or cards or even to pay the dreaded bills that keep popping up, call in and see our friendly staff; Bathurst - Sandy and in Wagga - Meredith, Adam and Tracey.

Our operational hours are Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5pm.

### Southern Region News - Toby Perry (A/Catering Manager)

**Wagga Welcomes;** Angela Draper, Amber McDonnell, Maree Morgan, Belinda Oakman, Coralie Shaw.

**Wagga Farewells;** Shannon Ghioni and Gemma-lee Rutter

Vintage Dinner 2009 went like an absolute dream. The only hiccups we encountered were due to some air conditioner problems earlier in the day, and a faulty microphone at the beginning, but the rest of the event was seamless and the guests were very complimentary about every aspect.

We hosted a small crew from Bathurst – Adrian Bowden, Kasey Lewis and Trish Brennan who pitched in and helped us get those results. We hope to return the favour at a premier event at the Bathurst campus in 2010 and keep the reciprocal learning between our two very different operations going. Rotating our service staff around the outlets campus wide and cross campus is leading to a better understanding of the scope of activity and differences between each campus for the participants, whilst allowing us a bigger pool of experience to draw from for the iconic events, which is all part of Mr Russell’s evil, sorry.....master plan.

At the Thurgoona Campus the food and learning commons precinct is looking good with the completion of the coffee bar in the corner of Gums. Whilst waiting for the student numbers accommodated on campus to swell, Assistant Catering Manager Tom Hogan has kept himself busy designing the new student bar, catering for off-site events and touring to Bathurst to help with Cinderella Ball and Village Fair. Look out also for the “student pavilion” area in Feb 2010, near the Gordon Beavan bldg at Thurgoona campus, where we will be trialling a satellite food and coffee area.

All of our food and beverage outlets are performing well. There has been strong growth in patronage this year, and we expect that improvements in variety and presentation will continue as we receive feedback from customer satisfaction surveys and the new outlets come online in 2010 in the southern region.

Wagga campus F&B outlets were recently visited by the new food safety inspector. The result was outstanding and the inspector was very impressed with the standard of our catering premises, which given the age and wear of some of the buildings we occupy, is very well done. After touring the whole of our operational areas, Paul informed me that he was a Bathurst CSU Environmental Science graduate and had many fond memories of his own time as a catered student at the Bathurst halls of residence. He took some time out to have a quick look at the old Tavern building which is in renovation as a student social space and commented that it is fantastic that we would take the time and resources to convert something into a resource to give back to the students, and that it was this theme of keeping community that helped make his university experience richer, rather than how some of the larger institutions can tend to focus on what can simply be gotten out of the students as a captive audience.

Merry Christmas to all, and a safe return.

Toby.

## New Staff Profile: Peta Bullock

### Name:

Peta Bullock

### Role:

Student Support Officer

### Birthday:

3<sup>rd</sup> April

### Place of Birth:

Canberra

### Background:

Rouseabout, farmhand, Maccas chick, Checkout chick, cleaner, gardener, race horse strapper, sports coach, Primary Teacher for 3 years now in my dream job

### Favourite Food:

Seafood. I see food and eat it!

### Favourite Place:

On a farm with the horses

### Tell us a little something about yourself:

Glutton for hard work, I enjoy renovating, gardening, hockey, Team Penning and Campdrafting (horses), 2 horses, 1 cat, 2 dogs, 23 chooks, 1 duck and 1 baby keep me busy!

**Editors Note:** Macey June was born Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at a healthy 9 pound 1 ounce, and 56cm. Photo is from Macey's welcome morning tea on the 6<sup>th</sup> in the Nosh Pit. Congratulations to Trent and Peta!



## Welcomes & Farewells

### Welcomes

Debra Johnson  
(Manager, Access and Work)  
From Wagga Catering:  
Angela Draper, Amber  
McDonnell, Maree Morgan,  
Belinda Oakman, Coralie Shaw

### Farewells

Vicki Pitcher  
(Manager, Access and Work)  
Liz Smith  
(Manager, Learning)  
From Wagga Catering:  
Shannon Ghioni, Gemma-lee Rutter

## Important Dates

**December:**  
24<sup>th</sup>: University Shut Down 12:30pm  
25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day  
**January:**  
4<sup>th</sup>: Uni Opens for 2010

*"That which we call a rose by any  
other name would smell as sweet"*

-Shakespeare

Romeo & Juliet

1594

Brett Russell earned the "Golden Boot" for highest goal scorer in his soccer team this winter with a stunning 11 GOALS! 😊



Allira, Narelle, Deanne, Coleen and Justine  
- DSS Wagga Christmas Party

## NAIDOC WEEK - Daniel Kime



Over the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of September saw the start of the NAIDOC celebrations being held at the Wagga Wagga campus of Charles Sturt University.

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

The start of the activities started with the traditional Welcome to Country by our very own Elder, Aunty Isabel Reid, followed by the flag raising ceremony for which the Honourable Mayor, Cr. Kerry Pascoe joined us. This year saw a range of activities and performances, including a performance by the Wiradjuri Echoes and also by the boys from the Tirkandi Inaburra Cultural and Development Centre.

An enjoyable day was had by all, and we look forward to next year's events!

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