

WHAT'S ON

November 2011

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Meetings, Activities & Seminars

- **BOM Meeting**, 8th December 2011 (Final one for the year).
- **DPI Webinar**, VIP's Building Trust in Agriculture, DPI Conference Room, 3pm, 25 Nov, for more details email: michael.cashen@industry.nsw.gov.au or 6938 1849.
- **Faculty of Science Research for Higher Degree Seminars**, 1-2 December, CSU Convention Centre.
- **End of Year Function**: (see below)
- See our [Events Calendar](#) for more activities and dates.

To advertise your dates in our online Events Calendar, please contact sfuller@csu.edu.au.

Director's Update

- The workshop held on 18th October for Research Higher Degree Students "The Seven Secrets of highly successful research students" presented by Hugh Kearns was a very successful day and there was very positive feedback.
- Sue Thomas, Regina Fogarty and I visited GRDC and met with the Senior Management Team (including J Harvey, Steve Thomas and S Kearns) and affirmed the commitment of DPI and CSU to the GC and developing strong partnership with GRDC.
- I presented a seminar to 40 staff and managers in Canberra on 28th of October to AusAID – on the importance of RD&E for food security and climate change. They are keen for us to visit them to get more detail about R&D capacity in the new year.
- We are currently reviewing the success of current RCFs with a view to allocation of fellowships in 2012.
- We welcome Prof John Mawson, new Head of School of Agricultural and Wine Sciences, and look forward to working with him.
- The Post-grad Students International fair was supported by GC and was a great success.
- End Of Year Function and prizes – this will also include a debate titled "There is no future for a sheep industry in the mixed farming zone". Two teams will debate for and against and they are FOR: J Virgona, M Friend, J Pattemore and AGAINST: G Krebs, J Harper, J Quinn. When: **15th December 2011**, CSU Convention Centre Time: **4pm – 7pm**.
- Our Strategic Plan is nearing completion and hard copies will be distributed in December.

- We provided \$250 per student for 2011 to the ten SAVS Honours students, they were Kate Burnheim, Felicity Wills, Tom Quast, Stephanie Bullen, Jill Groat, Amy Wynn, Rhys Duncan, Amy Dutton, Emily Roberts, Nicole Burns.
- Several of us attended an Australian Wool Innovation Research Forum in Sydney last week and created a strong presence for the GC. AWI are keen to visit Wagga Wagga soon.
- We met with DowAgro R&D Managers in Sydney recently, and have identified areas of potential collaboration. Further discussions will follow in March.

Admin Update

- GC name badges – it is now required that when visiting DPI you must sign in at the Reception desk and it would be most helpful if you have a name badge please wear it to help identify yourself to the Receptionist.
- As in previous years, the Centre has been allocated **two postgraduate research scholarships for 2012** which are funded and administered by CSU's Research Office. Centre Scholarships will be allocated at the APA rate which, for 2012, is \$23,728 p.a. For more information see website.
<http://www.csu.edu.au/research/grahamcentre/formembers/internalgrants.htm>
- **Summer Scholarships** for undergraduate students and **Honours Scholarships** for 2012 have been received and are in the process of assessing. Successful applicants will be notified soon.

Industry Links Update

- Industry Field day – Agribusiness Field Day held on 18 October there were 37 attendees and was regarded as a successful day.
- Program Logic Training Workshop – 1 ½ day 'pilot' workshop 29th & 30th November this will be delivered by Clear Horizon. There will be 20 people from SAVS, SAWS and DPI attending.
- Monograph Series: No 2: Kath Bowmer – *Water Resources Protection in Australia* – final edit completed – adjustments with Kath and then to formatting for release ASAP.
 - 22 November Brendan Scott & Peter Martin will present and are seeking feedback from invited researchers, district agronomists and consultants on their synthesis and interpretation of the national and international research on the ***Impact of Varying Crop Row Spacing in the Australian Temperate Cropping Zone*** (Monograph No. 3). The document is at first draft stage.

Communications Update

- Spring edition of The Innovator went out mid October – another bumper edition! Thanks to everyone for their contributions – keep them coming for the summer edition.....articles, photos etc due 16 December.
- Wetland picnic on 26th October went off well with about 20 people in attendance from TAFE, Wagga City Council, Graham Centre and local schools.
- The Minister for Primary Industries Ms Katrina Hodgkinson visited and met with Graham Centre staff and PhD students on 26th October. It was an opportunity highlight the Centre's expanding capacity in facilities and show our research to increase productivity in a variable environment.

- The Annual Agribusiness field day on 18th October received good media coverage in the Rural and on WIN news.
- We met with the Dairy NSW Board and Inland Elite Dairy Network on 31st October-1st November. Part of the meeting included a field trip to Neil and Simone Joliffe's farm looking at the Graham Centre funded project trialling the application of composted dairy waste to irrigated forage crops.
- The Stubble Management brochure is progressing well with final industry reviews occurring during October. I am working on the final edits, design and layout and am aiming to have it delivered to the printers by the end of November.
- The Centre's Public Relations Strategy is progressing with a target completion date of the end of November.
- In the last quarter GC has recorded 3rd largest media coverage behind Western Res Inst and ILWS (53, 24 and GC 10%) according to CSU media stats.

Funding Opportunities & Awards - External

- **RIRDC Scholarships** (copy of completed application + [Notice to Submit Form](#)) must be received by the Research Office by **4 November 2011** (external closing date 11 Nov). http://www.rirdc.gov.au/researchers/researchers_home.cfm
- **2012 Science and Innovation Awards** for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry – Closing date **18 November 2011**. <http://www.abares.gov.au/conferences-events/scienceawards>

Closing dates: For grants other than scholarships, the closing dates referred to above are generally **external** closing dates (unless otherwise stated). In most cases, applications must be sent to CSU's Research Office **at least 5 working days prior** to the funding body's specified closing date. **Centre affiliation:** When applying for research grants, please use **Banner Org Code 804** on your Notice to Submit (NTS) form and forward copies of all documentation to mcrowley@csu.edu.au or the Centre Director.

Funding Opportunities & Awards - Internal

- **CSU Research Doctorate Completion Award** – Closing date **18 November 2011** <http://www.csu.edu.au/research/funding/internal/pca.htm>
- **CSU Writing Up Awards – Academic Staff** – Closing date **18 November 2011** <http://www.csu.edu.au/research/funding/internal/wuaacademic.htm>
- **CSU Writing Up Awards – Postgraduate Students** – Closing date **18 November 2011** <http://www.csu.edu.au/research/funding/internal/wuastudent.htm>
- **Graham Centre PhD scholarships 2012** – Closing date **31 January 2012**
- **Graham Centre Student Internships 2012** – Closing date **3 February 2012** <http://www.csu.edu.au/research/grahamcentre/formembers/Internshipcurrent.htm>
- [Graham Centre Internal Grants Scheme](#) – various closing dates.

Training & Support

- [Poster and PowerPoint templates](#)
- Guidelines for **publications affiliation**: <http://www.csu.edu.au/research/grahamcentre/formembers/pubaffiliation.htm>

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