

RUSTICA RAMBLER

Welcome Party

The annual Welcome Party was held at the Hobart Clinical School in Club Med on the 10th March. Approximately 50 people showed up and all had a grand old time. It was a mixed disciplinary event, with the medicine and pharmacy students all socializing with each other and getting along well. Dinner and nibbles were provided as well as cheap beverages. A great time had by all.



Societies Day

The annual TUU societies day was held on Wednesday 1st of March. Rustica had a perfectly positioned stall, right near the ref steps, and hundreds of people walked past and checked out what we had to offer. Our membership costs were \$5 per year and discounted for multiple years. 4/5/6 year members got an awesome RUSTICA T-shirt, and for an extra \$1 got an awesome RUSTICA stubby holder. We had showbags full of yummy lollies, and each member was entitled to five (5) free beers. We almost ran out of beer by 5.30, but no one really needed any more alcohol by that stage! We had heaps of sign ups, and it was a very successful day!



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Electives night report:

Rustica had their electives night on Thursday 27 April. The electives night provided an opportunity for students to talk about their experiences whilst on elective placements; also for pre-clinical students to start thinking and exploring ideas for their future placements as well as providing for an opportunity to establish contacts. Featured were a wide variety of speakers on various placement and opportunities, including Guatemala, Vietnam, India, Fiji, Kenya, nursing in a prison and a presentation by the IFMSA. We were also pleased to have been sponsored by MDA National, which presented on the important issues of Medical indemnity insurance and MDA National's The Electives Network (TEN). There was a good turnout on the night with around 35 people, with mainly third year medical students. The nibbles and the sushi was a huge hit too! A huge thank you for all the speakers and MDA National for sponsoring the night.



Clinical Skills Night

The first Clinical skills night held in 2006 was held on the 4th of May at the Clinical School on Collins Street. 55 members attended Skills Night. There were 9 new signups. The activities that were held included Resuscitation and Intubation, Venepuncture, Strapping, Suturing and a talk by Aboriginal Health Workers. A general raffle was held for all those people who attended skills night. A thanks to our wonderful sponsor Boags for

giving us all our prizes which were given away for the raffle. Another raffle was held just for those who attended the talk by the Aboriginal Health Workers. The prize for this was an Aboriginal music CD. Gifts in the form of chocolates and wine were given out to those who volunteered their time and effort to teach these activities. One of the most popular events of the year.



RHSV Training Session

The 2006 Rural High School visit training was held on the 27th April. Rosalie Maynard from UDRH conducted the session which included a mix of both pharmacy and medical students from a variety of years. The evening was filled with enthusiastic discussions reflecting the days of career choices, university applications, scholarships and early uni life. Students revealed personal challenges they faced as they embarked on entering uni life and ways that they can help other students with information and the transition.

Rustica are now proudly working along side Student Recruitment in visiting schools and talking with students. The first visit for the year is being held at Newstead College in Launceston on 18/5.

Thanks to all that attended and UDRH for providing the evening. I look forward to many school/student visits throughout the year. A perfect chance to enlighten students on the opportunities that lie ahead of them.

Rebekah Short
RHSV rep, 2006



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Scholarships Night Report

On Thursday 23rd of March 2006, RUSTICA held its annual Scholarships Night at the Clinical School presenting a wealth of information on scholarships currently available to students studying in the health science areas. From 6.30 – 8.00pm attending members heard from the following speakers:

- RUSTICA Bursaries: Alannah Smith
- Tasmania University Scholarships: Owen Green
- Australian Defense Force: Ryan & Paul
- MRBS Support Services: Naomi Jeram
- RAMUS: Kaylee Nash-Rawnsley
- JFSS: Wendy Henderson & Chris Garwood
- RAHUS & HECs Re-imburement Scheme: Wendy Henderson
- QLD Health Scholarship: Lenore Van Der Merwe
- ATSI Scholarships: Marion Davies



Following the presentations, everyone gathered in Club Med upstairs to have some quality Subway tucker, a few drinks and browse the extensive brochure collection RUSTICA has acquired. On behalf of the committee, I'd like to thank all those who attended; our extremely helpful & sparky speakers and helpers for giving up their time.

RUSTICA now has a designated Scholarships Representative; Arella Keir (1st Yr Med) whose portfolio will cover administering information on rural health scholarships and developing ways RUSTICA can better support these scholar's support and exposure to rural health.

Second semester events

- Annual General Meeting
- Second Skills Night
- Rural High School Visits
- Adventure Camp
- BBQ luncheon
- First Aid Course

NRHN

Check out the RUSTICA website <http://www.ruralhealth.utas.edu.au/rustica/> for information on National Rural Health Network funding for Conferences of National Significance (these are conferences which are considered important for health science students and professionals), have a look under the [conferences page](#) for more information.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island

Five tickets to give away (for free!!) for Spirit by Bangarra Dance Theatre, a performance that is inspired by Australia's indigenous culture. This performance is being held in early August, please email daviesmj@utas.edu.au for more information, or check out www.bangarra.com.au for some more information. This would be an awesome performance that everyone should be applying for! How to apply: [visit scholarships link on the website.](#)

