Student Chapter Progress Report

Chapter Name: “Wildlife Disease Association - Australasia Student Chapter”

Established in (if known):

Mission: We have adopted the WDA Mission, this will be reviewed at the AGM in November. Our mission is to acquire, disseminate, and apply knowledge of the health and diseases of wild animals in relation to their biology, conservation, and interactions with humans and domestic animals.

Number of chapter members: 321 Students

Number of chapter members that are WDA members: ~50 Students are WDA members, ~30 of those 50 students are also members of the Australasia Section.

Faculty Advisor
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Current board members

President:
Name: Julien Grosmaire
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Other Officers:
Committee Member, Eleanor Windle, eleanor.windle@uq.net.au
Committee Member, Katy Seddon, katy.a.seddon@gmail.com
Committee Member, Kimberley Woods, kewoods3105@gmail.com
Committee Member, Tina Lee, lee.tina39@gmail.com
Committee Member, Siobhon Egan, siobhon.egan@murdoch.edu.au
How frequently does your chapter hold elections?
Elections are held yearly for 3 committee member positions. Elections are held at the WDA-A AGM.

Board members 2018-2019
Next elections will be at the WDA-A Conference AGM in Bali on November 1st 2018. Three committee member positions will be made available for students to nominate for and be elected.

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Description of Chapter Activities

PR & Fundraising

PR:
Online presence:
- Chapter website (if applicable): In the making!
- Chapter Facebook page (if applicable): “WDA Australasia Students”
  https://www.facebook.com/WDAAustralasiastudents/
- Other chapter online or social media presence (i.e. youtube, twitter): None yet.
- Does your chapter have a newsletter? There is currently one issue (please find attached).

Member recruitment & Club outreach
- How does your chapter announce and advertises your events?
  - Events announcements and advertising occurs through our Facebook page and email communication.

Collaboration:
- Which other groups does your chapter collaborate with?
- If your chapter collaborates, what does the chapter do together with the other organisation?

WDA-representation:
- How did your chapter promote the WDA? (i.e. hand-out WDA flyers, announced at meetings what WDA mission is and how to become a member, coordinated travel to the WDA conference)
- Limited activities have been organised in the student chapter since its reboot at the beginning of 2018. Since then emails have gone out to members to encourage them to become paid members of WDA and join the association. The Student Chapter is also running a poster competition with the intention to financially support all participating students to attend the WDA-A conference in Bali.

Fundraising:
- Does your chapter have a membership fee, if so what are the fees?
  - The chapter is free to join for all students.
- Did your chapter host a fundraiser (i.e. cookie sale, gear sale)?
  - No fundraisers have been hosted yet.
- Did your chapter apply for grants and awards (i.e. WDA student chapter grants, university support)?
  - The chapter did not apply for grants or awards this year.
- Any other way the chapter's financially health is maintained (i.e. sponsorships)?
  - An auction is held at the WDA-A Conference yearly to raise student funds. Donations from individuals have been kindly accepted as well.

EVENTS
Please share the activities your chapter organized or co-organized between April 30th 2017 and April 30th 2018. It is ok to overlap if you mentioned some of the events above. In addition, if you have exciting end of semester / summer plans please share those too. We love to know how you keep members engaged when school is not in session.
- No activities were run between April 2017 and April 2018 as the Student Chapter went through a dormant phase until the beginning of 2018.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Please share anything else you would like to share about your chapter.
Plans for upcoming year:
- This year the WDA-A Student Chapter has already started running a poster competition to financially support students to attend the WDA-A conference in Bali
- We are organising for every university we have members at to obtain a “Wildlife Health Investigation Manual” by the Australian Registry of Wildlife Health (ARWH)
- We are looking into supporting students to attend the 2019 Wildlife Pathology Short Course hosted by ARWH
- We are also looking into a number of other very exciting projects!