

## **President's report from April 2014 to March 2015**

After having been a member of the PGSA for four years and President for three years, it is with mixed feelings that I resign from my position. It has been a rewarding journey, one in which I have made friends and learned many new skills. I want to thank those people who have been involved for 2014, especially Hermanus and Yana who have been Vice President and Secretary respectively. I wish the new executive well. I am looking forward to seeing new growth and new directions.

2014 was a year of consolidation. We started the year with 15 people keen to be on the executive. Numbers have been fluid on the committee, with some leaving and new people arriving this year with fresh ideas wanting to make a difference. We have really grown in terms of our presence over this past year.

### **WSU Grants**

We applied for two grants from the WSU and received \$550 to support our club this year. We designed and purchased a banner to make our club more visible for \$159.85. We had about 30 people sign up at clubs day, which is a vast improvement on normal.

### **PGSA Quiz Night October 15<sup>th</sup>**

This event was our main event for postgraduate month 2015. The quiz was held at the Don. 50 - 60 people attended the night, with eight to nine teams of six people competing. The food was ample pub style pies, savouries and sandwiches with one free drink from the bar. We contributed \$250 for food. Kay Weaver paid for the drink and \$100 towards the remainder of the food costs.

### **Table at the Workshop Day**

We had a table at the workshop day. It enabled us to interact with our cohort and talk about what we are doing.

### **Communication**

A Postgraduate Information Sheet is being given out to new doctoral candidates. This will need to be updated. We are still communicating via face book and the PGSA member list. However, more people need to know how to use the list. The website will need updating.

### **Pizza Night**

- 30 people attended the first Pizza event in Level Zero on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2014.
- 30-35 people attended the second PGSA Pizza Social Event on Tuesday the 17<sup>th</sup> of June. The brief comments by Kay, Deborah Fraser, Amber from the WSU, and Angela about advocacy were well received. 3MT was also mentioned.
- 30-40 mostly new PhD candidates attended the August Pizza Event on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Cathy Coleborne and Angela Scarsbrook encouraged students to participate in 3MT. Aaron Letcher and Shannon Stewart also attended to find out what the WSU could do for postgrads.
- 60-70 people attended the first Pizza Event in 2015. We only catered for 30-40. Kay has said she will pay for 20 pizzas at our next one. We might need a bigger room to help us socialise

### **Coffee Sessions**

The coffee sessions in Level Zero fluctuated over 2014 and has been in hiatus this year.

### **PGSA Presentations**

There were between four to six Postgraduate Presentations during the year where postgrads shared their confirmation presentation or conference presentation. They were attended from anywhere from 4 to 12 people.

## **Financial report**

We started the year with \$40 in the bank. We received \$610 from the WSU: \$60 in terms of an operational grant for 2013 and 2014, and \$550 for two operational grants. Our outgoings were: \$65.20 for drink and cups at two pizza events, \$250 for the Quiz night, and \$159.85 for the club banner. Our current balance is \$212 with a cheque for \$30.35 for drink at the March Pizza event outstanding.

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Transaction Description</b>	<b>Debit/Cheque</b>	<b>Credit/Deposit</b>	<b>Balance</b>
6 Jun 2014	Opening Balance			\$40.00
6 Jun 2014	WAIKATO STUDENTS' UN 2013&14WSUAdmin Grant		\$60.00	\$100.00
23 Jun 2014	101021	\$24.85		\$75.15
23 Jun 2014	BOOK IN USE101021-050STAMP DUTY	\$2.50		\$72.65
9 Oct 2014	WAIKATO STUDENTS' UN Sem A ContesWSUPG Students		\$300.00	\$372.65
9 Oct 2014	WAIKATO STUDENTS' UN SemB ContestWSUPG Students		\$250.00	\$622.65
29 Oct 2014	101022	\$250.00		\$372.65
20 Mar 2015	101027	\$159.85		\$212.80
26 Mar 2015	Closing date		Closing Balance	\$212.80
			Account Balance	\$212.80
			Available Balance	\$212.80

