Recent publications in the school


Recent PhD oral defence

Manuel Fernandes, had his PhD oral defence on Wednesday 15th March. His senior supervisor was Associate Professor Ximena Nelson. The title of his thesis is 'Acoustic analysis of slow click function and foraging in sperm whales (Physeter macrocephalus) off Kaikoura, New Zealand'. No doubt Manuel would have been relieved to have finally defended his thesis. Congratulations Manuel!

In the spotlight

Funding successes

Associate Professor David Leung, has been successful in obtaining funding through Callaghan Innovation to support a PhD student to work on a project entitled “Improving cold tolerance in winter-sown field peas”. (Total funding 2017-2019, $91,000).

Professor Jason Tylianakis, has been successful in obtaining an extension to his initial 2014-2016 0.2FTE role in a Landcare-hosted and MBIE-funded project entitled “BEST: Building biodiversity into an ecosystem service-based approach for resource management”. (Total new funding 2017-2019, $270,000).

Associate Professor Hazel Chapman, has been successful in obtaining a $21,000 1-year extension to her funding from North England Zoological Society for the project “Restoring the Forest to Ngel Nyaki Forest Reserve and Understanding it’s Avian Pollinators”. (Total funding 2008-2017 of $200,000).
Phoebe Argyle, PhD candidate, has been successful in her application for a MFAT’s Field Research Award to continue her research in Tonga. She will be using the funds ($3,800) to go to Tonga for four weeks to sample sites around Tongatapu, but also to go to Ha'apai and Vava'u island groups to survey for toxic microalgae relating to ciguatera.

Phoebe and her seagrass

Associate Professor Ren Dobson, has been successful in obtaining $47,000 from the Lottery Health Board to contribute significantly to the purchase of an AKTA Pure Fast protein liquid chromatography (FPLC) instrument for protein purification for the School and BIC.

What book is that?
"Greed is a sin, 717." Sister Sage was beside her again. "Take care."

398: "I've built something back here," he said. "Would you like to see" "I'm sort of cold, Mr. Harvey," I said, "and my mom likes me home before dark."

Answer: The Lovely Bones by Sebold

and now for something completely different...

Here’s a shot of Nicole standing in the middle of what will be the new physiology lab (room 452) in RSIC1

View of the new BIOL111 lab (room 451)
Recipes of the week

Wondering what to do with all your courgettes
Baked courgettes

Spaghetti with chicken, feta, courgettes and mint

Thought for the week

You never know how strong you are until being strong is the only choice you have.
~ Unknown