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## President's Report: GUAPS Honorary Life Member Award

With the end of another academic year fast approaching I thought it would be fitting to advise members about the GUAPS Honorary Life Member (HLM) Award.

Established in 2006 it has been presented at the GUAPS End of Year Ball to a person who has contributed an invaluable amount of support to GUAPS throughout the year (or over a course of several years).

It is designed to show appreciation to someone who has been instrumental to the success of GUAPS. The GUAPS committee maintains contact with the HLMs by providing them with copies of the Gazette and invitations to prestigious GUAPS events such as the Ball. HLMs are usually passionate about GUAPS and continue to provide support and advice to the current committee.

Recipients of this award don't necessarily have to be a student who has been involved in the GUAPS committee. They could include (but are not limited to) a Griffith University staff member; a community pharmacist; or a non-committee GUAPS member.

So how is the awardee decided each year? The current GUAPS Committee provides nominations for the HLM and the committee then votes based on these nominations.

I hope to see many of you at this year's ball to see whom the 2011 recipient will be of this prestigious award.

Any GUAPS queries can be forwarded to [guapsgc@gmail.com](mailto:guapsgc@gmail.com).

Bethany Cooper  
GUAPS President



## Committee Profiles:

### Jessica Verdier (1<sup>st</sup> Year Representative):

Hey everyone ☺ my name is Jessica Verdier and I am your First Year Representative for GUAPS 2011. This year I am the contact for first year students, providing feedback from the GUAPS meetings, and informing you all on the various social events to come (by now you would've all heard about the GUAPS Boat Cruise and End of Year Ball!!)

Also if you have any concerns or just need to talk to someone I'm more than happy for you to contact me. It's hard to believe it's already semester 2 and the end of the year fast approaching - hope the rest of the year goes well and I wish you all the best with your current studies and mid-semester exams.



### Rebecca Raftery (4<sup>th</sup> Year Representative):

Hi, my name is Rebecca Raftery and I am the Third Year GUAPS representative for 2011. This has been the first year that I have been involved with the GUAPS committee. Admittedly, I joined up not knowing what my role involved, so it took me a few weeks to "find my feet".

So far this year I have spent my time promoting events and passing on information to the students within my year. My aim has been to reach out to our year in a variety of ways- including announcements during lectures, brochures, surveys and the very popular and successful Facebook group 'Third Year Griffith Pharmacy Crew'. Currently 91 Third Year students are members of the Facebook group and this provides a quick and easy way to talk to (mostly) everyone.

In the mid-year break, a Blackmores training course was run, which provided students with an Introductory Course in Complementary Medicine, and this semester I am working on organising students to complete their First Aid course which is a requirement for Masters, as well as promoting the 'Op Shop Boat Cruise' and 'End of Year Ball'.

As well as GUAPS responsibilities, my role has extended to work with some of the staff within the school. For example, in first semester the third year students had a poor timetable and we were all pretty unhappy about having a 5 day week, with a 6 hour break on Mondays. So, at the staff-student liaison meeting I brought up this issue and we were able to work together to organise a much better timetable for Semester Two which was very well received by the students. Extra tutes were also organised for Pharmacology by liaising with the course co-ordinators.

Overall, I have enjoyed being the representative for our year. It has been a challenge, but I feel that it has been a good experience. I wish all my classmates the very best with their plans for next year- hopefully I will see most of you for Masters!



## NAPSA AGM Report:

By Jon Cooper

This year's NAPSA Annual General Meeting ran from the 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> July in Canberra. The purpose of this meeting was to hold the fourth quarter meeting (4QM) of the outgoing National Council and to elect the new NAPSA Committee for the 2011/2012 term at the AGM.

Bethany Cooper (GUAPS President) and I (GUAPS National Councillor) drove down to Canberra to attend these meetings and had the privilege of experiencing the NAPSA love. 4QM focussed on finishing up the 2010/2011 National Council's term. On Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> a Special General meeting was held to make changes to the NASPA constitution. It was after this that the 2011 AGM took place where the new committee was elected. Beth Cooper was re-elected as the Publications Chair and I was lucky enough to be elected as the Industrial Affairs Chair. Also the Tasmanian Association of Pharmacy Students (TAPS) won the bid for the 2013 NAPSA Congress which will be held in Hobart.

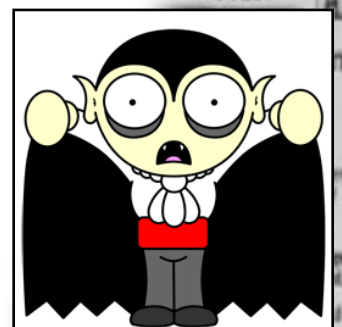
The rest of the weekend involved the new National Council setting goals for the term ahead (July 2011 - July 2012) and gave opportunity for those in attendance to socialise with the representatives from other pharmacy schools around the country. The AGM dinner (held on the Saturday night) gave us the chance to liaise with NAPSAs sponsors. Ron Delezio, Founder of the Day of Difference Foundation and father of trauma victim Sophie Delezio, spoke at the dinner about his families experience and thanked NAPSA for their fundraising efforts in the NAPSA Charity Cup Campaign. A cheque of more than \$12 000 was presented to the charity on the night.

All up, the weekend was an amazing experience that has given both Beth and myself great ideas to bring back to GUAPS. It has initiated excitement for the 2012 NAPSA Congress which will be held in January from 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> January.

## NAPSA Vampire Cup:

The NAPSA Vampire Cup is an annual event that a number of the NAPSA branches across Australia participate in, under the direction of the NAPSA Pharmacy Awareness Committee. The goal of this event is simple: donate as much blood as possible during the allotted time period at Red Cross Donation centres.

The donation of blood is a noble service which people have the chance to engage in, especially as there is always a shortage of donors for the multitudes of patients in Australia who need donated blood to survive. At the Gold Coast, shuttle buses can be organised to transport students from the university to the Southport donation centre. Get a group together or go solo to donate blood for a noble cause!



## Pharmspace Presentation: By Bethany Cooper and Jacqui Carbines

Pharmspace is an online pre-registration careers fair run by Ravens Recruitment in partnership with Terry White and NAPSA. It acts as a job board that can assist a pharmacy student in finding their ideal intern position. On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May Adam Bell from Ravens Recruitment; Ivor North from HR Terry White; and a Terry White pharmacist came to Griffith to speak to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year students about finding an intern position and the kind of things to expect during this year.

Students who attended found this session valuable and picked up some useful tips.

## GUAPS Chocolate Drive:

Many of you may have noticed that your GUAPS committee members have been circulating around the campus of late carrying boxes laden with Cadbury's finest. This fundraising effort by GUAPS is being undertaken to subsidise the price of the End of Year Ball tickets, so that you don't have to save up as much for a great night out. There is a whole range of chocolates on offer, including Freddo Frogs, Boost, Cherry Ripe, Crunchie bars, Time Out, in addition to a variety of small blocks. Prices of these items range between \$1 and \$2.50, depending on your selection.

If you see one of the GUAPS committee members on patrol over the next few weeks, pull them aside and see what they have to offer. All proceeds go back to the pharmacy students at the end of the fundraiser. As all health students know, a functional brain needs a constant supply of glucose to keep running.

## End of Year Carnivale Masquerade Ball:

The GUAPS committee is getting further into the process of organising the event of the year...the End of Year Ball! This is a party not to be missed, and will provide a good opportunity to relax after the semester exams have concluded. At this stage, the date, venue and theme has been set. Please see the poster at the end of this issue for more information regarding these aspects of the ball.

If you have any suggestions as to what you think would supplement the evening and make it just that little bit more special, please don't hesitate to contact your year representative. Watch the website for updates as they arise!!

## UP-COMING COURSES:



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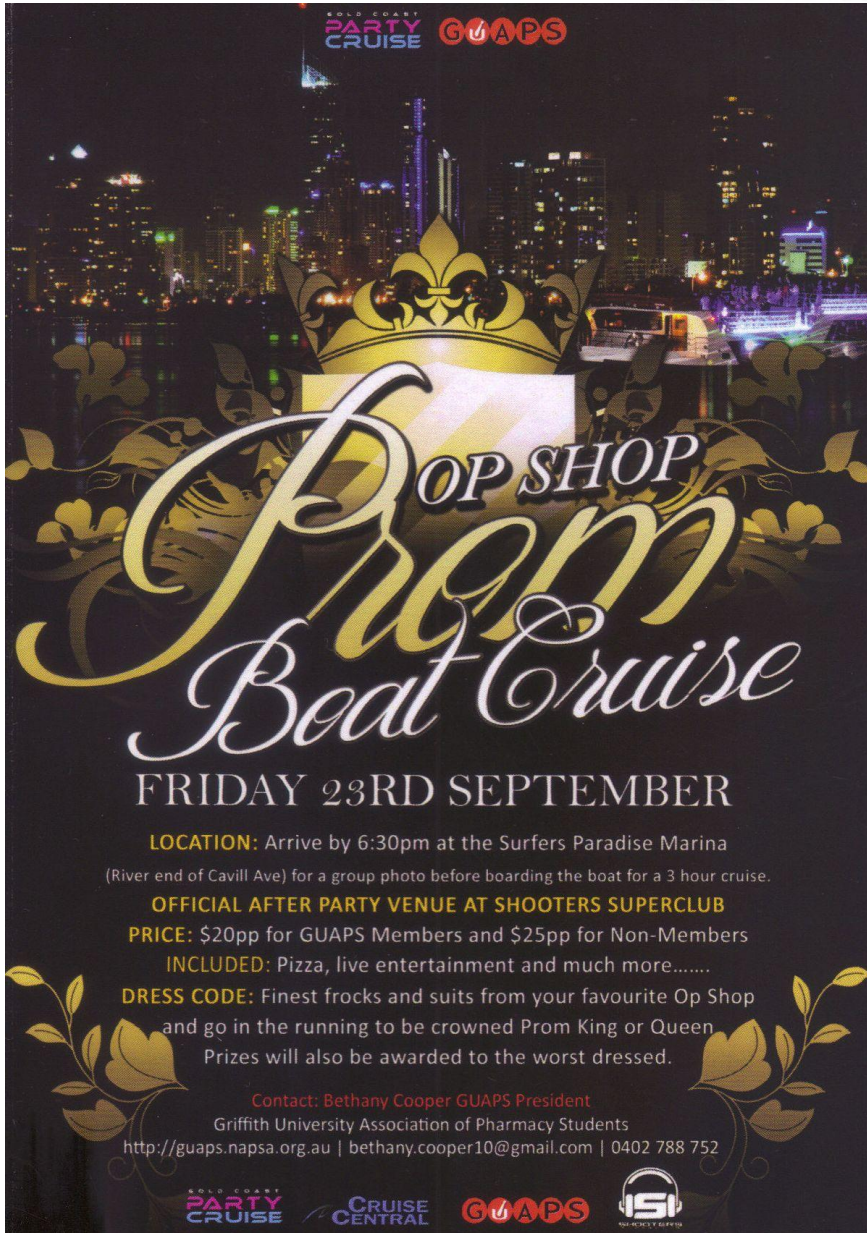
### Wound Care Course:

- Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September
- Venue: G16\_1.09/1.10
- Part-day course (10am-1pm)

### Over the Counter Medicines Course:

- Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September
- Venue: G02\_1.26G
- Full-day course (9am-4pm)

**UP-COMING EVENTS:**



**SOLD COAST PARTY CRUISE GUAPS**

# OP SHOP Prom Boat Cruise

**FRIDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER**

**LOCATION:** Arrive by 6:30pm at the Surfers Paradise Marina (River end of Cavill Ave) for a group photo before boarding the boat for a 3 hour cruise.

**OFFICIAL AFTER PARTY VENUE AT SHOOTERS SUPERCLUB**

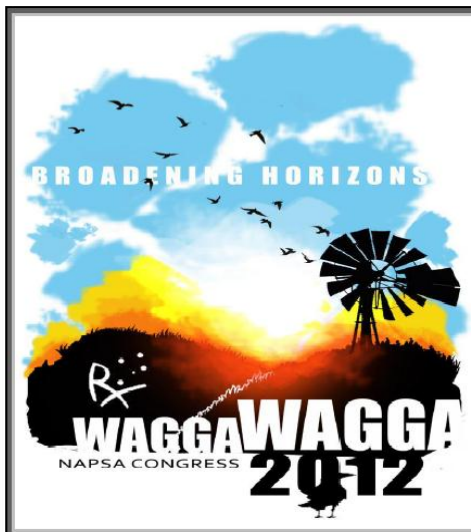
**PRICE:** \$20pp for GUAPS Members and \$25pp for Non-Members

**INCLUDED:** Pizza, live entertainment and much more.....

**DRESS CODE:** Finest frocks and suits from your favourite Op Shop and go in the running to be crowned Prom King or Queen. Prizes will also be awarded to the worst dressed.

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22<sup>nd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> January

250 Delegates  
14 Branches  
7 Days  
6 Nights

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**End of Year  
Carnivale  
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Saturday the 19th of November (6:30pm)

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with...

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