

SKILLS TRADE WRAP-UP

2014 the Skills Trade ran regular workshops in natural Shibori dyeing, knitting, and belly dancing, and ran their second annual Art! competition. They also hosted the first ever RecycleBall, a night of upcycling, hand-made, and recycled spectacle that was loved by all!



Photo by Peter Newman

The Skills Trade transformed the 'Stro into a ballroom, with organisers and Mel being asked to advise on the upcoming redecorating of the room.

In 2015 the Skills Trade and Nucleus plan to collaborate in converting the ballroom into a series of 'DIY' and 'Life Hack' articles.



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PHONE WRAP-UP

UNE's Pharmacy Student's Association hosted the Pharmacy Ball to promote the mingling of external and internal students and, networking amongst peers and faculty members. The ball is a celebration of the relatively new Pharmacy discipline at UNE and a formal way of acknowledging the graduating class of 2014.



Photo by Mark Jongbloed

Professor Ieva Stupans gave a speech at this year's ball and had the honour of cutting the graduation cake. A raffle was held, with gifts given to graduating students, and a special gift was presented to Elsie Barnes for organising the event.



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A FEEL GOOD QUEER FLICK GSMA FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS

UNE's Gender and Sexuality Minorities Alliance held a successful fundraiser on the 8th of December, showing the "gayest movie in town", *Pride* at the Belgrave Cinema in Armidale. After selling 79 tickets, over \$350 was raised and will be used to help GSMA provide more events for the Armidale rainbow community and its allies.

Aiden Robb, incoming President of GSMA was thrilled with the outcome of the night, and says it was all thanks to outgoing GSMA President Frankie Raffiwisch.

"Her idea and initiative was absolutely key to the success of the event, as well as a great team of volunteers," says Robb.

"Events like these are important in raising awareness not just for our group GSMA, but also for LGBT issues in general. It was great to see so many non-GSMA members especially older locals who came and enjoyed the film and by extension showed support for our local GSM community", Robb states.

"Belgrave cinema, who hosted us were extremely helpful and friendly and we want to thank them for their support, and hopefully we can see future events like this in the coming year to showcase excellent queer-themed films like *Pride*", says Robb.

"As for the movie itself it was engaging, funny and very moving, with a stellar cast including Bill Nighy, Andrew Scott and Imelda Staunton. It had beautiful cinematography - this is Pathé so you know it'll be well done - and it made a fantastic portrayal of a true story not just gay activists and striking miners in 1984 England. But more importantly makes a bold and evocative statement about solidarity between oppressed people. *Pride* left people inspired, with splitting sides from laughing and and a little teary-eyed. 5 screw-you-Margaret-Thatchers out of five. Would happily make everyone watch" Robb said.



ROBB RUGBY REPORT

In June 2014 Robb Rugby Club received \$3437 from SSAF funding which had a huge impact upon the club. \$1437 was spent on jackets, tackle pads, a BBQ and personalised rugby balls, all of which have had a significant impact upon the image and operations of the club as well as have allowed us to enhance our practice sessions and game days. We received \$2000 to purchase a trailer to carry all our gear from college to training and games, especially when we have to travel to Bingara and Glen Innes. We purchased this trailer locally and have since added our logo to the trailer (as pictured). This is not only practical but is also an advertising tool for the club and helps give us a professional image. This also will increase the longevity of our gear as it is now stored in a secure and waterproof location.



I would like to thank James and the SSAF committee for allocating these funds to our club with these funds. It has given Robb Rugby Club a significant boost in its assets and has increased the image of the club. With college facilities relocating in 2015, this funding will help Robb continue its traditions and will create a successful rugby club that is as strong as it ever has been in its 53 year history.

If any club or society is seeking funding for any project that they may have, I strongly recommend applying for this grant as it will give you a significant boost that you may need to be more successful than ever.

Regards,

Will Rains
Robb Rugby President 2014

