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AACTivities

Recent

Live Export / Roberts Protest

A team of AACT members and supporters, including Ram-bo the sheep, protested outside Roberts Real Estate offices on the 16th of September (Glenorchy) and again on the 16th of November (Collins St).

Fur Protest

AACT members and supporters staged a protest outside the Silver Fox boutique in Launceston on Saturday 23 September.

Sow Stalls

On the 27th of September Willie, our movie-star pig ambassador, trotted along to Parliament Lawns to meet with Minister David Llewellyn.

Animals Australia AGM / Conference

At the recent AA AGM, held in Victoria, Yvette Watt was elected vice-president, while Emma Haswell was re-elected onto the executive committee. CONGRATULATIONS!

Benefit Gig

On September 29, some of Tasmania's best musicians and performers gathered to perform for the animals. \$1000 was raised!

Vegan Potluck Dinner

To celebrate World Vegan Day on the 28th of October, AACT held a vegan potluck dinner in the South Hobart Community centre. Thank you to Serani and Jacqui for the organisation.

Melton Mowbray Rodeo

On November 4th AACT reps observed and filmed at this first rodeo of the season.

Future

Duck shooting Protest

12.00 Thursday 23 November (or from 10.30 if you can help set out duck cut-outs)
Parliament Lawns, Hobart

Falls Festival

30 December 2006 - 1 January 2007, Marion Bay
AACT is looking for volunteers to help man the stall – please call if you can help.

Cygnets Folk Festival

13 and 14 January 2007, Cygnets
AACT is looking for volunteers to help man the stall – please call if you can help.

AACT Members Meeting / AGM

Members will be notified of the time and place within the next 2 weeks.

***** FUNDRAISING FILM NIGHT *****

8.15pm, Tuesday 28 November, State Cinema, Hobart

FAST FOOD NATION an eye-opening journey into the dark heart of the fast food meal. It traces the birth of an everyday, ordinary burger through a chain of riveting, interlocked human stories - from a hopeful, young immigrant couple who cross the border to work in a perilous meat-packing plant, to a teen clerk who dreams of life beyond the counter; to the corporate marketing whiz who is shocked to discover that his latest burger invention - "The Big One" - is literally full of manure. Tickets are \$14.50 and available from Yvette on 0407 564 425 / ywatt@iinet.net.au, or at the Cinema on the night.

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Against Animal Cruelty Tasmania is a not-for-profit group based in Hobart, Tasmania. Our aim is to eliminate all exploitation, cruelty and suffering of animals within our state and beyond.

We strive to facilitate change through non-violent action, education and political lobbying on a wide variety of issues. Our current campaigns target the live export industry, intensive farming, and duck shooting.

At all times, AACT strives to respect the diverse opinions of its members and supporters through our action.

AACT liaises with appropriate groups and organizations to achieve our objectives, which are:

- **to encourage and support cruelty free living**
- **to identify and campaign against the inhumane treatment of animals within Tasmania**
- **to respond to national and international animal cruelty issues as appropriate**



CAMPAIGN REPORTS

LIVE EXPORT

Yvette Watt

Devonport Shipment reported for excessive mortality rates

AACT was recently alerted by Live Export Shame Tasmania that the voyage of the "Al Messilah" which left Devonport in February 2006 was a "reportable voyage" because it exceeded the "acceptable" mortality rate for the sheep on board. According to a mortality report from an investigation conducted by the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS), 1683 sheep died on the marathon 27 day journey to Jebel Ali, Bahrain, Kuwait and Doha. Of the cattle already on board when the ship arrived in Devonport, 0.76% died as well. This reflects a higher mortality rate, and numbers, than the "Al Kuwait" case currently before the courts in Western Australia. The 26 year old "Al Messilah" was previously investigated by AQIS in October 2002, when

2,173 sheep died on board, representing 2.82% of its load, and an average 103 sheep died PER DAY on that voyage, mostly from salmonellosis and what the industry calls "shy feeding" (that is, they starved to death).

Roberts had originally stated that it was sending 45 000 sheep on the "Merino Express" (which is the notorious but now re-named *Cormo Express*), and that these sheep would be going to Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates. Eventually the larger Al Messilah was brought in and 71,000 sheep were loaded for the torturously long 27 day journey to 5 different ports. We were also told the ship would arrive empty, but it had cattle already on board. It would seem that on all levels Roberts cannot be trusted.

Roberts protests continue

AACT is continuing its protest at Roberts' involvement in the live export trade with the most recent protest taking place outside the Roberts Real Estate Glenorchy office on Saturday September 16. Ram-bo our sheep mascot was joined by 15 protestors who showed banners and placards to the supportive toots of passing cars and handed leaflets to passers-by. The manager of the store called the Police who arrived and confirmed that we were doing nothing wrong (which involved them speaking to me while I was dressed in the Ram-bo costume, much to their amusement!)

We will be continuing these protests as long as Roberts continues to organise the export of live animals from Tasmanian to other countries. Keep an eye out for news of the next demo – we'd love to have you join us!

STOP PRESS

The Federal Government has given its approval for the export of Bennet's wallaby and pademelon skins from the browsing management kills on King and Flinders Islands. The skins are to be exported to Italy to make fur coats, and to Asia to use as trimming on cheap clothing. The Department of Primary Industries and Water said the game export plan had been included in the forest agreement signed by Prime Minister John Howard and Premier Paul Lennon last year. Please write to:
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1st Floor, Franklin Square Offices, Hobart 700
David.Llewellyn@dpiw.tas.gov.au

RODEOS

Emma Haswell

Tasmania has just started another rodeo season and the first thing I would like to do is let everyone know that as yet there is no enforceable code of practice to protect the terrorised animals at rodeos held in this state. There is also at this point in time no permit system in place; anyone can hold a rodeo anywhere, anytime with no regulations.

As you will all be aware, last season we gathered disturbing footage at a handful of rodeos in a few short weeks - a horse dying on the arena to roars of laughter from the crowd as they watched clowns undress each other only metres from the horse as he died, a bull named After Dark being kicked in the head while he was suffering from a broken back, horses crashing into steel fences at high speed head first while being tormented with various implements, a cow critically injured (later reported to have been destroyed), and even a steer being electrocuted on the face by a minor using an electric prod.

Animals were filmed being blinded by bright lights at twilight rodeos and subjected to extremely loud rock music blasting from speakers behind them. This was the first time rodeos had been filmed in Tasmania.

The animals that died last season did so as a direct result of them being pushed beyond their physical capabilities. We would ask that people give thought to the animals that died last year and those that will again this year be subjected to extreme distress due to the inherently cruel nature of rodeos.

AACT would like to encourage the strong stance that was taken by the public last year and hope that again people will vote with their feet and not attend rodeos this season. Along with all other animal welfare and animal rights organisations we stand firmly on the issue that rodeos need to be banned.

There is no calf roping event that is not brutal, no horse that should be subjected to such devices such as lead ropes wrapped around his ears or spurs raking and jabbing at his body, or flank straps or blasting rock music. There is no animal that should have to suffer the distress that is caused by rodeos purely for the entertainment of a few. Our children should not be witness to such a distinct lack of respect for animals. I would like to end on the following note:

The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated.

Gandhi, the Moral Basis of Vegetarianism

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FUR IS DEAD!

Yvette Watt

On Saturday September 23rd AACT members held another protest outside the Silver Fox boutique in Launceston. We have been targeting this store as it is, to our knowledge, the only Tasmanian store to specialise in fur (see www.thesilverfox.com.au) We had stories in both the Saturday Mercury and the Sunday Tasmanian.

After the previous protest the owner of the store told the media that the animals killed for her furs were raised in luxury conditions!! She has since been sent photos of what sort of conditions these animals really endure for the sake of human vanity.

Fur has made a terrible comeback in fashion. Not only has there been a global resurgence of fur coats, but fur also turns up in many stores in Tasmania as trim on coats, gloves, hats, scarves and shoes. Most of this fur now comes from China, where the animals are raised, handled and slaughtered under the most horrifically cruel circumstances imaginable. Rabbits are the most common animals used, but cats and dogs are also commonly slaughtered and skinned for their fur too. China has no truth in labeling laws, so this dog and cat

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fur is often given another name and is sold in many countries including Australia.

We will continue to target The Silver Fox as long as they continue to sell fur.



SOW STALLS

Emma Haswell

On the 27th September Willie our wonderful movie-star pig ambassador made her way to Parliament Lawns to meet with Minister David Llewellyn. This was to hand over nearly 1200 post cards signed by concerned members of the public calling for a ban on sow stalls. AACT also had a mock sow stall in the dimensions of those used by the industry, to demonstrate the terrible restriction these stalls place on the sows.



We hope that by meeting Willie personally, and then considering what her life would be like as a breeding sow confined to one of these sow stalls, the Minister will be able to appreciate how much these animals suffer in the name of cheap meat. We are also hoping that after meeting Willie - who started life in a factory farm the Minister's sense of ethics and compassion will compel him to fight at the upcoming meeting for the draft code to include a ban on the use of sow stalls.

The media coverage was fantastic, all 3 TV stations covered the story extensively and also ABC radio, The Mercury and The Examiner. Willie carried many of the post cards in the saddle bags she wore and the minister removed the signed cards. The media coverage resulted in a very kind offer from The State Cinema to run a sow stall add for us. We would like to thank them very much indeed for this.



In the lead up to the release of Charlottes Web (Dec 20th in Tasmania) the pig campaign will be ramped up Australia wide.



Animals Australia has created a new series of ads for this. On Sunday October 29th they placed their new sow stall ads in every major Sunday newspaper around Australia in conjunction with Voiceless. These ads will also be found in prominent positions on billboards Australia wide. New leaflets produced in the style of a recipe card have also just been completed. You will find one of these recipe cards enclosed in your newsletter. There are 4 designs and all are available from AACT. Please contact us if you feel you would be able to distribute them.

Willie will be out and about in the lead up to Christmas and Charlottes Web in December. She will have a number of appearances so keep your eye out for action alerts on our website and email list. If you would like to be involved in this very important campaign now is the time to act on behalf of the pigs in our State who will be having a very miserable Christmas.

It is not too late to voice your concerns please contact;

Mr David Llewellyn

1st Floor, Franklin Square Offices, Hobart 7000
David.Llewellyn@dpiw.tas.gov.au



CIRCUS UPDATE

Kathleen McLaren

The Stardust circus, complete with exotic animals, came to the Derwent Entertainment Centre and to the Silverdome in June this year. Stardust circus advertised their 'star attractions' as 2 elephants, 5 lions and several monkeys.

Exotic animals in circuses suffer a great deal of psychological and physical stress and trauma from long-term confinement, from exposure to completely unnatural environments, from continual transporting and from the training regimes and practices to which they are subjected. Circus lions spend about 90% of their lives in close confinement. Circus elephants have to endure an average of 70% of their lives in close confinement. Studies have shown that elephants are sensitive, intelligent and social creatures. In a wild state, they usually travel about 30 kilometres every day in a herd where they graze, socialize and bathe in dust, mud or water for their health and comfort.

There was a very good response to AACT's invitation to protest against the use of exotic animals in Stardust circus. There was some excellent media coverage which helped to get information out to the public and circus patrons. Letters were sent from AACT to all state councils including the Glenorchy City Council and the Launceston City Council requesting they consider banning circuses which feature exotic animals from operating on council owned land.

The response of the GCC was very encouraging with them passing a motion in July this year to request the Local Government Association of Tasmania (LGAT) to lobby the State Government to develop a statewide policy to ban circuses using exotic animals.

Unfortunately the request was voted out by the LGAT. While a statewide ban would be ideal, even if just one council enacts a ban on circuses with exotic animals, it would set a precedent and make it easier for other councils to follow suit. With this in mind AACT is continuing to pursue the matter with follow up letters and information asking Hobart, Launceston and Glenorchy councils to join the 36 other progressive Australian councils plus the entire ACT and vote for a ban on circuses using exotic animals on the grounds that they are a cruel and archaic form of 'entertainment'. We have yet to receive replies to these letters at the time of this newsletter going to print.

Your letters to Tasmanian councils asking for a ban, especially Hobart, Glenorchy and Launceston, would be very helpful. Please write to the Lord Mayor and Councillors at:

Glenorchy City Council
374 main Road
Glenorchy, 7010

Hobart City Council
Town Hall
Macquarie Street
Hobart, 7000

Launceston City Council
Town Hall
St John Street
Launceston, 7250



OTHER AACTIVITIES

CRUELTY CASES GO UNPUNISHED

Yvette Watt

Two court cases have recently demonstrated that the Tasmanian authorities are regularly failing to treat animal cruelty cases with the seriousness they deserve.

In the first case Live Export and livestock agents Roberts Limited faced the courts on August 1 on charges under Section 7, the "Mismanagement" provisions of the Animal Welfare Act. AACT questioned the degree of severity of the charges, believing that Roberts should have been charged under Section 8, the "Cruelty" provisions. The charges related to animals being left at the Bridgewater saleyard, in the height of summer, without food or water. Unfortunately this case was so poorly prepared by the RSPCA Inspector and the Police Prosecutor that the Magistrate was forced to throw it out of court. AACT wrote to the RSPCA expressing our deep concern over this debacle.

More recently Oatlands farmer, Robert Charles Gregg appeared at the Hobart Magistrates Court, facing charges over the starvation of over 150 sheep and the severe malnutrition of many more. A number of the sheep who were still alive were in such poor condition that they had to be destroyed. Of those sheep still alive when the inspector arrived, a number were so weak that crows had pecked their eyes out. Mr Gregg was charged under the mismanagement (section 7), cruelty (section 8) and aggravated cruelty (section 9) provisions of the Tasmanian Animal Welfare Act.

Astonishingly the Magistrate said she thought that it had been a mistake in Mr Gregg's part and handed down only a one month wholly suspended sentence. AACT is appalled at this light 'slap on the wrist' and has written to the Director of Public Prosecutions, the RSPCA and

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the Minister for Primary Industries calling on them to appeal the lightness of the sentence.

Of further concern is an ongoing case of horrendous cruelty at a property in Garden Island Creek. AACT has been lobbying hard to see that proper justice prevails in this case.

We urge you to also write and to express your concern at the way the authorities are failing animals. Write to the DPP and copy your letter/email to the others.

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ANIMALS AUSTRALIA AGM & CONFERENCE

Yvette Watt
Some of you might recall that the annual Animals Australia Conference was last year held for the first time in Hobart, and was hosted by AACT. This year the meeting took place in Melbourne on the weekend of October 14 & 15, with an activists meeting taking place on the following Monday. With 8 AACT members attending (at their own expense!), including four committee members and four members of the Allison family, AACT was well represented.

As always this was an inspiring event, with some wonderful presentations given on a variety of issues and campaigns, and a fantastic camaraderie amongst the 90 or so animal advocates who attended over the three days.

One of the highlights was the opening presentation given by Phillip Wollen. Phillip and his wife started an organization called the Winsome Constance Kindness Trust (see www.thewinsomeconstancekindnesstrust.com for more information). Phillip told of the amazing work they do in funding a variety of grass roots groups and organisations, both for human and non-human animals through what he calls "Venture Capital for Good Causes". When asked at the end of his talk how he got to be doing this, he told the amazing story of how he was one of the most successful young CEOs in the country, being head hunted by big corporations. As part of the work he was doing he had to make a site visit to some of the businesses the company he was working for was looking at buying. This included a visit to a slaughterhouse, which shocked Phillip to the core. From that point on he decided he could not be a part of anything that involved the causing of such terrible suffering. He is now a vegan, and has continued his life as a businessman, but now, apart from a small amount of money needed to live on, he gives virtually all of his money away. Incredible!

We also had reports on the fantastic work that Animals Australia continues to do on the live export trade and intensive pig farming (see Emma's pig campaign report for more info). The Monday meeting was a great chance to share campaign experiences and ideas, as well as to get to know activists from around Australia and New Zealand. Hans Kreik from SAFE in New Zealand ran a very worthwhile media workshop, while Elio from Animal Liberation Victoria showed the campaign materials highlighting the horrors of the horse racing industry (see www.horseracingkills for more information), Animal Liberation NSW showed their powerful new ad on battery hens which has run in community time slots on TV and the organizers of the Human Battery Cage project showed us what we can expect when it comes to Tasmanian in March next year (we still need volunteers for this, so if you haven't registered to be a part of this wonderful campaign go to www.humanbattery cage.com).

At the Animals Australia AGM AACT committee member Emma Haswell was once again elected to the Animals Australia executive, while I was elected Vice President of Animals Australia.

Next year's meeting will be in Adelaide and for the first time ever the Saturday conference day will be open to the public. So consider going along next year – it's a wonderful event!

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BENEFIT GIG

Yvette Watt

On the night of September 29, some of Tasmania's best musicians and performers gathered to perform for an appreciative audience. For "A Night of Beastly Pleasures – all species cabaret" Dolly Putin and the Kazakstan Kowgerls, Shemozzle and The Spondooli Brothers entertained the masses while the crazy Lazlo Steigenberger was our fabulous MC for the night, while the two Wills mixed the sound. All of these wonderful people donated their time to raise well needed funds for AACT. Mikelangelo and Undine Francesca were sadly unable to perform due to a death in the immediate family, but had planned to give their time as well. Sirens donated the use of their upstairs ballroom, while Production Works gave us a discount on the equipment we needed to hire for the evening.

A great night was had by all, plus we gained 11 new members and made around \$1000! We owe an enormous debt of thanks to all those wonderful people who donated their time, talents and energy to help animals. For more information on these amazing talents of our performers (and in case you want to buy a CD!) go to:

www.shemozzle.com.au

www.users.bigpond.com/juliewhunt/our-dolly.html

www.indie-cds.com/search.htm (you'll find the Spondooli CD here)

www.cancelled.com.au/ (For more on Lazlo Steigenberger)

www.oninvisiblewings.com (The Mikelangelo and the Black Sea Gentlemen website)

QUARTERLY QUOTE

An animal's eyes have the power to speak a great language.

Martin Buber

AACT Children's / Family Group

Children who are vegetarian or vegan are quite often the only ones in their school. Young children have difficulty understanding why friends and family don't eat the same way they do. Normalising the vegetarian/vegan way of life by providing interaction with other like-minded families is important. Anyone who is interested in a bi-monthly social gathering of like-minded families can contact Karen Bevis on 6295 0406 or karen@wild.net.au.

BRIGHTSIDE FARM SANCTUARY

Emma Haswell

My daughter Eliza and I have a farm sanctuary which is the permanent home to over 100 rescued farm animals. I thought it would be nice to introduce a different animal from the sanctuary in each addition of the newsletter with a short story about them and their past. I have decided to start with Isobel, Tavish and Gillie - three dairy goat kids that we took in about a month ago.

Isobel and Tavish are twins and Gillie their friend is 2 days older. They have a bottle twice a day and spend the rest of their time playing together with their friend Gillian the orphan lamb. Isobel's favourite trick is to jump onto either Rufus the pig or Eliza's back (when she is on all fours) and then spring off into the air. They also love to accompany us and the other animals on walks around the sanctuary.



Sadly they are victims of the dairy goat industry. They all come from a goat dairy in Tasmania where more than half of the 300 or so kids each year are killed when they are 2 or 3 days old so that their mother's milk can be sold for human consumption. This was to be their fate but we heard about them and took them in at Brightside. Looking into their beautiful eyes it is hard to believe that anyone could take them from their mothers and kill them. Let alone the fact that they are killed by the person who caused their creation in the first place. It is so sad that thousands of other kids just like them suffer for products like goat's milk.

Brightside Farm Sanctuary website is under construction thanks to Bloo Goo web design and will be up and running in a few weeks time at www.brightside.org.au where many more of the animals can be met online.



VEGANISM

Ben Payne

Veganism is a diet and lifestyle which involves not eating, wearing, or using any products or by-products produced by animals. This means vegans eat a plant-based diet free from any animal products including meat, dairy, eggs, and honey. Vegans also do not wear fur, wool, leather, or any other animal fabric and choose products that have not been tested on animals. Veganism is vegetarianism taken to its logical conclusion, and the most practical and beneficial way to implement the theory of animal rights in your life.

Veganism recognises the need for the abolition of our use and exploitation of non-human animals, and is the most significant and effective method for bringing about social change regarding their moral status. More than simply a diet and a lifestyle, veganism is the most powerful method of activism for the animal rights movement and serves as a consistent application of the animal rights ideology.

Veganism is not concerned with making the exploitation of non-human animals more 'humane', but instead leads the way in a revolution of our attitudes towards them. Veganism does not ask that we have bigger cages or greener pastures but that we reevaluate our use of non-human animals and understand our role in creating a better society through the rejection of that use.

Many people concerned with our use of animals quickly give up eating meat, but few immediately realise the connection between the institutionalised exploitation of animals and other animal products such as dairy and eggs. Animals raised for milk or egg production are exploited longer than their meat counterparts and all end up in the same slaughterhouse when their production capacity wanes, after which we consume their flesh. There is no logical difference between supporting animal agribusiness through eating meat or through eating dairy or eggs. Buying 'free range' eggs or 'humanely produced' pork will not change the moral status of non-human animals either, but simply serves to further entrench our use of them.

Taking a principled stand against animal exploitation involves refusing to support it by buying and consuming animal products, and carrying this into every aspect of our lives. By becoming a vegan and educating others about veganism we can begin to make a difference for nonhuman animals and our planet.

AACT says Thank You

- Bob Brown's electoral office – continue to kindly fax out AACT's media releases
- Bio-Distributors – Much would not be possible without Ric and Jo's continued sponsorship
- State Cinema – supporting AACT's Ban Sow Stalls ad and running it for free
- More than Skin Deep, City Organics, and Fresh Squeeze Juice for having AACT collection tins at their Salamanca stalls

SPECIAL TOPIC

TRUE COST OF A BURGER Sally Errey
(News from the World Vegetarian Congress in Brazil.)

What do a research scientist from Kings College London, a legal prosecutor from Sao Paulo, a missionary from Bolivia, a Japanese university professor and a physician from Toronto all have in common? They were all participants of the World Vegetarian Congress (WVC) held in Florianopolis, Brazil.

Held every two years and co-ordinated by the International Vegetarian Union, the World Vegetarian Congresses have been bringing vegetarians together for close to 100 years. In 2004, the WVC was attended by over 600 people from 32 countries. Its popularity may be due to the spectacular scenery of Southern Brazil, but holding a vegetarian event in beef-eating Brazil seemed a little unusual, until I learned some valuable information.

When the Center for International Forestry Research released a comprehensive report in April 2004, damning new environmental facts came to light:

- Brazil has the world's largest commercial cattle herd and soon may be the biggest exporter of beef in the world. [1] This has led to a frightening increase in deforestation due to the growth in international demand for beef.
- Cattle ranching, assisted by generous government subsidies is the greatest single factor in Brazil of de-

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forestation (38-73% contribution to "altered forest area"). [2]

- Area of deforestation rose from 41.5 million hectares in 1990 to 58.7 million in 2000.[3] In this time, Brazil has lost an area of forest twice the size of Portugal.

Deforestation due to cropland has also increased dramatically. The new croplands are mainly to grow soy - not to feed vegetarians - but to feed cattle. This has increased the demand even more for Brazilian beef, as it is fed more pure food and has lower risk of Mad cow disease (ie. farmers are not feeding cattle remaindered animal parts). For every one hectare of cropland, there are almost 6 hectares of cattle pasture. However, even logging and crop production come no where near the damaging effects of beef production. Factors such as the elimination of foot and mouth disease, currency devaluation and huge government subsidies have sent production and sales through the roof. But at what cost? Unless urgent action is taken the Amazon will probably lose an additional area the size of Denmark over the next eighteen months. [3]

Often we forget that eating plant foods is more than just a healthful diet and an animal friendly lifestyle - our dietary habits have a huge impact on the environment and this is where we all can make a difference. With these new environmental threats, Brazilians are beginning to sit up and take notice to protect their precious natural resources.

Brazil is also known for is "churrascaria" - where up to 18 different types of meat are barbequed and served in huge quantities. So what are vegetarians to eat whilst in Brazil? Here's just a sampling from one of the decadent buffet meals served at the Congress:

Pizza with rocket greens and sun dried tomatoes
Pumpkin lasagna with almond slices
Creamy Coconut Curry
Traditional Brazilian black beans
Vegetarian sushi with nori and cabbage wraps
Guava and passion fruit ice-cream
Plum and exotic fruit mousse and Brazilian sago cooked in sweet red wine.

The 2008 Congress will be held in Dresden, Germany. For more information visit the International Vegetarian Union's website. www.ivu.org

(Nutritionist and best selling author, Sally Errey presented at the 2004 WVC in Brazil. She is the author of Staying Alive! Cookbook for Cancer Free Living (available at Fullers Bookshop) and Rooibos Revolution (www.myhappytummy.com) AACT thanks you for your contribution, Sally.)



NEWS FROM AROUND AUSTRALIA

Queensland

On the 1st of November the Queensland Government passed laws banning recreational duck and quail hunting. The committee found that up to 90 per cent of birds shot were not killed outright.

Sydney, New South Wales

A stalker - with HorseRacingKills.org painted on her in red - was arrested at Randwick racecourse. She was drawing attention to the widespread mistreatment of racehorses and rejected racehorses, something the general public is unaware of.

... AND AROUND THE GLOBE

London, United Kingdom

This holiday season, window shoppers peering into Topshop's flagship Oxford Street store will be "wowed" by something other than the usual fabulously fashionable mannequins. In the dynamic window display, PETA's iconic anti-fur symbol spans the window next to a mannequin wearing a coat made entirely from stuffed animals. Topshop has joined forces with PETA in this extraordinary "Don't wear fur!" campaign.

Arizona, United States

Voters cast their ballot in favour of Proposition 204, which bans gestation crates for breeding pigs (sow stalls), and veal crates for young calves. The vote was 61 percent in favour and only 39 percent opposed.

Injured Birds

If you find sick or injured birds, adults or nestlings, including sparrows and starlings, please call **Irene** on **6265-8988**

The AACT Committee wishes to thank all AACT members for their support over the last year and wishes you and your families a safe, peaceful and cruelty free festive season.



VEGAN RECIPE

Potato and Leek Salad

Ashy's Vegetarian recipes

Ingredients

About 700g of cold, boiled potatoes

1 leek

A little black pepper

Salt

Salad dressing

- 3 Dessertspoons of olive oil
- 1 Dessertspoon of wine or cider vinegar
- Ground black pepper
- Crushed garlic
- Chopped fresh basil

Chop the potatoes into cubes and rinse them in cold water. Use the white (or light green) tightly rolled part of the leek, not the loose dark green leaves. Slice it thinly and mix it with the potatoes, pepper and salt. Make up your dressing and mix it into the vegetables.

(from: <http://ashycook.topcities.com>)

Discovered an injured or orphaned native animal?

Call 6233-6556 (9am – 5pm) or 0418-125-609 to contact a qualified carer.



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