



## Lawyers for Animals Newsletter: February

### Events

#### LFA presents at RRR – Big Day Out!

On 26 February 2014, LFA President, Nichola Donovan, presented “Animal Law 101” at the RRR Big Day Out, a Networking Day for rural, regional and remote community legal centres.

The presentation was well received and attended by around 30 CLC lawyers.



#### Volunteer picnic – 16 March 2014

Lawyers for Animals would like to invite all Animal Law Clinic volunteers to attend a picnic this Saturday to thank you for your efforts and to celebrate the first anniversary of the Clinic. Vegan snacks and drinks will be provided.

- **Where:** Princes Park, near the corner of Bowen Crescent and Pigdon St (see map). This is near the off-lead dog area and all dogs are welcome.
- **When:** Sunday 16 March 2014 from 3:00-5:00pm



#### Comedy fundraiser – 7 April

Lawyers for Animals is delighted to invite you to attend our annual Comedy Fundraiser, courtesy of Alexis Simmonds: ['0-9 Tales of a Straight, Single Cat Lady'](#).



- **Where:** Comedy on Collins, The Scots' Church Assembly Hall Building, 156 Collins St, Melbourne
- **When:** Monday 7 April 2014 at 8pm
- **Cost:** \$15 full, \$13 concession, and proceeds go to Lawyers for Animals

Tickets are limited, so to put your name (and your friends' names) on the door list, please email [Katherine@lawyersforanimals.org.au](mailto:Katherine@lawyersforanimals.org.au). Come along for some laughs and to meet other members of LFA. All welcome.

## Breed Specific Legislation Panel Discussion – 21 March

The Animal Law Collective is holding a panel discussion at Melbourne University from 5.30pm on 21 March on the restricted breed dog laws. Click [here](#) for further details.



## Legislative developments

### ACT bans factory farms

The ACT has [legislated](#) to ban factory farming practices, including the use of battery cages, sow stalls and de-beaking. Although there are currently no factory farms in the ACT, the move is a significant symbolic gesture on the part of the ACT legislature. Click [here](#) to read more.



## Other developments

### “Mylo” case returns to VCAT

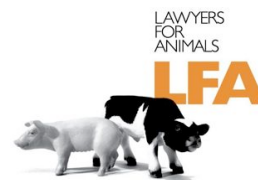
On 12 February 2014, the Supreme Court [ordered](#) the case of *Gray v Brimbank City Council* to be returned to VCAT for a third time. Mylo the dog was seized by council officers after escaping from his home nearly two years ago, with officers claiming that Mylo was a restricted breed dog. Jessica Gray, Mylo's guardian, has twice appealed VCAT's decision that Mylo be put down. Read more about Mylo's case [here](#).



### Sea Shepherd's legal challenge to shark culling fails

Sea Shepherd brought proceedings in the WA Supreme Court arguing that the policy of setting baited drum lines for sharks in Western Australian waters was enacted without proper authorisation. The Court dismissed Sea Shepherd's claim. Read more about the case and the shark cull policy [here](#).

## Lawyers for Animals



REG NO A0047100G  
ABN 74 557 651 569