

Here is an update on the goings on in the Finance team...

Project Excalibur End of Financial Year

October to December is traditionally the busiest time of the year for the Finance team, and this year is no exception



This year our end of year project has been dubbed Project Excalibur, and our project plan has 700 tasks and 50 milestones. So a huge amount of work needs to be completed in a very small period of time.

The lollies and chips have been passed around and the frozen dinners have all been eaten and we currently have 43 milestones completed and 7 still outstanding. So we are nearing completion of our year end deliverables, and looking forward to working on an exciting 2006.

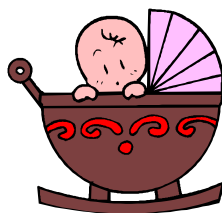
We need to thank everyone for their support and co operation during this period, including, our cost centre managers and the IT team.

Something in the water.

It has been apparent for some time that there is something in the water being drunk by the Finance team, causing a massive outbreak in babies...

So if you are in need of a little fertility magic stop by level 5 for a drink, the proof is in the pudding, or the water:

Our extended Finance family includes the following recent additions:



Matthew	6 weeks (MC Johnston)
Callum	6 weeks (Megan Beer)
Catherine	3 months (Greg Baker)
Liam	9 months (Stacey Glanville)
Jesse	9 months (Chris Milesvsky)
Jessica	12 months (Ciara Anderson)
Cameron	15 months (Jodie Obst)
Jessica	16 months (Jenny Oliver)
Sebastian	17 months (Maria Francisco)
Isabella	18 months (Christine Garcia)
Laura	18 months (Col Yellowlees)

Not to mention one on the way, with Jenny Oliver pregnant... again.

Our calculations indicate that there has been at least one pregnant woman in Finance for the past 3½ years. Definitely something in the water

Well Done to the Killer Nerds

Congratulations to the Actuarial Touch Football team, The Killer Nerds. They competed in and won the Health & Wellbeing touch football competition. And enjoyed their victory celebration breakfast on November 24.

FOOC

FOOC is the Finance Olympics Organising Committee. For the past three years, throughout the year the Finance division has held the Finance Olympics, with the department dividing into teams of Australia and The Rest of The World.

We have competed in various events from softball and soccer, to cookery and board games. We hold approximately 6 events every year.

The last two years have seen a close competition with The Rest of the World slightly edging out Australia in recent times.

Christmas Celebrations

Usually around this time of the year, the Finance team tend to go a bit off the wall with our Christmas celebrations.

This year will see the second Finance Christmas decorating competition. So expect to see some far out Christmas decorations on levels 1 and 5 as the Finance



teams fight it out for the honour of being the ultimate decorators. Last year saw cubicles turned into presents and live nativity scenes.

Also at Christmas time we play a fun game called "Who Killed Santa?", where team members aim to secretly kill each other, one by one, until a victor emerges. Our most competitive team member by far is John de Zwart, who has been known to enlist the reception ladies and our auditors in plots to try and knock off his staff members...