

# CHEMNEWS

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## CONGRATULATIONS



**Roos and Marc Guijt are proud to announce the arrival of baby Stef Pieter, their first born,** who arrived on 23 June at 11.00am in the Hobart Private Hospital, weighing in at a healthy 3.9kg.

**Jarrood and Angela Coad are also proud to announce the arrival of their first baby, Amber Jean,** weighing in at 2.5kg, who arrived early on 25 June and as a consequence was born in Wynyard rather than Hobart!! The first Chemistry baby girl in a long while! Photo to come.

**Emily Hilder and Michael Breadmore** have accepted **Level B lecturing positions** in the School of Chemistry, to commence in semester 1, 2008.

## FAREWELLS

**Thomas Rodemann** departed from Chemistry to take up a position with the Central Science Laboratory. Congratulations Thomas.

## TEACHING, RESEARCH AND OTHER AWARDS PRIZES AND APPOINTMENTS

**Ashley Townsend** in the Central Science Laboratory recently received the VC's award for exceptional performance by a general staff member. This is one of only two awards.

## CONFERENCES

In the last week of May, Brian Yates was an invited speaker at the 89th Canadian Chemistry Conference held in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The conference was very enjoyable and Brian's talk generated the possibility of further collaboration. Brian was able to catch up with Rob Gossage (sabbatical visitor in Allan's lab in January). Two morbid bits of trivia about Halifax that Brian learnt: firstly the biggest explosion prior to Horishima took place in Halifax in December 1917 (2,000 people killed and 19,000 wounded); and secondly Halifax was the closest port to the Titanic when it sank in 1912 and so all the bodies and floating debris were brought back to Halifax where memorials now abound.



# SAFETY

A demonstration of how (*not*) to use the new trolleys! You would think that Roderick, whose sign says he weighs 13kg, and Adam who admits to weighing 287kg, may well have broken the new trolley, but miraculously this didn't happen.

## Upcoming Seminars

### Wednesday 19 July - Introductory PhD Seminars

**Damien Stringer**, University of Tasmania

"From alkenes to imides: promoting novel organolanthanide chemistry through constrained geometry ligands"

**Bryce Lockhart-Gillett**, University of Tasmania

"Mixed anion lithium complexes - searching for superbases"

### Wednesday 26 July - Final PhD Seminar

**Andrew Grosse**, University of Tasmania

"The Recovery of aurothiosulfate using functional resin adsorbents"