

AFAA Member Update

Dr Rod Kennett, Senior Manager for STEM Content at [Questacon](#)



Way back in pre-history (2019) I hosted Professor Robert De Salle at Questacon - The National Science and Technology Centre in his role as the 70th Anniversary Distinguished Chair. Rob is an extraordinarily clever and generous genius and his 6 months at Questacon has left a lasting legacy. Amongst multiple events including public lectures on evolution, space biology and the natural history of beer, Rob also worked with us on some research he led at the American Museum of Natural History on public awareness and knowledge of microbes and antibiotics. In 2021, two papers resulting from our collaboration made it into the published literature (see below).

- A kiosk survey of perception, attitudes and knowledge (PAK) of Australians concerning microbes, antibiotics, probiotics and hygiene. Health Promotion Journal of Australia, 2021;00:1-1
- A Natural History Museum Visitor Survey of Perception, Attitude and Knowledge (PAK) of Microbes and Antibiotics PLOS ONE (PONE-D-21-01340R1. (2021)

I'd like to take the opportunity to acknowledge Rob for his enthusiasm and generosity and the Australian American Fulbright Commission for the opportunity to host Rob.

I also extend an invitation to other alumni or current scholars to be in touch if they are interested in learning more about Questacon.

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