



## Bats in the Coffee

Great coverage in the Media following Jos' observation of Bats in his plantation. The

ABC listed an article on the NEWS website which was picked up quickly by local radio, then the National Broadcaster picked it up, creating quite a storm briefly. A Blog post on the website and a few comments later and the ASTCA had a fully functioning Bat Coffee industry. Cameron even

got an order from a roaster in Sydney. The samples for which will leave during the first week of September. The Arabica News eagerly awaits any information growers have on the management of the pest and the retail possibilities for the parchment left behind by the bats. If you have successfully trial bird fright or sonic deterrents like those used at the airports we'd love to read your comments. Just visit [ASTCA.org](http://ASTCA.org) and go to the Blog where you can leave a comment that might just help one of your colleagues manage what is become a real pain in the bat.

## Cupping



Many thanks to our Master cupper Gerard, for his guidance during the year. Many great evenings were had at Green Mountain Coffee where Corinne and Arthur were impeccable hosts. We sampled coffees from around the globe. We established "benchmark" coffees from this region which we then cupped against. This allowed most of us the chance to see how our beans stack up against internationally recognised giants of the coffee industry. Next years cupping program looks to be even more dynamic. If you are a financial member of the ASTCA you are welcome to participate. Bring along a Kilo sample of your green bean and \$5 to cover consumables.

## New Office Bearers



Our newly elected President is Jos Webber. All of you will remember Jos as our vigilant Treasurer from last year. His election is a good thing for the Association as we navigate complex and challenging times during the next year. Jos looks forward to overseeing the launch of our newly redesigned logo and our inclusion in the North Coast National as Exhibitors, Stall holders and educators on the stage. He is also well positioned to ensure we capture the attention of funding agencies as we strive for more research and development dollars to develop our newly published Industry Strategic Plan. Feel free to contact Jos directly with your questions: [president@astca.org](mailto:president@astca.org)



Jan Fadelli was elected Vice - President after guiding the Association last year as President. Jan's organisational skills and passion for the industry guarantee the ASTCA will be up to the challenges set in our Industry Strategic Plan. Jan jumped straight in at the first General Meeting by putting her hand up to co ordinate the ASTCA contribution during the North Coast National. Contact Jan : [vice-president@astca.org](mailto:vice-president@astca.org)

The fresh meat on the Executive is the multi award winning Greg Jansen, Greg's tremendous knowledge and generosity will ensure the treasury remains buoyant. Contact Greg: [treasurer@astca.org](mailto:treasurer@astca.org)