

Return of the Pipette Ninja!

Pattech Florey Cup, 31st May, 2018.

At the end of May 2018, Pattech returned to the Florey Institute in search of the **2018 Florey Institute Pipette Ninja**: the lab professional with the quickest and most accurate pipette skills.

With the aid of the Pattech agents Craig Don Paul (Victoria), Sarah Dower (National Sales Manager), Bibing Tijono (Liquid Handling Product Specialist) and Tania Armstrong (Marketing Assistant), the Florey Tea Room was converted into the Pattech-Florey Dojo, jam-packed with a variety of pipettes and their tips, vortexes and other plastic ware.

All entrants had the chance to compete to be the next Pipette Ninja and win \$2,000 worth of lab equipment for themselves and their lab. In addition, the winner would receive eternal glory with their name engraved on the Pattech-Florey Pipette Ninja cup and bragging rights throughout Florey Institute.



Above: Craig and Bibing setting up the challenge

The Challenge:



1. Start your own timer.
2. Pipette 25.0ml (5.0ml x 5) water into a 50ml Tube.
3. Add 500µl Blue solution to water.
4. Vortex coloured solution for five (5) seconds).
5. Pour solution into reservoir.
6. Using the multi-channel pipette, add 150µl of coloured solution per well for 11 columns.
7. Using the single channel pipette, add 150µl of coloured solution per well for last column descending.
8. Stop your own timer.

Above: The competition ramps up

There was a fair crowd of participants, however, it took a little while before we found someone brave enough to be the first person to step up.

Some initially slower times were quickly broken with most contestants completing the challenge in under 3.30 minutes. As more people started to compete and names on the leader-board started to shift down, a real sense of competition could be felt.



After all competitors had their chance to win the crown, we were still waiting for our reigning champion to enter the arena!

Enter Amy Shepherd from the Hannan Lab. Casually looking at the leader-board, Amy stepped in and smashed all competition with a breezy time of 2.08 minutes.

I'm sure Taide would like to claim that he pushed Amy along to an even faster time than her previous winning attempt at the last cup (2.09) with his own fast pipette skills, however, at the end of the day, there can only be one winner.....



Above: Amy defending her title against Taide, under Craig's scrutinising eye!

The Top Competitors

1. Amy, Hannan Lab: **2.08**
2. Taide, Turner Lab: **2.19**
3. Jonathan, Scott Lab: **2.38**
4. Eiman, Adlard Lab: **2.43**
5. Brad, Bathgate Lab: **2.47**; Alicia, Yao Lab: **2.47**



Above: Amy and Dr. Hannan are presented with their trophy and cheque

We were glad to see the number of participants at the Florey Pipette Ninja competition and Pathtech look forward to continuing its search for the next Pipette Ninja in the near future.