Calendar of Events

April
16 & 17 Mental Health First Aid – Short Course
18 Stacks of Skills & Drills – Short Course
27 Local Global Public Lecture
Climate Change Forum
30 Archiving – Short Course

Community Advisory Committee
A meeting of the CAG was held on Friday 23 March. Professor Alan Cumming and Dr Leone Wheeler updated members on current teaching and learning and research projects at Hamilton. Dr Wheeler also updated Shire of Southern Grampians Councillors.

Bachelor of Nursing
Students are settling in well to the new academic year and are being exposed to a variety of new lecture delivery modes. Year 2 students have just returned from their first acute care clinical placement. Clinical reports are all very positive with RMIT students being credited with possessing a high level of skill in theory and practical applications.

RMIT is offering rural students an online Graduate Certificate in Gerontology and a Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing.
Scholarships are available to assist students. For further information visit the DHS website or contact Kerry McMullan Program Coordinator on 5572 0551 or kerry.mcmullin@rmit.edu.au

Handbury Fellowship Program
RMIT University is calling for applicants for the fifth round of the Handbury Fellowship Program. Applications should be submitted by close of business on Friday 15 June 2007.
The Fellowship website and Fellowship folder are now available.
http://www.communitysustainability.info/assresearch/handbury.html
Final recipients of Handbury Fellowships, announced in June 2006 have now commenced their projects. The Fellowship website is updated so is accessible for ongoing research links with community and universities and other organisations and will enable new applicants to look at past fellowship grants and projects.
For information about the Handbury Fellowship phone 55720513.

Local Global Series - Community Forum
CLIMATE CHANGE - “from where will our water come .... and when?”
This forum is the first strategic step towards looking at local responses through global linkages – with a view also of developing an Australian Research Council Linkage to enable deeper work in this area, using the region as a case study.
Venue: Grangeburn Motor Inn, Ballarat Road, Hamilton
Date: Friday 27 April 2007
Time: 4.00pm – 9.00pm
Cost: $25-00 per person (including High Tea and Supper)
Registration: Registration is required before the event as space is limited
Contact: Local-Global Project Office, RMIT, Hamilton – phone: 5572 0513 or 5572 0549 for further information or email victoria.finch@rmit.edu.au, cicely.fenton@rmit.edu.au or terrie.nicholson@rmit.edu.au

Speakers will include:
Professor Peter Hayes, International Relations, RMIT and Director, Nautilus Institute in San Francisco and of Nautilus@RMIT at RMIT’s Research and Innovation Section
Bill Kininmonth, former head of the National Climate Centre and a consultant to the World Meteorological Organisation
Graham Hawke, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Southern Rural Water
Greg Hoxley, Hydrogeologist, Sinclair Knight Merz
John Pettigrew, Orchardist and Grazier from the Goulburn-Broken Catchment Area
Peter Dark, fourth generation farmer from “Barrahead”, Mirranatwa
John Kane, 2003 Handbury Fellowship Program recipient from Coleraine
**Teacher Professional Development**

**Stacks of Skills & Drills - 18 April.**
Presented by Peter Meaney

This workshop provides sanity saving ideas for improving fitness and consolidating ball handling skills. RMIT has also opened this course to coaches and parents interested in improving their knowledge in this area.

This fun and highly practical workshop will present a range of great games that can easily be incorporated into a primary or secondary schools' physical education curriculum in a fun, interesting and challenging way.

Peter Meaney has 39 years' experience in the education sector, has had vast experience in secondary education and has been the Secondary Physical Education Consultant for the western region of metropolitan Victoria. He has written 5 books associated with physical education as well as a number of training manuals for teachers. His most recent publication entitled “Don’t Forget Your Whistle” will be available to purchase at the workshop. He has lectured extensively, both nationally and internationally. His main discipline areas are sports psychology and adolescent psychology. His expertise is in teacher education, child development, physical and sport education. He is listed on the RMIT University Expert Guide. Currently, Peter is the program leader for the Graduate Diploma in Education (Primary) at RMIT University.

**Short Courses**

**Mental Health First Aid - Monday and Tuesday 16 & 17 April.**

Mental Health First Aid is the initial help given to someone experiencing a mental health problem before professional help is sought. A two day course conducted by an accredited instructor on Mental Health First Aid is being offered at RMIT University Hamilton. Participants will learn the **signs and symptoms** of mental health problems, **where and how to get help** and **what sort of help** has been shown by research to be effective. This 2 day course targets those with the greatest probability of coming in contact with mental health issues - teachers, police, welfare workers, employers of large industries and businesses who interact directly with the public.

**Archiving - Monday 30 April 2-5 pm.**

Do you have a shed full of records and paperwork? Don’t know what to keep, or how to preserve them?

This short course looks at how to apply some general archives and records management practices to help sort records on the business front. Effective records management saves space, preserves important records and facilitates access.

Learn to identify those records that need to be kept for either historical or administrative purposes. The course will also include a brief outline of what archives are, what archival institutions do and the sorts of records they hold that are of value to researchers.

For more information or to register for any of these courses please contact Carol Burger on 55720500 or email carol.burger@rmit.edu.au

**Short Courses Semester II**

RMIT University Hamilton is seeking to extend the range of short courses offered in Semester II. These short courses, single subjects, workshops or forums may be career or recreational in nature.

We are keen to hear from the community about the professional development needs of you or your staff.

Perhaps you have a particular skill or passion and would like to conduct a short course or workshop at RMIT Hamilton?

For further information please contact Marilyn Lyons, Short Course Co-ordinator on 5572 0502 or marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au

If you would like information about the facilities or services offered at RMIT Hamilton, please email Dr Leone Wheeler, Head, Learning Community Partnerships incorporating RMIT Hamilton at leone.wheeler@rmit.edu.au or phone 0407 856 212, or contact Dr Kaye Scholfield, Manager, Community Partnerships & Projects at kaye.scholfield@rmit.edu.au or phone 5572 0501.

Marilyn Lyons, Short Course Co-ordinator at marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au or phone 5572 0502.

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