Calendar of Events

**April**
- 9-15: Mid semester break

**May**
- 7: Community Forum
- 13-14: Grammar and Punctuation workshop
- 15: Writing for the Web workshop

**Bachelor of Nursing Program**

As we approach the mid point of semester 1, students are well and truly settled into the academic year. Assessment items are underway, and year 2 and 3 students are approaching their second clinical placement for the year.

First Year students have undertaken learning skills sessions, teaching them about writing academic papers and other academic skills and are now implementing their new found skills by presenting their first papers for assessment.

The new curriculum has been embraced by students with new subjects focusing on drug therapy and human development from birth to adolescence.

**Community Forum**

A Community Forum will be held on 7 May 2009 at 6.00pm at RMIT University Hamilton with Professor Ian Plimer presenting his new publication *Heaven and Earth* questioning the hypothesis that "humans can actually change climate."

Ian Plimer, a Professor of Mining Geology at the University of Adelaide and Emeritus Professor of Earth Sciences at the University of Melbourne, is the Eureka Prize winning author of *A Short History of Planet Earth*.

Please RSVP to Carol Burger on 5572 0500 if you wish to attend this Forum.

**Grammar and Punctuation**

13 & 14 May 2009, 10.00am – 4.00pm $440.00.

This two-day course aims to provide tools to create writing with a professional edge, and clear up the confusion around grammar and sentence construction as well as punctuation and capitalisation.

Participants will learn to identify and fix common problems in writing, and learn the principles of plain English. This course is a must for those who write and edit material in the workplace.

Presenter: Penny Johnson, a writer, editor and lecturer in RMIT’s Professional Writing and Editing Course.

For more information please contact Marilyn Lyons, Learning Centre Coordinator on 5572 0502 or email marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au

**Writing for the Web**

15 May 2009, 9.00am – 1.00pm $125.00

Learn the principles of successful web writing, how to convert print text for a web publication and how to write scannable content that serves your reader. This four-hour workshop is essential for people who write web content for workplace websites.

Presenter: Penny Johnson, a writer, editor and lecturer in RMIT’s Professional Writing and Editing Course.

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**Framework for Understanding Poverty**

22 May 2009, 9.30am – 4.30pm $85.00

A full day workshop using Dr Ruby Payne’s *Framework for Understanding Poverty* to help teachers, administrators and support personnel in the health and welfare sectors to understand the specific needs and behaviours of students from backgrounds of poverty and socio-economic disadvantage.

This workshop is being presented in association with the Glenelg Southern Grampians Local Learning Employment Network and other community organisations.
Presenter: Nairn Walker is a lecturer at the University of Tasmania School of Education and is currently the Managing Director of Social Solutions: ‘educating for a positive now’.

For more information please contact Marilyn Lyons, Learning Centre Coordinator on 5572 0502 or email marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au

Certificate IV in Property Services (Real Estate)
Unlock your Real Estate Career

The opportunity exists at RMIT University Hamilton for you to complete the necessary qualifications to apply for your Estate Agents’ Licence. The course is offered face to face at RMIT University Hamilton.

Upcoming Modules:

Manage Conflict and Disputes in the Property Industry.
Evening classes 6 & 7 May, 4.30pm – 8.30pm. Cost $232.00.

This module will be offered in multi-mode, which involves two evening classes on 6 & 7 May allowing the student to complete the unit at home within the month, and attend one further evening by arrangement for revision and assessment.

All enquires are to be made directly to Marilyn Lyons. Tel: (03) 5572 0502 or email: marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au

Course in Property (Agents’ Representatives)

This course is now due commence in late April 2009 after being postponed for a short term. Enrolments are now being taken.

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Your Career at RMIT

RMIT is a global university of technology based in Melbourne, with a commitment to and reputation for high quality professional and vocational education and research engaged with industry and community.

Research Officer, Landscapes for Youth
$64,635 p.a. + super
Hamilton Location
Fixed Term 3 years

We require a Research Officer to join the “Landscapes for Young People in the Glenelg and Southern Grampians Shires” Project.

You will work with the Project Steering Committee to investigate the key project objectives by working with young people and community groups in an action research process. This will include conducting interviews and workshops, and training and managing young researchers. As the successful candidate, you will also contribute to the research efforts of the School, in particular that of the Regional Development Program and work collaboratively with fellow researchers, and update colleagues and students on developments in their subject area or specialisation.

Applicants should possess a PhD in a Social Science or a related discipline and demonstrated experience in working effectively with young people, writing for academic and professional publications, and managing research projects and stakeholder relations.

For details please visit www.rmit.edu.au/employment, or contact Kaye Scholfield on +61 3 5572 0501.

Research Officer, Regional Development
$47,651 - $64,635 p.a. + super
Hamilton Location
Fixed Term 1 year

The School of Global Studies, Social Science and Planning is a newly created School formed by the mergers of the former Social Science & Planning and International & Community Studies Schools.

As Research Officer, you will contribute to the research efforts of the School, in particular that of the Regional Development Program.

You will be supporting existing local and regional economic development research projects and consultancies, and assisting with the development of new research applications. To be successful, a Masters Degree or PhD in Social Science or a related discipline is essential, as is an ability to conduct research projects including interviews and focus groups, collate and analyse interview and research data, and present findings to professional and community audiences.

For details please visit www.rmit.edu.au/employment, or contact Shelagh Krummel on +61 3 5572 0532.

Appointment to these positions is subject to passing a Working with Children Check.

10MMM Workshop
2-Day Practical Film Workshops

Learn how to make your own films and submit them to the 10MMM Youth Film Festival to be held in June 2009.

6 and 7 April 2009 at RMIT University Hamilton from 10.30am – 3.30pm.

This workshop is for people ages 25 and under and for those who work with young people.

RSVP is essential as lunch is provided. For more information or to book your place please contact Carol Burger on 5572 0500.

10MMM YOUR SAY

10MMM are facilitating a Youth Film Festival in June to celebrate the final phase of this part of the project. The 10MMM project, which has focussed on rural young people, technology and social impact will collate works submitted by young people to be shown as part of the gala re-opening of the Hamilton Performing arts centre.
Young People are invited to submit visual works such as film, animation, claymation, and digital stories to the festival.

10MMM will hold a number of workshops leading up to the film festival including film making techniques, animation, claymation, sound track and editing.

Young people are also invited to be part of the project management group whereby they will have a chance to direct the festival and learn about media, promotion and event management.

To find out more about the film festival, workshops or the leadership group log onto the 10MMM web site www.10mmm.com or contact Jo Brown or Jessica Still at RMIT on 5572 0539 or Leanne Watt at Youthbiz.

Other courses

**BRAIN GYM® For Aged Care**

Wednesday 29 April 2009. Bookings are essential. For more information contact Claire Hocking on (03) 5282 5985 or claire@wholebrain.com.au Mobile: 0419 569 071 or visit www.wholebrain.com.au

**BRAIN GYM® In The Classroom**
Relevant and Suitable for Pre-School, Primary, Secondary, Tertiary Levels and Adult Education. An effective way to support improving literacy and numeracy standards. Presented by Claire Hocking - International Brain Gym Instructor & Educational Kinesiologist.

Tuesday 28 April 2009. Bookings are essential. For more information contact Claire Hocking on (03) 5282 5985 or claire@wholebrain.com.au Mobile: 0419 569 071 or visit www.wholebrain.com.au

**Learning in the Garden**
LandLearn invites you to a full day teacher professional development workshop at RMIT University Hamilton aimed at providing curriculum resources and ideas to integrate use of vegetable gardens and sustainable land management across the curriculum.

Aimed at The Standards levels 3, 4, 5 & 6 of Humanities, Science, Communication and Thinking Processes but open to any interested teachers.

Date: Tuesday 5th May
Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm
Venue: RMIT University - Hamilton, 200 Ballarat Rd, Hamilton
Cost: Free (Refreshments and morning tea will be provided. Please bring your own lunch).
To register for this professional development workshop download a registration form www.landlearn.net.au/teacher/index.htm or phone 5824 5523

**Publications**

RMIT University Hamilton now has available copies of its 2009 guide to programs and research. This publication outlines the different programs and research that are to be undertaken at Hamilton throughout the year. If you would like a copy to be mailed out please contact Carol Burger on 5572 0500 or carol.burger@rmit.edu.au

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