Calendar of Events

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Teacher Professional Development

ARE YOU GOOGLESMART?
The GoogleSmart session is a hands-on workshop that covers advanced tips and tricks for searching with Google and the issues involved in evaluating websites. Reference will also be made to aspects of information literacy.

This workshop, whilst directed at teachers, may also be of interest to parents, grandparents and the wider community as they seek to locate and evaluate information on the web.

Presented by Dr Gary Pearce, School Liaison Librarian -- Education & Chancellery Support
DSC Portfolio Liaison Manager (acting), RMIT University Library
Date: Thursday September 13, 4.30-6.30pm
Cost: $50

Short Courses

DUST OR DESTINY PART 2– PRESERVING THE PAST TO MAKE IT LAST!
This workshop will develop your skills to research and write the story around the artefacts, documents and photos you are preserving for your family history. Learn how to contextualise the “history” you are preserving. Local historians will discuss the skills and strategies associated with these writings.

Date: Tuesday September 18, 4.30-6.30pm
Cost: $50

Up and Coming Courses

POWERPOINT FOR TEACHERS
Learn how to create exciting and powerful presentations using Microsoft PowerPoint for teaching and learning purposes.

Workshop Participants will explore the basics of layout, design and tools that are available to produce a range of professional presentations.

Create dynamic PowerPoint presentations using buttons and embedding sound and video that will enhance and engage your audience.

This workshop, whilst directed at teachers, may also be of interest to members of the wider community.

Presented by lab.3000 incubator.
Date: Monday October 22, 4.30–7.30pm
Cost: $60

DIGITAL STORY TELLING
Digital Storytelling has been described as this century's form of the time-honoured art of storytelling. A way of preserving family or organisational history, create a tribute to a person or an organisation or document a particular event for personal or community recognition.

Write and produce your own digital story in this two-day workshop, using your voice in the narrative and your resources such as photographs, text, video footage, music and other sounds. An experienced multimedia facilitator will guide your creative journey using free software.

Select and edit images using GIMP (GNU Image Manipulation Program), record voice using Audacity, and blend these elements using Photostory. Digital Storytelling can be integrated into all areas of the education curriculum, the corporate setting, or personal life. In this workshop you will be guided step-by-step through each stage of the production process from writing a script, editing images, recording a voice over and selecting background music to produce your final movie.

Presented by lab.3000 incubator
Date: 23 & 24 October, 9-4
Cost: $120

Presenter Warrick Hansted
**Occupational Health & Safety**

**A 5 Day Program for Health and Safety Representatives, Managers and Supervisors.**

*RMIT University*  
*South West TAFE*

This 35-hour program is primarily designed for health and safety representatives, managers and supervisors. However, other people involved with health and safety in the workplace would also benefit.

On completion of this program, participants should be able to:

- demonstrate knowledge of occupational health and safety legislation, compliance codes and standards
- identify, assess and control hazards in the workplace or associated with occupations or tasks
- investigate illness, injuries and incidents
- communicate effectively with all parties involved in occupational health and safety.

**Dates:** Wed 12, Thu 13, Fri 14, Mon 17 and Tue 18 September.  
**Time:** 9.00 am – 5.00 pm  
**Fee:** $800.00 includes a comprehensive manual, lunch, morning and afternoon tea.

**Property Industry Practitioners or Academics**

As a follow up from the Real Estate information session held in Semester 1, expressions of interest are sought for teachers with suitable qualifications and current relevant practical experience for sessional teaching in Certificate IV in Real Estate at RMIT University in Hamilton.

We are looking for people with a high commitment to quality training and customer service, who are able to teach in any or all of the areas within the Real Estate Course. Trainers would need to be willing to make themselves available on a casual or part time basis, for daytime and/or evening classes.

The role of the TAFE teacher embraces the continuum of the learning process from course enquiry/advice through to assessing and determining the training requirements in order to respond effectively to the training demands of clients.

**To be considered for this position, the applicant must have at least a Certificate IV in Assessment and Workplace Training and relevant experience within Real Estate, Law or Accounting.** Applicants without this qualification will need to demonstrate a willingness to complete the Certificate in a timely manner once they have taken up the position within our School.

For further information please contact Marilyn Lyons on 5572 0500 or marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au

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**Bachelor of Nursing & Post Graduate Nursing Courses**

Visiting Industry specialists:

In the final semester of their 3 years of study, RMIT Hamilton provides a range of Industry specialists to come and teach laboratory session to our students. This equips our students with wide scope knowledge of the health services available in our community, and particularly those that exist outside the traditional hospital environment.

- **Dr Remo Parente** visited with students studying Complementary Care Nursing.

This subject is a University elective and focuses on alternative treatments and care regimes. Dr Parente a chiropractor and acupuncturist spent almost 3 hours with students teaching them some basic massage techniques, as well as providing an overview of other alternative therapies he uses in his practice in Hamilton.

- **Western District Health Service Palliative Care Clinical Nurse Consultant Heather Wilkinson,** spent time with year 3 students discussing death, dying, grief and palliative care. This session challenged students to think about their own perceptions of palliative care, and grief, allowing them to explore the potential impacts of grief on their future clients and thus develop therapeutic interventions.

On the 16th of August RMIT Hamilton hosted an Undergraduate Information session for the Bachelor of Nursing. This session was very well attended by prospective school leaver and mature age students.

On the 30th of August RMIT Hamilton hosted a Postgraduate Information session for Nursing as well as other Postgraduate courses supported by our local campus. Postgraduate nursing courses on offer are graduate Certificates and Graduate Diploma’s in Gerontology and Mental Health. Professor Lina Shahwan –Akl, Director of Post Graduate Studies for the School of Nursing and Midwifery attended this session via videoconference to talk to prospective students. On campus Nursing staff were also in attendance to answer any questions.

As part of the ‘120 year celebration’ RMIT University is sending 18 students to Vietnam on a 2 week exchange program. A rigorous application process was required and Hamilton second year student Elizabeth Drew was chosen to attend. We congratulate Elizabeth and look forward to hearing about her experiences.

Year 2 and 3 students are currently out on clinical with year 3 students are undertaking their final clinical practicum placement before graduation. Many positive reports are already filtering back about the
high standard of theoretical and practical knowledge that RMIT Hamilton students posses.

Preparations for graduation both at the Telstra Dome and here in Hamilton are well underway. The local Hamilton RMIT Ball will be held on October 20th at the Hamilton Golf Club.

**Hamilton Research Seminar**

The Research Lounge at RMIT University in Melbourne was the venue for the Hamilton Research Seminar on Friday 24 August. The seminar opened with a showcase of the Southern Grampians Shire presented by Mayor Mick Leeming and Manager of Tourism, Mr Hugh Koch and followed with a presentation of Hamilton as a centre for educational excellence by Mr Bruce Simons, Principal of The Hamilton & Alexandra College.

Opportunities gained from working in the region were then presented by a diverse range of guest speakers.

1. Local Global/Handbury Fellowship Program – Martin Mulligan
2. Opportunities to partner with the local indigenous community – Damein Bell/Caroline Bayliss
3. Sustainable Farm Families Research Project – Susan Brumby
4. Nursing – Peter Francis
5. Potter Project - Cathy Wagg and Mary Johnson, PhD Candidates
6. Youth – 10 MMM Project – Kaye Scholfield

Discussion took place between Hamilton Community Advisory Group members and RMIT University staff and academics about current and future research partnership opportunities in the region.

**10MMM**

**10MMM YOUR SAY RESEARCH PROJECT**

What is ‘Your Say’?

The 10MMM ‘YOUR SAY’ Survey will be launched on October 1, 2007. This survey is for rural young people aged 12-25 and will tackle questions such as: ‘what do you use technology for? Are you keeping up with all the latest sites and programs? and Does technology matter anyway?’

The 10MMM ‘YOUR SAY’ Survey, is a survey that has been written by rural young people for rural young people with the guidance of RMIT University research adviser, Dr. Helen Marshall. It looks at young people, information and communication technology and social relationships.

The way young people use technology has been described as ‘a huge uncontrolled experiment going on’ (The Age, ‘Generation Blog Post’ 11.8.07) Parents, teachers, government and young people themselves need to know what is going on in this fast paced, ever changing world so that we can make informed choices and effective decisions. We need to find out how and why young people are using the technology. We need to know how technology and access to technology influences our young people in their social lives and future goals and aspirations.

In the 10MMM YOUR SAY Survey we aim to explore and produce data in relation to some of the following information and communication areas. How many rural young people have a profile on MySpace? Do parents know the difference between chat and chat rooms? Are they worried about online safety? Do young people worry about online safety? Do young people have the skills to use technology for study? Does posting a clip on YouTube make a legend? How many friends meet after school online in games like Runescape? What is worse, being grounded or having your mobile confiscated?

The YOUR SAY Survey will run for the whole month of October and can be accessed by logging onto the 10MMM website (www.10MMM.com) and following the prompts or, a paper survey can be collected from Youthbiz in Gray St, Hamilton or the Casterton Courthouse Community Centre in Casterton.

This project is sponsored by Vic Health and partnered by Western District Health Service, RMIT, Mixx FM, Old Casterton Courthouse Community Centre and Southern Grampians Adult Education. For further information or to receive a copy of the survey contact Helen Lane on 0428 742287 or helen.lane@rmit.edu.au

**Professor John Fien, Dr Paul Collits, Mr Hugh Koch, Dr Leone Wheeler and Mayor Mick Leeming.**
**10MMM Workshops** – Free to 12 – 25 year olds.

Sept 25, 26 & 27  Digital story telling  
Sept 28  Pod Casting  
Sept 29  Vod Casting  
For more information contact Helen Lane, 10MMM Project Officer on 5572 0530 or helen.lane@rmit.edu.au

**Potter Project**

RMIT’s School of Mathematics and Geospatial Sciences has been successful in gaining a grant from the Ian Potter Foundation. The project will result in a ‘framework’ for future research at Hamilton, based on the Potter Farmland Project. The aim is to learn from the past, build on current knowledge, identify information gaps and research needs to ‘better manage’ the farm for the future. The project will integrate the sciences with whole farm planning, economics, social sciences and potentially, regional planning. A Problem Structure Method will be employed to enable multiple individual research studies to be integrated into a cohesive framework over the next 12 months.

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