As I am about to embark on stage 4 or 5 of my life, it is a great time to be introspective and look back at what has happened. Seven years ago, I was happily ensconced in a Research Professor position at two universities (in Thailand and Singapore). Alas, commitments and personal matters demanded change and RMIT beckoned.

As a Head of School, it was both exciting and challenging to guide people and enable a school to move forward in all of its elements, including research. One of the great outcomes of that time will be more evident in the current ERA 2 round, where the outputs and quality of research in Information Systems and Information Management have become very substantial. That is not my achievement but that of many people willing to listen and act, follow and change. It was on that basis and the collegiality of that school that I began this journey in research in the College 18 months ago.

Research is a passion and desire to learn new things, challenge old ideas, dramatically invigorate the thinking of others and enable the training of new researchers. I am a sociologist of technology whose view is also informed by a realistic economics one. This sometimes sets my thinking apart from others, but it does mean I have to read and apply ideas from many disciplines to any study of IT artefacts. This has given me a perspective to listen and learn from others and this all informs my thinking. That was my intention as the DPVC Research in the College: to challenge, motivate, drive, do and inform. I wanted people to accept that all research methods are valid when the context is valid. I set out to motivate people to write, publish and present their work.

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We have the skeleton of a Doctoral Training Centre established, ready to be fleshed out and established formally in 2012. All of these activities need you to play an appropriate part.

I am happy to be doing something new because I want and need a new challenge. I know I work best when I have new goals and new ambitions. At 62, you would have thought I had run out of these. Be warned! I have lots of ideas, and will be knocking on some of your doors someday to get you involved.

Thank you for all of your support. In my opinion we are an active and increasingly successful team of researchers.

Prof Brian Corbitt

Feature article (cont.)

I wrote papers with other staff and actively participated in real multidisciplinary research projects. I have always believed that research happens when there are role models who say and do.

In the College of Business, all elements of our research are moving up: the number of quality journals in which our staff are being published is growing, the number of publications is increasing, research income and number of applications for competitive research grants is growing, the number of active researchers is increasing, the percentage of staff with completed PhDs is rising, the time taken by our HDRs to completion is slowly falling. These are all excellent signs and a clear demonstration that we are beginning to have a solid research community, where new and challenging ideas are both argued for and debated.

I have had the great privilege over this time to listen to more than 200 HDR confirmations and completions. What is very noticeable is the improvement in the quality of this research. I have also been supported by an excellent group of research managers who make my job much easier (Tania, Sandy, Kalpana, Prue, Kristina, Allison, Tseen, and Aastha).

But let’s not get complacent. We now have active research groups in Sustainable Organisations and Work, Asian Business, Business Education, and Market Behaviour and Strategy, and there are developing research groups in other areas.

We wish Brian the very best as he embarks on a new journey...and thank him for his visionary leadership, collegiality, wise counsel, unwavering support, and great humour. It has been an absolute pleasure to have worked with him, and he will be missed!

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Research News

The implications of Higher Education

Professor Sandra Jones has a paper published in the *Journal of Higher Education Policy and Management* titled, ‘Distributed Leadership: a collaborative framework for academics, executives and professionals in Higher Education’. (Please see ‘Recent Publications for details’)

The implications for Higher Education outlined in the above paper emerged from a research project funded by the Australian Learning and Teaching Council led by Prof Jones, as reported in ‘Lessons Learnt: identifying the synergies in distributed leadership projects’. (Please see ‘Recent Publications’ for details).

Knowledge is Power

Money’s not the ‘be all and end all’ in retaining workforce and talented minds as proven in a recent study conducted by RMIT’s School of Management. Led by Dr Carol Tan, the study surveyed 253 companies (including Aussie Farmers Direct and Pie Face, amongst other fast-growing companies). The results showed that the driving factor behind staff retention and boosting companies’ competitive edge was to offer an open-learning and risk-taking environment. Companies that encouraged risk-taking among employees and fostered a culture of open communication and experimentation were more likely to succeed.

The findings have been covered by two leading e-magazines/newsletters. To follow the articles please see: ‘Risk Management’ and ‘mybusiness’.

Mises Seminar, Sydney

Dr Steven Kates (Senior Lecturer from the School of Economics, Finance and Marketing) was an invited speaker at the Mises Seminar in Sydney on 26 November, 2011 and gave a presentation on paper titled “The English Classical Tradition and Austrian Economics: Where They Are the Same and Where They Differ”.

[Source: Prof Sandra Jones]

[Source: Dr Caroline Tan]

[Source: Prof Imad Moosa]
Research News (cont.)

Industrial Relations Dialogue in South-East Asia

Dr Ngan Collins (School of Management) was a key presenter for the International Labour Employment Relations Association (ILERA) Seminar on ‘Industrial Relations Dialogue in South East Asia’, 12-13 December 2011, at Singapore Management University.

The aims of the seminar were to build research and teaching competency at university level in the field of industrial relations, and raise awareness of academic research as a basis for assisting government officials in making informed policy choices. Past seminars have contributed to knowledge and institution-building in the field of industrial relations in the South East Asian region by bringing together participants who are in a position to help develop stronger institutions and promote greater dialogue between the relevant groups.

Topics covered by the Seminar included Labour Standards and Administration, Workers’ Participation, Industrial Relations Teaching and Research, and Developing and Extending Tripartite Industrial Relations Associations.

Participants in the seminar included academics, practitioners and government officials in the fields of industrial relations, labour market policy and administration in the Southeast Asian countries of Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Dr Collins was selected as a secretary for the ASEAN group, which was established from this event. This is a great outcome for the Business College as RMIT will be joint coordinators with Monash University for the ILERA Asian Congress in 2013 in Melbourne. The event was funded by ILO Geneva and coordinated by ILERA.

[Source: Dr Ngan Collins]

Professor Rahman visits and presents at two Chinese universities

Professor Shams Rahman was invited to visit the Shanghai University of Engineering Science and the University of Nottingham Ningbo in China in late December, 2011 and early January 2012.

Prof Rahman conducted a workshop for academics and post graduate students on ‘Research Methodology with special reference to Supply Chain Management’ in Shanghai, and presented a seminar on ‘Simple and not so simple methods’ at Ningbo. During this visit, Professor Rahman also initiated two research projects with academics from the University of Nottingham Ningbo.

[Source: Prof Shams Rahman]
Research News (cont.)

Reaching new heights

Associate Professor Michael Schwartz from the School of Economics, Finance and Marketing is currently guest-editing an issue of the Australian Journal of Professional and Applied Ethics. A/Prof Schwartz was also recently appointed as a joint editor of Research in Ethical Issues in Organizations.

[Source: Prof Shams Rahman]

‘Development’ the buzzword

Ms Meg Elkins (Associate Lecturer, School of Economics, Finance and Marketing) presented papers on poverty reduction strategy in two different conferences where ‘development’ was the buzzword.


Another paper presented by Ms Elkins was at ACFID-Universities Linkage Conference held on 12-13 December, 2011. Her paper titled, “Social Protection an Inequality: Embedding the Vulnerable into Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers” was in line with the conference’s theme ‘An Australian Approach to Development? People, Practice and Policy’.

[Source: Prof Imad Moosa]

For latest research news please click here

Research Activities at RMIT

CSOW Working Papers Series Launch

Hosted by Dr Bernard Mees, the Centre for Sustainable Organisations and Work (CSOW) launched its Working Papers series on Friday, 3 February 2012. The Working Papers in Sustainable Organisations and Work are an ongoing, peer-reviewed series that is dedicated to the exploration of critical debates across an array of social science disciplines. Though diverse in subject matter, the series is connected by a common inquiry into the concept of sustainability.

The Working Papers were launched with three issues, each of which highlighted the diversity of the series, as well as developing understandings of people in the context of significant social, economic and organisational change.

In the opening address, Prof Daine Alcorn, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and Innovation and Vice-President, congratulated the Centre on its establishment and for moving forward with such remarkable pace.

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Prof Alcorn further congratulated the Centre on its working papers series, stating that these papers were evidence that the Centre has a credible capability in this area and that it is willing to talk to people about it.

The three issues are:

**Service chains and vulnerability in the context of the tourism and hospitality sector – a conceptual paper** by Mr Geoff Rigby (School of Business IT and Logistics) and A/Prof Alan Nankervis (School of Management).

**Gender matters: Applying a gendered analysis to bushfire research in Australia** by Dr Meagan Tyler, Prof Peter Fairbrother, Dr Sue Chaplin, Dr Bernard Mees, Dr Richard Phillips and Dr Keith Toh (School of Management).

**Global logistics and the whole-of-life supply chain: The consumption society and end-of-life ships** by Prof George Cairns (School of Management).

The event concluded with an address by Prof Ian Palmer (PVC, Business and Vice-President), who congratulated the centre and said that the working papers were evidence of doing and researching things that mattered. Prof Palmer also said that this ongoing series will continue to motivate and generate an environment with multiple effects where people would like to work together.

Afterwards, Prof Cairns stated, "I’m really impressed with the diversity of the work represented; it shows that the Centre is attracting and developing an impressive array of talent from across the University and beyond. I think it’s obvious to everyone that the Centre has a real momentum that is underpinned by quality research".

Since this is an ongoing series, all academics and ECRs are invited to submit their working papers for peer-review. This may also include book chapters in progress. For further enquiries, please contact Bernard Mees ([bernard.mees@rmit.edu.au](mailto:bernard.mees@rmit.edu.au)) or Sam Carroll-Bell ([sam.carroll-bell@rmit.edu.au](mailto:sam.carroll-bell@rmit.edu.au)).

[Source: Sam Carroll-Bell]

**More Highlights from CSOW**

Dr Darryn Snell and Dr Xueli (Charlie) Huang have published articles in the latest issue of *Labour and Industry*. They presented drafts of the papers at the Interuniversity Research Centre on Globalization and Work (CRIMT) conference, ‘Multinational Companies, Global Value Chains and Social Regulation’, Montreal, 6-8 June 2011. They then rewrote the papers and submitted them for publication. Publication details can be viewed under ‘Recent Publications’.

[Source: Prof Peter Fairbrother]
Research Activities (cont.)

International Symposium on Social Entrepreneurship
An international symposium organised by Dr Heather Douglas (School of Management) was held on 9 - 10 February, 2012 at RMIT.

The symposium advanced social entrepreneurship theory and will hopefully lead to future research collaborations. This was the first opportunity for academics from around Australia and New Zealand to come together and discuss this rapidly emerging field of inquiry.

The symposium advanced empirical social entrepreneurship research conducted by RMIT academics, such as Dr Douglas’ start-up study and two Honours studies. The symposium was supported by the College of Business, School of Management, RMIT; Swinburne University Faculty of Business and Enterprise; and SEEDs.

For more information please visit [www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=vu2rzp2ycpx](http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=vu2rzp2ycpx)  

[Source: Dr Heather Douglas]

Research Week - School of Economics, Finance and Marketing
RMIT Foundation International Visiting Fellow Professor Stephen L. Vargo recently joined the School of Economics, Finance and Marketing from 6 -10 February, 2012. Prof Francis Farrelly, Dr Ingo Karpen and Dr Sandy Ng hosted the visitor and organised the research week.

The research week included individual research sessions with RMIT faculty and joint research-related activities, including a seminar within the School, an RMIT Early Career Researcher (ECR) seminar, and a public lecture.

The public lecture on the “Foundations and Prospects for a Service-Dominant Logic of the Market” at RMIT’s Council Chamber attracted interest from all major universities across Melbourne, indicating Prof Vargo’s significant impact on the discipline.

The roundtable on “Developing an Impactful, Research-based Career” with RMIT ECR Network Members was equally insightful. Dr Linda Robinson from the (ECR Network Steering Committee) and the College of Business Research Office supported this event.

The ECR roundtable with Prof Steve Vargo was an informal discussion session that was well attended by ECRs from around the College and elsewhere in RMIT (including staff from the university’s other two Colleges, and the School of Graduate Research). Within the College, researchers from EF&M, Mgt and BIT&L attended, and there was active conversation about the various aspects of strategising a successful research career.

Much of the session focused on determining what scholarly contribution ECRs should aspire to make to their fields (rather than “incremental contributions” that are too context and time specific). Prof Vargo also addressed the publication plans and anxieties that ECRs often face, especially when overcoming hostile and contradictory feedback, article rejections, and building an intellectual profile. Prof Vargo advised that successful academics must make time for research, and not expect to achieve too much from fragmented engagement.

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Research Week (cont.)
He suggested that researchers, particularly ECRs, must be protective of their blocks of time. Citing his own work practices, Prof Vargo talked about needing 4-5 hour blocks of time to think, plan, and start writing.

Thank you to everyone involved for making it such a successful week!

About Prof Vargo
Based at the University of Hawaii, USA, Prof Vargo also holds visiting positions at the Universities of Cambridge and Warwick, UK, and Karlstad University in Sweden. He has also held visiting positions at the University of Maryland, College Park, the University of California, Riverside, and the University of Auckland.

His 2004 article in the Journal of Marketing titled “Evolving to a New Dominant Logic for Marketing” is the most-cited marketing article published in the last 10 years with over 2600 citations.

To learn more about Prof Vargo please visit: www.amauhm.com/about/advisors

[Source: Dr Ingo Karpen & Dr Tseen Khoo]

Excellence in Research

Congratulations to Prem Chhetri on his Professorship!!! Prof Chhetri’s promotion took effect from 13 February 2012.

Congratulations to Dr Daryl Cahill and Warwick Ponton on receiving an RMIT Learning and Teaching Investment Fund (LTIF) grant of $82,883, for the project “Embedding Design Thinking Methodology (DTM) and Practice into the RMIT Accounting curricula in Melbourne, Singapore and Vietnam”. This project will develop, trial and evaluate DTM-focussed teaching and learning materials and activities, assessment items and other curricula resources in the course “Strategic Decision Making for Accountants”.

Congratulations to Dr Anuja Cabraal, Prof Clive Morley and Prof Supriya Singh on receiving a $30,000 grant from NAB for their project “Indigenous Money Mentors”.

Congratulations to Prof Imad Moosa and Dr Larry Li on receiving a grant of $18,900 from the Australian Centre for Financial Services to finance a project entitled “An International Profile of Operational Risk”.

Congratulations to Dr Phuong Doan Minh for receiving a grant of $15,000 from the Australian Centre for Financial Services to finance a project entitled “The Relationship between Beta Asymmetry and Higher Order Moments”.

[Source: Dr Ingo Karpen & Dr Tseen Khoo]
Upcoming Research Events

Ethics Application Information Sessions
Date: 29 February 2012 & 28 March 2012
Time: 12:30pm - 1:15pm
Venue: Room 108.3.18

There will be two lunchtime information sessions for students on the human research ethics application process. Come along with your lunch, gather information and share ideas prior to submitting your ethics application. This session is for students who are intending to submit an ethics application in 2012. For further information please contact Research Ethics Coordinator Allison Tatchell (allison.tatchell@rmit.edu.au)

Qualitative Interest Group
GSB&L welcomes the Qualitative Interest Group (QIG) convened by Adjunct Professor Lyn Richards to the School. The QIG will meet:

Date: The first Tuesday of every month
Time: 12:30pm to 2pm with lunch from 12:15pm.
Venue: GSB&L Boardroom (13:04:02).

All are welcome to attend!

[Source: Marita Shelly]

Conference: Paper submission for ACE2012
The deadline for papers is fast approaching for ACE2012. You are invited to submit original papers that examine factors that influence ‘The Future of Economics: Research, Policy and Relevance’.

The Editor of the Economic Record has advised that they will publish a special ACE2012 Conference Edition, to be edited by Prof Lata Gangadharan and Prof Jakob Madsen.

Due date for submission of papers: Friday 23 March 2012. For more information, please visit: www.ace2012.org.au/

[Source: RMIT News]

Students’ Corner

ANZAM Doctoral Workshop@ the Conference 2011
Vivek Sharma, PhD student (Graduate School of Business and Law) conducted a workshop and presented a paper in ANZAM’s 25th Conference held on 5 December, 2011. His workshop, ‘Spiritual Dimensions of Leadership: An Experiential Approach’, consisted of practical activities drawn from spiritual literatures and encouraged an open discussion on the subject area, with a view to encourage exploration of an epistemological foundation for further study.
ANZAM Doctoral Workshop (cont.)

research. Vivek also presented a paper on ‘The Quest for Knowledge in Innovative Organisations: A Tacit Viewpoint’, exploring the concept of knowledge in innovative organisations and the emerging view of knowledge creation, in particular tacit knowledge, as another form of innovation.

The ANZAM doctoral workshop was a two-day event hosted by the School of Management, Massey University, Wellington (NZ). It offered opportunities for professional development, social interchange and networking with PhD researchers and academics from Australasia and all over the world.

Vivek received valuable feedback and insight during the workshop, which will prove helpful for his thesis on the ‘exploration of underlying values in innovative organisations’.

If you would like to learn more about the workshop, please contact Vivek Sharma on v.sharma@rmit.edu.au . If you wish to learn more about the ANZAM doctoral workshop, visit www.anzam.org/events/doctoral-workshop-conference/ . For information on the upcoming 2012 ANZAM Conference visit www.anzam.org/events/conference/

How publishing and presenting opened new opportunities for a PhD Student

Amirreza Hashemi, PhD Student (School of Management), presented papers at three peer-reviewed conferences held between June and December, 2011.

Amirreza presented a conceptual paper derived from his candidature review proposal, ‘Investigating Product and Demand Characteristics as antecedents of Supply Chain Complexity’ at the 9th ANZAM Operations, Supply Chain and Services Management Symposium 2011.

According to Amirreza, presenting at this conference proved helpful in building networks and prepared him on how to deal with harsh criticism. ‘I was stressed and nervous to the extent that I was ready to run!’ he said.

The second conference that he attended was an International Symposium on Logistics (ISL) in Berlin held from 4-7 July, 2011. The symposium was also attended by many academics from RMIT.

At the symposium, Amirreza had the opportunity to present on, ‘The relationship between product design and supply chain management: A systematic literature review’. This led to valuable feedback from the participants.

Amirreza was offered six weeks’ guest-lecturing in Germany on the topic of supply chain complexity in November 2012. While using this opportunity to build networks, Amirreza met with two academics from Italy (Politecnico di Milano (POLIMI) and Germany (Hamburg University of Technology (TUUH)), who advised him to attend a German-Italian Conference organised by POLIMI and TUUH.

[Source: Vivek Sharma]
How publishing... (cont.)

This led to the third conference attended by Amirreza on “Interdependencies between New Product Development and Supply Chain Management” in Milan from 1-2 December, 2011.

It gave him the opportunity to present on his forthcoming paper, ‘Modelling Supply Chain Complexity’ to research experts from his field in Information Technology. The feedback received was very positive and encouraging. He also got a chance to be a session chair at this conference. Amirreza was also given the chance to submit his paper to the *International Journal of Engineering, Science and Technology* (IJEST).

Currently, Amirreza is preparing a paper with his two supervisors (Dr Tim Butcher and Prof Prem Chhetri [both from BIT&L]), and is also working on a second paper with the two academics that he met at ISL from TUUH and POLIMI.

Amirreza says, *Publishing and presenting is a hard work but it is not impossible and well worth the effort you put in. I believe that all PhD students should focus on publishing their work while working on their thesis, as it not only gives you more exposure, but also builds your resume.*

[Source: Amirreza Hashemi]

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**Recent Publications**


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Recent Publications (cont.)


Moosa, I A 2011, Undermining the Case for a Trade War between the U.S. and China, Economia Internazionale, 64, pp. 365-38.


Recent Publications (cont.)


Upcoming Research Funding Opportunities

Business Faculty in Industry Program

If you would like to work on a project with a business, community or government organisation look no further than the Business Faculty in Industry Program (BFIP).

The BFIP assists the College in developing enhanced links with industry by enabling staff to have direct industry exposure and experience.

Expressions of Interest are invited from College of Business staff concerning potential projects for semester 2, 2012, or earlier by arrangement. These should reach Rosemary O’Connor, Enterprise Group, no later than Monday 26 March.

For more information on BFIP please visit: [www.rmit.edu.au/bus/enterprisegroup/bfip](http://www.rmit.edu.au/bus/enterprisegroup/bfip)

SPECIAL NOTE:

If you want to apply for an ARC Linkage (ONLY 1 round; Sept, 2012), and you haven’t yet submitted an Expression of Interest, please contact the Business Research Office ASAP ([tania.tambiah@rmit.edu.au](mailto:tania.tambiah@rmit.edu.au)).

The following funding opportunities have internal RMIT closing dates (indicated in green) from March–April 2012. If you are interested in any of these schemes, please contact Dr Tseen Khoo ([tseen.khoo@rmit.edu.au](mailto:tseen.khoo@rmit.edu.au)) for assistance with the development and planning of your application.

MARCH 2012

01/03/2012

Australian National University 2013 Visiting Fellowship

The HRC is now accepting applications for the 2013 Visiting Fellowship Program.

05/03/2012

National Academic Advising Association – Research Grants

The sponsor supports research in academic advising to advance knowledge about academic advising as both a field of practice and as a field of academic inquiry, to increase the body of published scholarly work on academic advising, and to provide opportunities for all academic advisors to engage in scholarship about advising.

22/03/2012

Society for Human Resource Management – Foundation Research Grants (Round 1)

The sponsor funds original rigorous empirical research projects that advance the HR profession.

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Research Funding (cont.)

22/03/2012
Cancer Council Victoria - Postdoctoral Research Fellowships Postdoctoral fellowships are offered to provide Victorian scientists who have recently completed a PhD with support for an extra year of research based on their thesis work. The research must relate to cancer aetiology, prevention, diagnosis or treatment.

APRIL 2012
17/04/2012
National Center for Responsible Gaming – Independent Scientist Grants The Independent Scientist Grants provide support for newly independent scientists who can demonstrate the need for a period of intensive research focus as a means of enhancing their research careers.

MAY 2012
14/05/2012
Ian Potter Foundation – Travel Grants (Round 1) The travel grants enable outstanding individuals, with promising careers and potentially important contributions to make to the Australian community, to exchange knowledge with their peers through participation in professional development opportunities.

17/05/2012
Center for Chinese Studies – Research Grant Program This program is designed for foreign professors, associate professors, assistant professors and doctoral candidates in departments related to Chinese studies at foreign universities, as well as researchers at related foreign academic institutes. Research tenure is three months to one year.

17/05/2012
Feminist Review Trust – Grants Programme (Round 2) The Feminist Review Trust exists to fund research and other scholarly activity on all aspects of gender.

More funding opportunities are listed at Research Alert: www.rmit.edu.au/research/alert

Research Leave

Do you know about Research Leave? It enables researchers to be temporarily freed from their teaching and administrative responsibilities for a consolidated period of time, during which they will engage in activities directly relevant to their research careers and RMIT’s research objectives. Research leave is funded by the School (or externally funded), and administered by RMIT’s Human Resources.

Research leave is available to continuing academic staff, who:
- have been employed by RMIT for at least 3 years,
- have been research active\(^1\) over the previous 3 years,
- present a well-structured case for research leave, including a detailed description of the proposed research and expected outcomes, and

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Research Leave (cont.)

- have not received research leave during the 3 calendar years prior to their current application.

**NOTE:** Research leave must be approved by the Head of School.

The guidelines and application form are available on the RMIT HR pages [here](#).

**Hints & Tips:**

1. **Plan at least a year ahead of the semester you’d like to take as research leave.** For example, if you want to take research leave in Sem 1, 2014, you should flag it in Sem 1, 2013 (or possibly earlier). This allows your School executive to plan adequately for alternative staffing arrangements and address any other resource implications.

2. **Ensure that you provide compelling, feasible reasons for the timing of (and activities during) your research leave.** Ideally, you will incorporate time spent in collaborative pursuits (e.g. working with researchers in other universities, taking up an international visiting fellowship position).

3. **You'll have a stronger case for research leave if you go into an application with demonstrated research momentum.** Ensure that you have a steady publication track-record, and have acquitted any grants funding you may have been awarded in the past.

‘Shut Up and Write’ sessions

Further to the last newsletter’s article about these casual writing groups, there are now three RMIT weekly get-togethers for those who want to insert a collegial, productive writing session into their schedules:

1. **MONDAYS** – 9.00-10.00am, Emily McPherson Building café (on RMIT campus in Building 13, cnr Franklin + Russell Streets)

2. **THURSDAYS** – 9.30-11.30am, Emily McPherson Building café (on RMIT campus in Building 13, cnr Franklin + Russell Streets)

3. **FRIDAYS** – 9.30-10.30am, Pearson & Murphy’s Café (on RMIT campus in Building 1, La Trobe Street)

You can find more detail about what ‘shut up and write’ sessions actually are [HERE](#), including how to set up your own.

**The Research Whisperer**

[theresearchwhisperer.wordpress.com](#)

*A blog about the hunt for research funding, building academic track-records and research cultures.*

Recent posts from The Research Whisperer since the new year started:

**How do I find the funding? By Tseen Khoo.**

This post maps five steps that will help you refine your hunt for research funding, and hopefully set you on the path to grant-seeking glory.

**Community House Rules Guest post by Melissa Phillips (Uni of Melbourne)**

Like any relationship, research - community partnerships require a bit of effort. I think that the trickiest part isn’t those few sentences that you draft for your research proposal – it’s putting them into practice.

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The Research Whisperer (cont.)

Respect the work By Jonathan O’Donnell.
Planning the grant application workload – strategies for getting it in on time, every time. The Research Whisperer blog welcome guest posts from academics and professional staff.

If you have something relevant you would like to share, or a topic you would like to see addressed, please contact Tseen (tseen.khoo@rmit.edu.au).

Research Events Calendar 2012

With the aim of actively expanding research collaboration and participation in research activities across the college, BRO is setting up a common platform to share school and college research activities for 2012.

We anticipate that this initiative will also assist in future events planning and avoid overlaps.

Event details will be publicly viewable via a Research Events Calendar on the Business Research webpage – and this will go live in April 2012!

We need your contribution to ensure its success – so please send your research event details to Aastha Swaroop (aastha.swaroop@rmit.edu.au) for inclusion in the Calendar.

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For detailed information on research funding and support see www.rmit.edu.au/bus/research