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“Globalization Series”

Thursday November 1 - 7-9pm POSTPONED
Dr Joseph Siracusa

Unfortunately due to a family bereavement this forum has been postponed. Date TBA.

Thursday November 8 - 7-9pm
Dr Yaso Nadarajah, Srn Research Fellow, Globalism Institute.

Topic  “Culture, the Local and the Global - What’s happening to my neighbourhood?”

Contact Vicki Finch victoria.finch@rmit.edu.au or phone 5572 0500

Community Forum
You are invited to attend the final community forum for 2007. Whilst the two speakers will cover diverse subject matters they are linked by their importance to our region.

Wednesday 14 November 2007, 7.30pm
RMIT Hamilton
200 Ballarat Road

Reconstructing science education for a sustainable future
Guest Speaker - Professor Annette Gough
Head of School of Education RMIT University

With the growth of Education for Sustainable Development in the past decade or so, the potential relationship between environmental education and science education has strengthened with a growing recognition that an understanding of ecological sustainability is essential if we are to achieve sustainable development.

This foregrounding of the importance of an environmental science education has been happening at the same time as student interest in studying traditional science subjects is declining and concerns are being raised about the static nature of science education practices. However, environmental education and Education for Sustainable Development also remain marginalised in most schools and education systems.

It thus seems timely to reconsider the nature of both environmental education and science education, and reconstruct science education to their mutual benefit. The science education that emerges from this reconstruction will not be like that currently practiced as, within an ESD context and given the changing nature of youth, a reconstructed science/environmental education will also need to explicitly address economic and social sustainability as well as ecological sustainability and the significance of “Education for all”.

Professor Annette Gough is Head of the RMIT School of Education where she is responsible for providing educational leadership, both in teaching and research. Annette’s major research interests are in environmental education and science education, particularly the history of environmental education in Australia, curriculum development, policy and evaluation, feminist research in environmental education and social and cultural issues in both environmental and science education, and improving learning and teaching in science education.

An inconvenient truth
Supporting speaker Helen Lane
– Al Gore representative

Helen will support the presentation by Annette in giving the audience a greater understanding of environmental issues in relation to climate change and global warming and the importance of environmental education at such a critical time in the Planet Earth’s life. [The presentation has been based on the Nobel Prize winning work by the Hon. Al Gore.]

Presenter Helen Lane was trained by Mr. Gore at his recent climate project workshop in Melbourne. Helen is a local to the area with a passionate understanding of the impact of climate change in this region and aims to not only create awareness of the problem of climate change but help people find local actions and solutions.

For more information or to RSVP, contact Bernadette Delahunty
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Community Forums 2008
RMIT University is calling for expressions of interest from community members regarding the format of Community Forums for 2008.
If you have ideas on particular speakers or themes we would be interested in your views. Contact Fiona Upstill on 5572 0505 or fiona.upstill@rmit.edu.au
Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary) and Master of Education

Information Session
Wednesday 14 November from 5 - 6pm
RMIT University, 200 Ballarat Road, Hamilton

Do you remember your favourite teacher?
Everyone remembers the one teacher who made a difference, who captured their imagination, sparked a new passion or simply gave them the time and attention they needed.

RMIT University in Hamilton is offering students who already have a maths or science bachelor degree the opportunity to expand their knowledge and contribute to educating others. The Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary) provides a combination of courses addressing pedagogical and professional content knowledge, the use of appropriate methods and relevant educational technology, and workplace experience.

The Master of Education program provides students with the opportunity to further develop knowledge and understanding of learning and teaching and to enhance their abilities to apply this new knowledge as a professional in a diverse range of educational and workplace-based settings. The program engages with issues of local and international relevance. Students will be equipped with the skills, knowledge and capabilities to work effectively across a range of educational, commercial and community settings in a range of management, leadership, learning and development and educational roles.

These postgraduate courses will be offered at RMIT University in Hamilton commencing 2008 using a range of delivery methods and self-paced learning materials to make returning to study more manageable.

Professor Annette Gough, Head of RMIT School of Education, will conduct this information session for prospective students of the Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary) and Master of Education.
For further information or to express your interest in attending this information session contact Marilyn Lyons on 5572 0502 or marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au

NURSING
Kerry McMullan- Nursing Coordinator
The end of the academic year is upon us. With week 1 of exams over, and two more weeks to go students are looking forward to their summer break. Year 1 students completed their first clinical practicum at the beginning of October with clinical venues offering very positive comments about student knowledge base and beginning level practical skills. Year 2 students have their final 3 week clinical practicum to complete towards the end of November but for Year 3 students, after three years of commitment and study, graduation is looming. On October 20, Year 3 students celebrated the end of the academic year, with Year 1 and 2 students, RMIT Hamilton staff, family, friends and academic dignitaries from Melbourne. A fun evening was had by all, with Melbourne academics reporting our ‘Rural Ball’ was the best Ball they had ever attended!
A total of eight awards were presented on the evening for academic excellence. Five awards were proudly sponsored by Western District Health Service, and these were received with gratitude by Year 3 students.

Thanks also to Pearson Education Group and Hamilton RMIT University for their generous sponsorship of awards.
On December 12 graduands will attend the formal graduation ceremony at the Telstra Dome. Family and friends are also invited to attend this event where Nursing students from all three campuses will graduate along with other graduands from the various schools at RMIT.

Southern Aurora Solar Challenge
Congratulations to the Aviva solar car team on their fantastic effort to finish third in the Challenge class and sixth overall, out of 41 entrants, in the Southern Aurora Solar Challenge.

With the confident handling of drivers Lisia Sturm (2.5 hours, Lake Hart to Port Augusta) and Andrew Marriott (3.5 hours, Port Augusta to Adelaide), the Aviva solar car reached a top speed of 110 km/h and averaged 88 km/h, the fastest speed it achieved during the six-day race. Significantly, it was the first time the Southern Aurora team has finished on the Friday.

“We are delighted to finish the 2007 Panasonic World Solar Challenge, and to finish so safely and strongly. We are immensely proud of our vehicle and team, and are already talking about the 2009 World Solar Challenge”
Bring it on!

Members of the Aviva solar car team –
In car: Andrew Marriott (main driver), first row (left to right): Brendan Hollis (student), Geoff Forsyth, Lisia Sturm (main driver), Bob Cadden (treasurer), back row (left to right): Steve Martinich (manager), Timothy Crooks (student), Alexander Cameron (student), Glenda Cadden, Peter Cameron.

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