Connecting Community

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BACHELOR OF NURSING - INFORMATION EVENING

Wednesday, 19 August 2009, 7 – 9pm

Thinking of studying Nursing? Why not explore your regional options with the RMIT University Hamilton Bachelor of Nursing?

Information to be covered at the Bachelor of Nursing Information Evening includes:

- Bachelor of Nursing content and delivery
- Career opportunities in nursing
- Benefits of regional study
- Support services
- Funding your studies and scholarship opportunities
- Application process
- Tour of the state of the art Hamilton facilities

Come along to gather information, ask questions, tour facilities and meet with RMIT University Hamilton staff. Professor Eleanor Holroyd, RMIT Head of the discipline of Nursing and Midwifery, will be in attendance and available to speak with interested people.

School groups and community members welcome. For more information contact Kerry McMullan, on 03 5572 0500, or email kerry.mcmullan@rmit.edu.au.

Finding a Voice – Creative Writing Seminar

Tuesday 8 September, 2009
1pm – 4.15pm or 6pm-9.15pm, $60 per person

RMIT University Hamilton will host a seminar exploring creative writing genres, styles and applications.

Suitable for all ages, professions and interests, the seminar will cover a broad range of creative writing topics and leave you with a starting point for your own writing journey.

Hosted by acclaimed writer, Louise Le Nay, the seminar will be a combination of theoretical and practical sessions, beginning with an introduction to the various forms of writing, including memoir, literary fiction, writing for children, short fiction, journalism, screenwriting, science-fiction, crime and more.

There are two sessions times available, afternoon or evening. For more information, or to book a place, phone 03 5572 0500, or email rmithamilton@rmit.edu.au.

Next Generation: Rural Leaders’ Network

Nominations now open – closing 31 August, 2009

Nominations are open for 25 of south-west Victoria’s future rural leaders to participate in the Next Generation: Rural Leaders’ Network program.

The program will establish a community of practice to improve the leadership and representative capacity of regional young people entering or involved in primary industries, particularly in the context of the challenges and opportunities as a result of a changing climate.

Officially launched at Sheepvention 2009, the project has been made possible by funding from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) under the Farming Future initiative Next Gen Farmers (NGF) scheme and is offered free of charge to participants.
RMIT are also looking to secure 25 mentors for program participants, who have relevant experience in the agricultural sector and who have a small amount of time to volunteer.

To nominate a future rural leader or mentor, or for more information, contact Rachel McDonald on 03 5572 0500, or rachel.mcdonald@rmit.edu.au.

Go Global In the Middle Years
Professional Development Opportunity - Teachers Monday 31 August 2009, 9am – 3.30pm $95 per person

With a society that is increasingly global in its focus, how do we teach students to develop knowledge, skills and attitudes that enable them to analyse issues with a global perspective?

How can students participate in solutions to problems in a globally interdependent environment?

RMIT University Hamilton, with the Global Education Project Victoria, will present a one day professional development workshop aimed at middle year (5 – 9) teachers, to assist with teaching about global and development issues and perspectives. The workshop will provide professional development activities to both the primary and secondary sectors and will cover all learning areas.

The workshop will be presented by Megan Bourke (Global Education Project), Linda Zibell (University of Ballarat) and Helen Henry (Oxfam - Sisters on the Planet).

For more information, or to book a place, phone 03 5572 0500, or email rmithamilton@rmit.edu.au.

L4YP
Satisfy your curiosity

The Landscapes for Young People in Glenelg and Southern Grampians Shires (L4YP) project seeks 20 local youth to train as researchers in an exciting new project based at RMIT University Hamilton. The project needs young people from communities and rural areas, schools, workplaces, TAFE or Universities in the Glenelg or Southern Grampians Shires.

The project will teach participants to work with peers, local government and professionals, to develop local solutions to local problems, and encourages innovative ideas in areas of interest to local youth.

To find out more, or register your interest, contact Sarah Stephens, RMIT Research Officer, on 5572 500, or email sarah.stephens@rmit.edu.au.

Australian Vocational Student Prize

Congratulations are extended to Megan Irving, a Monivae College School Based traineeship, who completed her practical experience through RMIT University Hamilton in 2008.

Megan was awarded one of 500 Australia-wide prizes and $2000 for demonstrated outstanding performance during her traineeship.

Community Forum Series
Incidental Exercise
Thursday 27 August, 2009, 5.30pm

Professor Steven Bird, Head of Medical Sciences at RMIT University will present the next community forum in the 2009 series entitled ‘Incidental Exercise’. Professor Bird travelled to Hamilton in late 2008 to conduct a well received forum on ‘The Ageing Athlete’.

All community members are welcome to attend the forum, which will be followed by ‘healthy choice’ light refreshments.

Please RSVP by Tuesday 25 August for catering purposes. Phone 03 5572 0500, or email rmithamilton@rmit.edu.au.

Young Entrepreneurs Program
Calling Hamilton’s future business leaders

Are you young, motivated, with a head full of business ideas but don’t know what to do with them?

As part of the Young Entrepreneurs Program, RMIT University Hamilton are encouraging regional youth to start exploring the future entrepreneur within.

The program is open to local youth and will:

- Encourage local youth to think about starting a business
- Provide information on technical skills necessary to start a business
- Offer networking opportunities with likeminded peers; and
- Champion community support and mentoring for program participants

The program is supported by Southern Grampians Shire Council, the Hamilton Regional Business Association and other organisations interested in regional youth, their future and the local community.

For more information phone Garth Benneyworth on 03 5572 0500, or email garth.benneyworth@rmit.edu.

Bachelor of Nursing Update

Semester Two is underway for the Bachelor of Nursing students, with second year students undertaking a three week clinical practicum experience in a community or mental health facility.

On 19 August the RMIT University Hamilton nursing staff will welcome the Head of the discipline of Nursing and Midwifery, Professor Eleanor Holroyd, along with the Undergraduate Bachelor of Nursing Program leader, Mr Ian Mcgrath. They will tour the facilities, meet with students, investigate some potentially exciting new research opportunities and be present at the Bachelor of Nursing information evening to talk with prospective students.
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