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Activities and Events

10MMM Launch of “YOUR SAY” Survey
What do you use technology for? Are you keeping up with the latest sites and programs or do you feel that you are being left behind? Does technology matter anyway?

“YOUR SAY” is a research project run by young people for young people. It looks at how technology affects your life. Have “YOUR SAY” during October. Do the survey at www.10MMM.com or pick up a paper copy at YouthBiz.

GRAND OPENING
11am Saturday 13 October at YOUTHBIZ, Gray Street, Hamilton.

FREE BAND! FREE FOOD & DRINKS!
MEET SURVEY MONKEY!

10MMM, Western District Health Service, RMIT University would be honored if you could attend the official launch of the 10MMM ‘YOUR SAY’ research project survey.

This survey has been designed by young people for young people and looks at technology and communication, young people and social relationships. RSVP: helen.lane@rmit.edu.au or call 0428 742287

Research
RMIT Hamilton welcomes Dr Paul Collits who has been recruited to fill the position of Research Fellow, Regional Development in Global Context.

Dr Collits has completed a PhD in regional policy, has worked in regional development at senior government levels in NSW and has taught regional development courses at UNSW and UNE. His research interests encompass policy related issues in regional development, regional governance, local economic development, innovation, building partnerships and learning networks, and youth issues. Paul and his family have relocated to Hamilton, commencing his new role at the end of September.

RMIT launches the 2007 “Globalization Series”
This series of four workshops, conducted over a period of four weeks will develop conversations in the four key areas of world issues; globalization, environment, cultural diversity and governance and politics.

These 4 x 2 hour workshops will incorporate a lecture followed by a facilitated discussion.

Thursday October 18 - 7-9pm
Professor Manfred Steger
Professor of Global Studies and Head of School of International and Community Studies at RMIT University.

Topic “The ideological dimensions of globalization.”

Thursday October 25 - 7-9pm
Dr Ruth Lane
Lecturer in Environment and Planning, Global Studies, Science and Planning.

Topic “Reinventing the commons in a neo-liberal world.”

Thursday November 1 - 7-9pm
Dr Joseph Siracusa
Director of Global Studies and Professor in Human Security and Global Diplomacy

Topic “The bomb still matters - governance of nuclear weapons.”

Thursday November 8 - 7-9pm
Dr Yaso Nadarajah, Snr 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 Fiona Upstill 55720505

Our Thanks
We appreciate the calls of offer to accommodate the student teacher undertaking placement at The Hamilton and Alexandra College in Term 3. We have now arranged this accommodation and thank the people who called offering assistance.
Short courses and Teacher Professional Development

**Power Point for Teachers**

Learn how to create 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 be of interest to others who wish to use this form of technology as an effective communication tool.

Class limited to 12 participants

**Date:** 22 October, 2007  
**Time:** 4.30pm – 7.30pm  
**Cost:** $75.00

**Digital Story Telling**

*Using today’s technology to tell yesterday’s stories for tomorrow’s generations.*

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 Photo-story. 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.

**Date:** 23 & 24 October, Time: 9am - 4pm  
**Cost:** $120.00

Further information and registrations by 18 October to Fiona Upstill Ph: 5572 0505 or fiona.upstill@rmit.edu.au

**RMIT awards Handbury Fellowships**

The Helen and Geoff Handbury Fellowship will award up to $40,000 this year to research projects improving the quality of life in western Victoria.

This year’s Fellowships have been awarded to:

- **Jeanette Pritchard** of Baimbridge College, Hamilton, in partnership with the RMIT Education Department for “Standing Tall School Based Mentoring Program” — a project assessing the effectiveness of a mentoring program, which helps to enhance outcomes for young people.

- **Heinz de Chelard** of Hamilton in partnership with the School of Economics, Finance and Marketing and the School of Civil, Environmental and Chemical Engineering for “A Feasibility Study for the establishment of a Biodiesel Production Facility in the Western districts of Victoria”.

- **Robert Cadden** on behalf of the Aurora vehicle Association, Western Victoria region for “Southern Aurora Solar car 2007”.

- **Chris Cole** in partnerships with Hamilton Institute of Rural Learning (HIRL), Friends of Eastern barred bandicoot and Parklands Committee for “HIRL — The Next Steps” — a project that will document and distribute the history of HIRL over the past 25 years.

The Fellowship, made possible with the support of Helen and Geoff Handbury, is now supported by the federal Department of Education, Science and Training under its Collaboration and Structural Reform Fund.

For information: (03)5572 0513 or www.communitysustainability.info/assresearch/handbury.html

**NURSING - Peter Francis- Lecturer in Nursing**

With second semester rapidly unfolding, students are finding themselves extremely busy with assignments, exam preparations, graduate year interviews, ball preparations and clinical placements.

Year 1 students commence their first clinical placement on October 1st for 2 weeks in aged care facilities throughout Hamilton, Horsham, Portland and Casterton. This provides them with a great opportunity to consolidate their new skills in preparation for exams from October 22nd. Looming performance assessments have also inspired students to form study groups and participate in practice sessions in our clinical skills laboratory.

Year 2 students have recently completed clinical placements within Community Health and Psychiatric Services throughout Geelong and South West Victoria. Their exams are also planned to commence on October 22nd, closely followed by another three week Community / Mental Health placement in November. Many of our second year students seeking registration as Division 2 Nurses will be offered the opportunity to do so through our Registered Nurse Division 2 Scope of Practice Workshop being conducted in December. Some year 2 scholarship success has also been advised with Hamilton student, Megan Elliott, receiving a lap top and software as part of the RMIT scholarship scheme for drought effected students. We also congratulate another year 2 student, Elizabeth Drew, has been selected to represent Hamilton in RMIT University’s ‘Project Vietnam’ placement next year, as part of RMIT’s 120th celebrations. Liz will accompany 17 other RMIT students on a 2 week clinical placement within the Vietnam health system, a wonderful opportunity she will never forget.

Our third year students are in the midst of a very busy time. Apart from exam preparations, assignments and clinical placements, many students have been required to attend interviews throughout Victoria and South Australia for
Graduate Nurse positions next year. It pleases us greatly to hear that some of our students have in fact been offered positions at major metropolitan and regional hospitals even before computer match results have been released. Outcomes such as this restore our confidence in maintaining our 100% employment rate since the inception of our program in 2000. We wish them all luck for their final exams and subsequent career progression.

RMIT’s Annual Graduation Ball is planned for Saturday, October 20th at the Hamilton Golf Club. Third year students are busy planning this event which promises to be a night of fun, reflection and recognition for our graduating students, their families and wider student cohort. Expressions of interest are sought from businesses that would like to sponsor awards being offered on the night in recognition of students’ academic and clinical excellence and aptitude. Sponsorship can be provided in a number of ways including cash, travel vouchers, book vouchers, professional memberships or engraved keepsakes (pen / fob watch / plaque etc). There are many rewards being offered to organisations offering sponsorship. Please contact Mr. Peter Francis, Lecturer in Nursing on 55 720 510 for more information. Tickets for the Ball are on sale and may be purchased from the reception desk at RMIT’s Hamilton campus.

Information Session – Real Estate
Information Session – Property Industry Practitioners or Academics

RMIT University Hamilton
200 Ballarat Road
HAMILTON
Tuesday 16 October - 11 am until 12 noon
Find out how to become a TAFE Teacher in Real Estate. The information session will cover aspects of teaching as well as the infrastructure that is already in place to support you.

For further information contact Fiona Upstill Tel: 03 5572 0505, or email Vince Raso vince.raso@rmit.edu.au or Ron Thies ron.thies@rmit.edu.au

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We wish good luck and sunny skies to the Aviva Solar Car entrannt as they head to Darwin on Friday 12 October for the Annual Darwin to Adelaide Solar Car Challenge.

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Community Forum – Presented by Professor Annette Gough, Head RMIT’s School of Education
“Reconstructing science education for a sustainable future”
Wednesday 14 November – 7.30pm
RMIT, 200 Ballarat Road, HAMILTON

For further information contact Dr. Kaye Scholfield T: 5572 0501 or E: kaye.scholfield@rmit.edu.au

Helpful Websites
RMIT University www.rmit.edu.au
Southern Grampians Shire www.sghgrampians.com.au
SW TAFE www.swtafe.vic.edu.au
Southern Grampians Adult Education www.sqaie.vic.edu.au
Rural Industry Skills Training www.rist.com.au
GSG LLEN www.gsgllen.org.au

If you would like information about the facilities or services offered at RMIT Hamilton, please email Dr Leone Wheeler, Head, Learning Community Partnerships incorporating RMIT Hamilton at leone.wheeler@rmit.edu.au or phone 0407 856 212. or contact Dr Kaye Scholfield, Manager, Community Partnerships & Projects at kaye.schofield@rmit.edu.au or phone 5572 0501.
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