Calendar of Events

November
2   20 Years of Potter Celebration - HIRL
17  Graduation Ball – Hamilton PAC
22  Community Forum
30  Handbury Fellowship Community Presentation

December
1   Helen & Geoff Handbury Fellowship Celebration
1   RMIT Management Meeting
1   Community Advisory Group Meeting

Next Community Forums
Community Forum - Rangeland systems in Africa, with Herbert Prins, Professor in Resource Ecology from the Netherlands.
22 November, 7.30 pm, RMIT University, Hamilton.
For more information, contact Kaye Scholfield on 5572 0501 or kaye.scholfield@rmit.edu.au

Handbury Fellowship Community Presentation – Sustainable Volunteerism in Rural Communities
30 November, 7.00 pm, Warrnambool. Venue to be confirmed.
For more information, please contact Vicki Finch on 5572 0513 or victoria.finch@rmit.edu.au

Helen & Geoff Handbury Fellowship Celebrations
Professor Margaret Gardner, Vice Chancellor and President RMIT University, is hosting the Helen and Geoff Handbury Fellowships Celebrations at RMIT University, Hamilton on 1 December 2006, from 6.30 pm to 9.30 pm.
This event will draw together the sponsors, community, researchers and related community groups and organisations to hear about the positive benefits of the fellowship projects across the region.
This event is being co-ordinated by the Globalism Institute. RSVP to Victoria Finch on 5572 0513 or victoria.finch@rmit.edu.au.

Short Course Guide
RMIT University Hamilton is in the process of planning a Short Course Guide for 2007 and is keen to hear about the professional development needs of local businesses and their staff.
The University has the capability of offering a number of short courses providing opportunities for the development of skills and knowledge, customised to meet an organisation’s specific requirements.
www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au showcases some of the courses that we may be able to provide in Hamilton, subject of course, to sufficient interest. This information may assist businesses in determining staff development needs and by communicating your interest, we can begin to plan effectively for 2007.
This link may also provide you with information on customised industry training solutions.
Marilyn Lyons Learning Centre Co-ordinator would be delighted to talk to you about any of your professional development needs, on 55720502 or marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au

Stop Press: We are currently seeking expressions of interest for Master of Business Administration (MBA) online or mixed mode delivery along with the opportunity to enrol in a single MBA subject (with or without examination). Contact Marilyn Lyons for further information on these exciting developments.

Bachelor of Nursing News
The 2006 academic year is almost complete. With only 3 more exam weeks left to complete another academic year, students are busy finalising assessment items and studying. To complete this year students have done a marvellous job organising the RMIT Ball to celebrate the year 3 graduations.
This year is particularly important as RMIT Hamilton will celebrate its 100th Bachelor of Nursing graduate, and the occasion will be marked with the unveiling of an ‘honour board’ naming every Bachelor of Nursing graduate from RMIT Hamilton since the program commenced.
In honour of our 100th graduate, new Head of Department, Professor Eleanor Holroyd, will be attending the Ball. Joining her will be Professor Daine Alcorn, Pro Vice Chancellor, Science, Engineering and Technology (SET) Portfolio, Professor Ken Greenwood, Head of School, Health Sciences, Associate Professor Lina Shahwan -Akl and Program Leader Dr Anthony Welch.
In addition to the Graduation Ball, year 3 graduating students are very much looking forward to the Graduation Ceremony at the Telstra Dome on the 13th of December.

Re-Enrolments for 2007 have become an on-line process for the first time this year. New enrolments continue to be both a face to face and online process. Early offer enrolments have been set for the 6th of December.

RMIT Hamilton’s new clinical Educator, Peter Francis is settling in well and has become an integral part of the Nursing management team. Our congratulations go to Peter as he was part of a team which won the 2006 Western District Health Service Clinical Excellence Award at last week’s WDHS AGM. Peter was Program Coordinator of the new 'Team Midwifery Model of Care' prior to taking up his position at RMIT Hamilton last month. Peter has also been nominated for the Irving-Buzzard Award, a prestigious Midwifery award presented to a nominated midwife whose significant contributions have had an important impact on his/her community. Congratulations Peter!

**Annual Graduate Ball**

RMIT University students will be celebrating their graduation in style with a formal ball in November. To be held after final exams for Year 3 students, all students and their families, staff, alumni and stakeholders are encouraged to attend what promises to be an entertaining evening.

**When:** Friday 17 November

**Where:** Hamilton PAC, Brown St

**Theme:** Masquerade

**Time:** 7.30pm til late

**Cost:** $15

To book tickets: Contact Carol at reception on 5572 0500.

**Meeting Notice**

**Community Advisory Group meeting**

RMIT University Hamilton will be hosting the next Community Advisory Group Meeting on 1 December from 12 noon until 2.00pm.

**National Water Week**

**Protect, conserve and get involved!**

The theme of this year’s National Water Week 2006 was ‘Protect, conserve and get involved’, and Wannon Water and the Glenelg Hopkins CMA teamed up to help spread the message around the region.

Over 260 school children from the area attended RMIT University Hamilton for an Environmental Activity Day on 19th October. A feature of this years program was the launch of a new interactive catchment trailer – a working model to help people understand what a catchment is and how it works. The model demonstrates river management, coastal and estuary features, how stormwater works, how agricultural practices can affect river health, and examples of industrial and domestic water use. Water saving was also a key theme running through the day.

**Scholarships**

**CEP Inc Rural Education Scholarships**

The Country Education Project is pleased to announce that there will be two Rural Education Scholarships allocated for 2007, valued at $5000 each. These scholarships have been developed to improve learning for young people in rural and remote Victoria and can be utilized to undertake research, support professional development, and support the development of innovative/creative curriculum.

People from rural education communities (including teachers, parents, school councillors and students) are entitled to apply. If you would like more information go to the CEP website at [www.cep.org.au](http://www.cep.org.au) (Current Projects page) or phone the executive officer on 042817115.

Applications close on Friday, 10th November

**Online Postgraduate Nursing Opportunities in 2007**

Graduate Certificates are now being offered in: Child and Adolescent Health, Gerontology, Neuroscience Nursing and Management for Health Care Professionals.

For further information phone 9925 7453, see [www.rmit.edu.au/nursing](http://www.rmit.edu.au/nursing) or email nursing@rmit.edu.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.

Marilyn Lyons, Learning Centre Co-ordinator at marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au or phone 5572 0502.

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