Bachelor of Nursing Program

As we enter the second half of Semester 1, students are starting to submit academic assessment pieces, complete clinical rotations, and make plans for a well earned semester break!

Year 3 students are currently undertaking an important clinical placement to consolidate their knowledge and skills before their final ‘reality shock’, a four week placement towards the end of Semester 2. So far all reports of Year 3 performances have been excellent. These students are displaying high level team involvement, critical analysis and evaluation skills.

As a result of scarce clinical placements, many Year 2 and Year 3 students have had to undertake a full time clinical load whilst still carrying a full time academic load. This has placed enormous stress on these students; however they have coped well and as usual produced superior academic and clinical results.

Preparations are underway to intensify our marketing for the 2010 intake. RMIT University Discipline of Nursing and Midwifery is continuing its high level support of the rural campuses with increased investment of time, equipment and technological support for the program. Applications for the 2010 intake will commence in early July and interested parties are encouraged to attend the Open Evening on 19 August starting at 7pm. Not only will prospective students have an opportunity to see the learning environments, but they will be introduced to some exciting innovations and additions to the 2010 Nursing Course.

2009 Community Forums Series

A Community Forum will be held on 7 May 2009 at 5.30 pm at RMIT University Hamilton with Professor Ian Plimer presenting his new publication *Heaven and Earth* questioning the hypothesis that "humans can actually change climate."

Ian Plimer, a Professor of Mining Geology at the University of Adelaide and Emeritus Professor of Earth Sciences at the University of Melbourne, is the Eureka Prize winning author of *A Short History of Planet Earth*.

A Community Forum will be held on 11 May 2009 at 5.30 pm at RMIT University Hamilton with Rys Farthing, a lecturer in the School of Global Studies, Social Science and Planning at RMIT University. This forum will explore the "teen brain" theory and its implications for young people’s human rights. This theory is one way of ‘understanding’ young people from a development perspective and suggests that changes in young people’s grey matter could explain their risk taking behaviours.

Please RSVP to Carol Burger on 5572 0500 if you wish to attend either of these Forums.

Grammar and Punctuation

13 & 14 May 2009, 10.00am – 4.00pm $440.00

This two-day course aims to provide tools to create writing with a professional edge, and clear up the confusion around grammar and sentence construction as well as punctuation and capitalisation.

Participants will learn to identify and fix common problems in writing, and learn the principles of plain English. This course is a must for those who write and edit material in the workplace.

Presenter: Penny Johnson, a writer, editor and lecturer in RMIT’s Professional Writing and Editing Course.

For more information please contact Marilyn Lyons, Learning Centre Coordinator on 5572 0502 or email marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au
Writing for the Web
15 May 2009, 9.00am – 1.00pm $125.00

Learn the principles of successful web writing, how to convert print text for a web publication and how to write scannable content that serves your reader. This four-hour workshop is essential for people who write web content for workplace websites.

Presenter: Penny Johnson, a writer, editor and lecturer in RMIT’s Professional Writing and Editing Course.

For more information please contact Marilyn Lyons, Learning Centre Coordinator on 5572 0502 or email marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au

Framework for Understanding Poverty
22 May 2009, 9.30am – 4.30pm $85.00

A full day workshop using Dr Ruby Payne’s Framework for Understanding Poverty to help teachers, administrators and support personnel in the health and welfare sectors to understand the specific needs and behaviours of students from backgrounds of poverty and socio-economic disadvantage.

This workshop is being presented in association with the Glenelg Southern Grampians Local Learning Employment Network and other community organisations.

Presenter: Nairn Walker is a lecturer at the University of Tasmania School of Education and is currently the Managing Director of Social Solutions: ‘educating for a positive now’.

For more information please contact Marilyn Lyons, Learning Centre Coordinator on 5572 0502 or email marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au

Course in Property (Agents’ Representatives)

This course will commence on Monday 11 May and will run until 2 July, Monday and Thursday evenings from 5.30 to 8.30pm.

All enquiries are to be made directly to Marilyn Lyons. Tel: (03) 5572 0502 or email marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au

Your Career at RMIT

RMIT is a global university of technology based in Melbourne, with a commitment to and reputation for high quality professional and vocational education and research engaged with industry and community.

Research Officer - Youth Issues- Action Research Project
• $47,651 - $64,635 p.a + 17% super
• Hamilton location
• Fixed Term - 3 years

We require a Research Officer to join the ‘Landscapes for Young People in the Glenelg and Southern Grampians Shires’ Project.

You will implement the project by working with young people and community groups in an action research process. This will include conducting interviews and workshops, and training and managing young researchers.

A Master Degree or PhD in Social Science or a related discipline is preferred as is a demonstrated ability to work effectively with young people. You will have experience in managing research projects.

Candidates with an interest in undertaking a higher degree by project are encouraged to apply.

Previous applicants need not apply.

Appointment to this position is subject to passing a Working with Children Check.

For application details, please view the website www.rmit.edu.au/employment or contact Kaye Schoolfield on (03) 5572 0501. Applications close 9 May.

RMIT University is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.

10MMM Workshops

Upcoming events for the film festival:

Every Wednesday in May- FREE computer lab space at RMIT for young people to work on their films. 4pm - 5.30pm.

Saturday 16 May - Claymation workshop at RMIT 9am - 1pm

Thursday 21 May - 10MMM Youth Film Festival Leadership Group meeting at RMIT, 4pm. For all who would like to get involved with managing and organising the big Gala event in June and for those who would like to be part of making the ‘behind the scenes’ film for the festival.

Saturday 23 May - Claymation workshop at RMIT 9am - 1pm

Saturday 30 May - Music and soundtrack workshop with local musicians at RMIT 9am - 1pm

To find out more about the film festival, workshops or the leadership group log onto the 10MMM web site www.10mmm.com or contact Jo Brown or Jessica Still at RMIT on 5572 0533 or Leanne Watt at Youthbiz.

Hamilton Research Day follow ups

The following sessions have been scheduled as a follow up to the RMIT University’s Hamilton Research Day which was held in September 2008.

The object of the workshops will be:

• to consider the outcomes of the 2008 Research Day
• to confirm the priorities of the projects proposed in September 2008
• to determine one or two distinct research projects for which funding will be sought and
• to suggest possible funding sources.
Session times are as follows:

Natural Resource Management - Monday 18 May 9am-11am
Youth and Education - Wednesday 20 May 1pm-3 pm
Economic Development - Thursday 21 May 10am-12pm
Health Ageing and Social Development - Friday 22 May 11am-1pm

For enquiries please contact Julia Schlapp. Tel: (03) 5572 0536 or email julia.schlapp@rmit.edu.au.

Honorary Doctorate Award for Geoffrey Handbury AO

In the tradition of RMIT recognising distinguished and significant contributions to the community, RMIT Design and Social Context Portfolio and the Globalism Research Centre proposed that Geoffrey Handbury, AO, businessman, philanthropist and social entrepreneur be awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Social Science for his substantial contribution and efforts towards community development and community sustainability in Victoria, Australia and globally.

Geoffrey Handbury, with his late wife Helen Handbury has made a significant contribution in funding and establishing educational, cultural and research institutions, regional health centres, community activity centres and buildings, community self-reliant programs and social entrepreneurship opportunities for individuals as well as community and professional groups. Never merely a financial contributor, Geoffrey’s capacity to be personally involved in the development and establishment of these centres and activities has given to Victoria and Australia one of the most successful and inspiring record of the power of philanthropy in recent times.

The award recognises and acknowledges the late Helen Handbury AO, who worked alongside Geoffrey Handbury in all their work and contributions in Victoria, Australia and globally.

Professor Margaret Gardner AO, Vice-Chancellor & President will confer the award at a ceremony to be held on 8 May at RMIT University, Melbourne.