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12 Queens Birthday Public Holiday
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4 Community Forum in Coleraine. Handbury Fellowship Community Presentation: “Using Treated Waste Water for High Value Horticulture in Rural Communities”
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TBC Professional Development for Schools: “Sustainability in School Curriculum” – Professor John Fien

Changes at RMIT Hamilton

RMIT University Hamilton, New Management Structure
The management group at RMIT University, Hamilton is led by Professor Alan Cumming, Pro Vice Chancellor for Design and Social Context and the Vice-Chancellor’s representative in Hamilton. This consists of Dr Leone Wheeler, Head of Learning Community Partnerships and Professor Paul James, Director of the Globalism Institute. Dr Wheeler has responsibility for the efficient running of teaching and learning programs and the operations of the site and Professor James has overall responsibility for research.

A new Community Advisory Group is being formed with membership drawn from organisations representing local and state government, health, education, enterprise and community. This group has the following functions:

- to coordinate advice to RMIT University on key issues facing the region.
- to provide a focused point for liaison between RMIT University and the local region and community, and
- to organise and support any activities which support the role of RMIT University in Hamilton.

The first meeting of this group is scheduled for 24 July.

New Regional Development Program
RMIT University's Regional Development Program was established in May as the new face for regional-development research at RMIT University. Based at RMIT University's Hamilton learning site, and part of the School of Global Studies, Social Science and Planning, the new program focuses on "Regional Development in Global Context". It builds upon the work and research portfolio of the former Centre for Regional and Rural Development (CRRD). Dr Robyn Eversole, formerly Research Fellow at the CRRD, has been appointed Regional Development Program Director. Shelagh Krummel is the Program's Senior Research Assistant and Project Manager.

RMIT University's Regional Development Program facilitates a range of research projects on regional-development-related issues in collaboration with community and government organisations and RMIT University researchers. Organisations, groups or individuals with an interest in regional development (encompassing social, economic and environmental aspects) are invited to contact the Regional Development Program for access to information, research expertise, and to explore opportunities for collaboration.

Currently we are seeking a project officer to assist with The Potter Farmland Project - Past, Present and Future. Anyone interested in this position may contact Shelagh Krummel on 5572 0532 for a copy of the Position Description.

Community Forum
RMIT University is holding a series of Community Forums from July - November 2006. These include Handbury Fellowship Community Presentations, Local-Global Public Lectures and Forums brought to you by Learning Community Partnerships group.

The next forum to be held in Coleraine will be a Handbury Fellowship Community Presentation: “Using Treated Waste Water for High Value Horticulture in Rural Communities” It will be held on July 4 at 7.00pm.

For more information about this forum, please contact Vicki Finch on 5572 0549.
Bachelor of Nursing News
Semester 1 has almost drawn to a close for Bachelor of Nursing Students. Year 1’s have almost completed their very first semester at University, and year 3 students are preparing for their computer match process for future employment.

To prepare our students for great employment opportunities RMIT University invited several industry specialists to come and speak to the students about their hospitals requirements for employment as a Division 1 Registered Nurse. In addition to this year 3 students were all invited to an ‘employment seminar series’ in Melbourne where they were offered information to aid in their future employment applications, interviews and Curriculum Vitae development.

On June 25th graduating students are also encouraged to attend the nursing expo in Melbourne which showcases the graduate Nursing Programs for all the major city of Melbourne and metropolitan Hospitals. Currently, students are undertaking 3 weeks of exams. Year 2 and 3 students will then embark on another 3 week clinical placement before commencing 3 weeks vacation.

At the end of Semester 1 clinical teacher Catherine Ryan will be leaving us. Catherine is leaving RMIT for a full time position in Warrnambool. She will be sadly missed by staff and students. Catherine’s contribution to the careers of her students has been invaluable, and very much appreciated.

The 4th Annual Early Childhood Conference
The conference will be held at RMIT University, Hamilton on the 16th August 2006. This year’s program will focus on exploring natural play spaces; music and dance; and autism.

Mark the date in your diary and come and join Susan Elliott, Shenanigans and Kerry Bull as they lead you through the magical, mystical world of our youngest learners.

If you would like more information about the conference or to register your interest please ring Carol Burger on 5572 0500.

Regional Arts Fund Information
Do you have an exciting arts project based in a community in regional Victoria?
On July 28, Regional Arts Victoria staff will conduct an information session at RMIT University Hamilton.

For more information about the session, guidelines and application forms please visit the website www.rav.net.au or call Kim Hellard on (ph) 03 9644 1800 (1800 819 803 – toll free).

Art Works
Art Exhibition.
Art Works will be holding an art exhibition, Unframed Art Works, at the RMIT University Hamilton Art Studio. The opening is on Friday 9th June, starting at 7.30pm, with drinks and nibbles provided. The exhibition will be on show from the 9th until 12th June, from 10.00am to 4.30pm.

The exhibits are from local and district artists working in all mediums and demonstrations will be held throughout the weekend. All are welcome and cost is a gold coin donation.

For more information contact Carol Burger on 5572 0500.

LLEN News
Hamilton Heroes Day: July 4th & 5th
The Heroes Days aim to build self esteem, confidence, resilience and focus in each young person, as well as create a positive peer group shift within the year level. This is done by exploring the themes of peer respect, authentic expression and leadership in a fun, dynamic and engaging way.

For more information about Hamilton Heroes Day, contact Marg at GSG LLEN on 5571 9302.

Writing Workshop
Always wanted to write a book?
Have you ever had a great idea for a book, but never known how to put the idea on paper?
Published Author, Dr Robyn Eversole, will be conducting a workshop for writers and aspiring writers towards the end of August 2006.

More information about the date and theme will follow as it comes to hand, so watch this space. To register your interest in this workshop, please contact Carol Burger on 5572 0500.

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.

Dr Kaye Scholfield, Manager, Community Partnerships & Projects at kaye.scholfiled@rmit.edu.au or phone 5572 0501.

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