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NEW MANAGER - TEXTILE AND DESIGN SPECIALIST CENTRE

The School of Fashion and Textiles RMIT University announced that Mr. Kent Williamson has been appointed Manager - Textile and Design Specialist Centre, effective July 1 2007.

Kent has extensive experience in the development and delivery of Industry training programs in Textile, Clothing and, Fashion. The Centre’s activities include the School’s commercial work and the industry short course programs in conjunction with the project work the Centre has initiated over the past six months.

The short course programs (Mr. Jack Roosenboom) and Textile Testing services (Ms. Trudie Orchard) will report to Kent. Head of School, Keith Cowlishaw said, “The appointment of a manager for the Centre and consolidation of the commercial activities of the School will provide the Textile and Design Specialist Centre with the leadership and resources it requires to provide a strong point of contact for the Textile, Clothing and, Fashion industry. Whilst the repositioning of the Centre to include Fashion, Merchandising, Retail, Textile Design and, Wholesalers took place in January we are now in a position to put in place a structure that will move the Centre forward and will give the School further opportunities to continue to provide leadership in education and training for the Industry”.

The Textile and Design Specialist Centre, in addition to the design and delivery of industry training, is involved in a broad range of initiatives. These include:

- Development and delivery of training seminars for the Australian Technology Network
- Development of Canadian THRC web based training tool for the International Fibre Centre
- Development of training modules for Pacific Brands
- Training of outworkers for Department of Industry and Training
- Application of Certificate 3 training CMI and warehousing into industry
- Research effective delivery of training to TCF SME and micro business
- Scotweave specialist training project sponsored by the International Fibre Centre
- Development of an online training resource for Pattern makers
- SME opportunities for graduates with the Brunswick Business Incubator

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