What’s On Calendar

November
14 Graduation Ball for Hamilton students
19 - 28 International Student Visit

Citation - Centre of Excellence in International Education
Professor John Fien, Director of Research in Hamilton, as leader as a group of researchers taking part in RMIT University Education for Sustainability Programme has received a citation from UNESCO’s Asia-Pacific Network for International Education and Values Education for research programs which advance the theory and practice of Education for Sustainable Development.

A number of research programs have been mentioned but two of note are the ARC Discovery program - Education for Sustainable Consumption (locally this is linked to the OtherWISE program coordinated by Fiona Upstill) and a new ARC Linkage grant on School-Community Partnerships for Sustainability lead by Dr Robbie Guevara and managed by Dr Leone Wheeler.

Bachelor of Nursing Program
The end of the academic year is almost here with exams completed and students now awaiting results which are to be published on 1 December.

Year 1 students are scheduled to commence their first clinical practicum on 17 November and Year 2 students have their final practicum for this year beginning 1 December 2008.

Year 3 students have completed all course requirements including clinical placements with outstanding results. All Hamilton students have received graduate year employment offers at their first preference venues.

The RMIT Graduate Ball will be held on Friday 14 November at the Hamilton Golf Club. Twenty Year 3 students along with other students, family and friends are expected to celebrate the completion of their Bachelor of Nursing course.

Special guests at the ball include Dr Heather Pisani –Head of the Undergraduate Program in Bundoora and Ms Hillary King Human Resources Manager from Western District Health Service. Ms King will be presenting the Year 3 excellence awards that have been proudly sponsored by WDHS.

The Ball is also an opportunity to thank local RMIT University staff for all their assistance throughout the year.

Bachelor of Nursing Program Coordinator, Kerry McMullan, has been nominated by students for the Student Choice Teaching Awards 2008. This places Kerry among the top forty teachers across the College of Science Engineering and Technology for this year based on the number of student nominations.

Cultural Exchange Opportunity
Can you assist us by hosting two Indonesian PhD students for 3 nights?

RMIT University in Hamilton is hosting a group of 20 Indonesian PhD students from UNY (National University of Yogyakarta) on a study tour of our region. The students will arrive in Hamilton on the evening of Wednesday 19 November.

We would like to show the generosity of the Hamilton community by providing host families to accommodate the students for the first three nights of their visit - Wednesday 19, Thursday 20 and Friday 21 of November. They will then need to be taken to Hamilton Lakeside Caravan Park on Saturday 22 by 5pm for the duration of their stay.

The Southern Grampians Shire Council will host a welcome reception for the students on the evening of their arrival at the Visitor Information Centre. It is envisaged that host families would be part of this welcome reception and students would go home with them at 8.00 pm.

There are proposed visits to local schools, SW TAFE, tours of the region and study sessions at RMIT during their visit.

It is also planned that on Thursday 27 November the students will host a Cultural evening at RMIT University. Host families will be invited to attend this function and farewell the students from our region.

If you wish to host a student or would like more information please contact Fiona Upstill on 5572 0500 or fiona.upstill@rmit.edu.au

Graduate Diploma in Midwifery for 2009
RMIT University is committed to undertaking a Graduate Diploma in Midwifery in 2009. This program prepares Registered Nurses to enter midwifery practice leading to endorsement as a midwife with the Nurses Board of Victoria, and fosters the development of leadership and scholarship in the discipline of midwifery.

This program will run subject to numbers and aims to give local Registered Nurses an opportunity to study locally and further their nursing career. For more information please contact Kerry McMullan on 5572 0551 or kerry.mcmullan@rmit.edu.au

Professional Development and Short Courses
Marilyn Lyons, Learning Centre Coordinator at RMIT University Hamilton Centre, is in the process of preparing the Short Courses and Professional Development workshops for 2009.

Through RMIT University in Melbourne, Marilyn has access to a wide variety of courses, workshops and experts in their fields and can arrange delivery of specific programs here in Hamilton.

Organisations or industry groups are encouraged to contact Marilyn and discuss their education and training needs to enable delivery of such programs in 2009.
Real Estate – forward notice
Course in Property (Agents’ Representatives) and Certificate IV in Property (Real Estate Agency Practice)
Both Course in Property (Agents’ Representatives) and Certificate IV in Property (Real Estate Agency Practice) will commence in early Semester I 2009.

Certificate IV in Training & Assessment (TAA40104)
Expressions of interest are now required from those interested in undertaking this course. This course is ideal for those who have Line Management responsibilities for Staff Development and Training; for staff working in a Staff Development and Training or Organisational Development role; for people working in a teaching capacity (full or part time) in Vocational Training and Education.

The course is run over 12 days of face-to-face teaching, which is delivered in 4 blocks. This course will commence in 2009.

To register your interest for these courses, or for more information, please contact Marilyn Lyons, Learning Centre Coordinator on 5572 0502 or marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au

ArtWorks Success
ArtWorks is a small group of like-minded artists of varying experience who have been utilising the art facilities at RMIT University Hamilton for most of 2008.

From 7 – 9 November, they held an exhibition at RMIT University Hamilton to showcase all the work they had produced, with the exhibition opening on the Friday evening with over 200 guests attending.

Over 100 pieces of work were on display and available for purchase with approximately 50 per cent of the pieces being sold over the weekend and some of the artists being commissioned for private works.

If you are interested in joining this group of artists come along and learn new skills using a variety of mediums and themes. Members can work on their own projects, must be comfortable with peer-feedback and have an open mind.

Cost is $8 per session to cover room hire. If you are interested in finding out more, drop in on Wednesday evening at the RMIT Art Studio from 6pm, or call Megan Jackson on 0439 039 958

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