Calendar of Events

June
13 Creating a Sustainable Early Childhood Service – Teacher PD
25 Community Advisory Group Meeting
25 Launch - Volume 4 of the Local-Global International Journal of Community Studies

Community Advisory Group
A meeting of the CAG will be held on 25 June. Professor Alan Cumming and Dr Leone Wheeler will update members on current teaching and learning and research projects at Hamilton. It will also be an opportunity for CAG members to meet Professor John Fien who is the new Research Director for Hamilton.

Bachelor of Nursing
As Semester 1 2007 draws to a close, students are preparing for exams and for year 3 students this will be followed by 3 weeks of clinical placement.

This Semester has presented many challenges for students in relation to the delivery method of lectures. In Semester 2 students will be given access not only to video conferenced lectures, but also to the recorded files of these lectures. Students identified that in Semester 1, access to recorded files assisted in learning, knowledge retention, revision and exam preparation, so this learning tool will be enhanced and re-offered for Semester 2.

Semester 2 is an exciting time for students as many of them commence their elective subjects. Students undertake both University electives and a nursing related elective throughout their 3 years of study. The University electives are offered by other ‘schools’ within the University but students are encouraged to take a subject related to Nursing to broaden their knowledge and skill base. The most popular electives chosen by students are offered by the School of Medical Sciences.
Teacher Professional Development

Our last Teacher PD for Semester 1 will focus on Creating a Sustainable Early Childhood Service.

This workshop will be presented by Sue Elliott who shares a passion for environmental education and science education in her teaching. Sue is co-author of several books including “Snails Live in Houses Too, Environmental Education for the Early Years”, “Just Discover: Connecting Young Children with the Natural World”, and “Early Childhood Environmental Education: Making it Mainstream”.

Wednesday 13 June. 4.30 – 6.30pm
RMIT University, 200 Ballarat Road, Hamilton
Cost $50.00

This will be an interactive exploration of the questions;
• What is sustainability in the early childhood context and why is it important?
• How can you create a culture of sustainability in your service?
• Where to start and what resources are available? Are your resources environmentally friendly?
• How can problem solving and critical thinking activities linked to the local environment contribute to sustainability?

For registrations please contact Carol Burger on 5572 0500 by the 8 June 2007.

Short Courses

REAL ESTATE TRAINING OPTIONS

A “Real Estate” information session was held on Wednesday 23 May, conducted by Ron Thies, the Program Coordinator of Real Estate at RMIT and Vincent Raso, a teacher in the program who currently looks after trainees in the region. Information regarding the nature of the industry and traineeships, pathways and relevant qualifications was presented to twenty participants, many of whom expressed interest in the prospect of studying locally for their agents representative’s certificate or full real estate licence. For more information please contact Marilyn Lyons 5572 0502 or marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au

Local-Global International Journal of Community Studies


This second edition for the Hamilton region highlights the deepening of research in the region and the focus of the Local-Global Research Program on three main areas – food production, climate change and local-global ideologies that affect local sustainability. This volume is a tribute to the late Keith Warne and the late Graham Pizzey, both local identities.

Keith was an active community member of many organisations, a Councillor on the Mount Rouse Shire Council and an integral part of the RMIT Southern Grampians partnership. Graham was a well respected ornithologist, natural history writer and photographer who travelled extensively throughout Australia observing, writing about, photographing and filming wildlife and its habitats.

Helen & Geoff Handbury Fellowship Program

RMIT University is calling for applications for the fifth round of the Helen & Geoff Handbury Fellowship Program. Applications should be submitted by close of business on Friday 15 June 2007 to:
Dr Yaso Nadarajah
Research Fellow
Globalism Institute
RMIT University
G.P.O. Box 2476V
MELBOURNE VIC 3001

The Fellowship website and Fellowship folder are now available:
www.communitysustainability.info/assresearch/handbury.html

The Helen & Geoff Handbury Fellowship Program is a community-university fellowship program that provides financial support to the Western Victoria region community members in partnership with RMIT University staff or students to undertake projects that provide a direct and tangible benefit towards the sustainability of the Western Victoria region and surrounds. The term “community” is not defined exclusively by geographic region, but also includes communities of interest, occupation, history, language, and others.

For further information about the Helen & Geoff Handbury Fellowship Program please contact the Local-Global Program Office, RMIT, Hamilton on 5572 0513 or 5572 0549.

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.scholfield@rmit.edu.au or phone 5572 0501.
Marilyn Lyons, Short Course Co-ordinator at marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au or phone 5572 0502.
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