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Community Forum

RMIT COMMUNITY FORUM
15th May 2006, 7.30pm
RMIT Hamilton
200 Ballarat Road
Theme: Sustainability – Learning, Going Forward
Speakers:
- Professor John Fien, Innovations Professor of Sustainability at RMIT; “Learning for Sustainability”.
- Cathy Wagg, PhD student; Early reflections and the scope of the research she is undertaking on the Potter Farmland Plan.
- Gill Fry (Integrated Communications Manager) and Shelley Lipscombe (Regional Landcare Coordinator) of the Glenelg Hopkins CMA; Update on the draft Regional Landcare Plan

All are welcome to attend
For more information or to RSVP, contact Kaye Scholfield on 5572 0501 or email kaye.scholfield@rmit.edu.au

Bachelor of Nursing News

April saw a lecturer from the Biomedical and Physical Sciences team visit the Hamilton campus to deliver an intensive session on microbiology. The year 1 students enjoyed 2 days of laboratory sessions and lectures about bacteria and viruses.
A representative from the Royal College of Nursing was available to all students to discuss professional nursing issues and provide resources and information about the College and its activities. There was an excellent response from students, with the year 3 students taking advantage of membership and graduate year information.

Louise Yole from the Standing Tall mentoring program spoke to year 1 and 2 students about becoming involved as mentors in the program. There were several students who signed up with expressions of interest.
Catherine Ryan, our Clinical Educator submitted her resignation and will be taking up a position as Education Manager at Lyndoch in Warrnambool. Catherine commenced in September 2003 and will be greatly missed by all at RMIT.

Professional Development for Early Childhood Educators

Fundamental Motor Skills and Literacy
Presented by Lee Anton-Hem
With childhood obesity and literacy becoming of more concern it is important to provide opportunities for students to be active and learn lifelong skills.
This session will aim to achieve this objective by combining the learning of critical fundamental motor skills and literacy skills within physical education and literacy activities.
On Thursday, 25th May, 2006
From 4.15pm – 6.30pm
Cost $40.00
At RMIT Hamilton Conference Room
200 Ballarat Road, Hamilton
Drinks and nibbles provided
The session will combine both theoretical and practical sessions so please wear comfortable clothing
To register please call Carol on 5572 0500 before the 22nd May 2006.

The 4th Annual Early Childhood Conference

The conference will be held at RMIT 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.
Employment at RMIT Hamilton

Research Project Officer - Potter Farmland Project
The Project Team is seeking a Project Officer to research various aspects of the Potter Farmland Project (PFP), to identify the educational opportunities of the PFP and plan a celebration of the 20 year anniversary of the project. Ideally the PO will have an undergraduate qualification, a good understanding of farming and landcare practices, demonstrated ability to plan community events and demonstrated skills in sourcing funding. For application details for Position No. 50021037 please go to www.rmit.edu.au/pc/jobs. Queries can be directed to Shelagh Krummel on (03) 5572 0532. Application closing date has been extended to 8th May 2006.

Rural Finance Scholarships

Applications close 31 May 2006.
Rural Finance is committed to the on-going education and skills development of young farmers and other young people involved in Victorian agriculture. Each year up to six scholarships worth up to $6,000 per annum are offered to Victorian students for the duration of their course.
For more information contact Rural Finance Bendigo ph. 5448 2600. Also ring RMIT Hamilton Reception 5572 0500.

Art Works

Come and join the Art Works Group!
Held at the RMIT Hamilton Art Studio on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month from 9am to 5pm. You can work on your own art projects and encourage your fellow artists with their work.

Art Exhibition.
Art Works will be holding an art exhibition, Unframed Art Works, at the RMIT 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 over the Queen’s Birthday weekend, 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.

Southern Grampians Youth Network

Meeting Date
Southern Grampians Youth Network - Next meeting 17 May, 10 am at RMIT Hamilton. All local people and organisations with an interest in youth are encouraged to attend.

LLEN News

Somebody's Daughter
GSG LLEN in conjunction with the Southern Grampians Youth Network will be working in partnership to bring the latest production by the Somebody's Daughter Theatre Company "Catch A Star, Falling" to the region in October 2006.

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 Somebody’s Daughter Theatre Company or Hamilton Heroes Day, contact Marg at GSG LLEN on 5571 9302.

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.scholfield@rmit.edu.au or phone 5572 0501.

Please note: Jenny Bell, Manager, Operations and Professional Development is currently on extended sick leave. For enquiries regarding operations and professional development, contact Leone Wheeler on 0407 856 212.

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