Connecting Community

Calendar of Events

February
19  10MMM Film Planning Workshop
20  Workshop “Writing for Publication”
23  Certificate IV in Property Services (Real Estate) module: Minimise Agency and Consumer Risk
24 & 25  Student Orientation
26 & 27  How to Better Manage the Farm in an Uncertain Future – a scenario workshop
27 – 1 Mar  Visit from International RMIT students

March
16  Course in Property (Agents’ Representatives) commences
17  Teacher Professional Development: Explore The Learning Federation’s free digital curriculum materials.

How to Better Manage the Farm in an Uncertain Future

A Scenario Workshop
This workshop brings together a range of people from different backgrounds with an interest in the future of ‘the farm’.

Your knowledge can contribute to the development of future scenarios. Your imagination can help us to link these possible futures to likely eventualities.

This process will ‘remove our blinkers’ so that we can see the things we must do today to prepare for the future. For example:
What research should we be undertaking now to inform transition into each of the possible scenarios?
What planning processes do we have now that will be obsolete or, worse still, antagonistic within the scenarios?
What are the social implications, and
What can farm families expect?

This workshop is part of the Potter Farmland Project – Past, Present and Future. It builds on the experience of the Potter Farmland Plan of the 1980s, and asks the question – if we were starting the Potter Farmland Plan now, in a vastly more complex environment, what approach would we take?

The workshop will be facilitated by Prof. George Cairns, who has an international reputation in developing scenario method.

12.00pm – 5.00pm, 26 February 2009 and 8.30am – 1.00pm, 27 February 2009.

RSVP: 19 February 2009, tel: 5572 0500 or email: kaye.scholfield@rmit.edu.au

Bachelor of Nursing Program

The official academic year starts on 2 March 2009 with 23 new students enrolled in the Bachelor of Nursing Course at Hamilton, some of which are Division 2 nurses who are upgrading their qualification to Division 1.

For Year 2 students however, the academic year started on 2 February 2009. This early start is designed to provide these students with a sound theoretical knowledge base prior to commencing their first acute care clinical practicum for 2009.

Orientation for new students will be on 24 and 25 February and will include festivities, introduction to the team at Hamilton who will support their learning and an introduction to our program, the mixed mode of delivery and the various forms of technology used to deliver the program.

Workshop "Writing for Publication"

Friday 20 February 2009, 10.00am - 2.00pm
A workshop to assist researchers to present results for academic and practitioner publications will be facilitated by Dr Paul Collits.
RSVP: tel: (03) 5572 0500 email: carol.burger@rmit.edu.au
Further study options at RMIT in 2009

Teacher Professional Development

Explore The Learning Federation’s free digital curriculum materials.

In this hands-on workshop with its focus on Years 5-9, teachers will understand the scope of the national Learning Federation Initiative and explore digital curriculum materials relevant to the subjects and topics they teach. Currently there are more than 7500 items of digital curriculum content: interactive learning objects, assessment items, single film clips, photos, digitised artwork, maps, posters, sound recordings and documents freely available to build challenging and engaging learning activities for their digital age students.

Olivia will also demonstrate some newly released content, and show how teachers are integrating the content into their classroom practice in a 3 hour workshop.

Dr Olivia Clarke is a senior project manager at The Learning Federation (TLF). Her role is to support education jurisdictions and sectors as they seek to implement the TLF digital content into their educational programmes.

Tuesday 17 March 2009, 4.30pm – 7.30pm. Cost: $50.00
RSVP: Tel: 5572 0500 or email: carol.burger@rmit.edu.au

Unlock your Real Estate Career

Certificate IV in Property Services (Real Estate)

The opportunity exists at RMIT University Hamilton for you to complete the necessary qualifications to apply for your Estate Agents’ Licence. The course is offered face to face at RMIT University Hamilton.

Delivery of the program will involve off-the-job training in a classroom situation and through self-paced learning. Teaching methods will vary, and may include lecture, discussion, role-play, practical demonstrations and independent assignment activities. The program will be assessed by tests, and/or assignments in each of the 21 units.

To be eligible for an estate agents’ licence a person:
Must have completed the Certificate IV in Property Services (Real Estate) not more than 5 years prior to applying for a licence and
Have worked for the equivalent of 1 full year as an agents’ representative in Victoria during the 3 years immediately before applying for a licence

Upcoming Modules:

- Minimise Agency and Consumer Risk, 23 & 26 February and 2 & 5 March. Cost $462.00
- Interpret Legislation to Complete Agency Work, 16, 17, 18 & 19 March. Cost $307.00

All enquiries are to be made directly to Marilyn Lyons. Tel: (03) 5572 0502 or email: marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au

Course in Property (Agents’ Representatives)

This seventy hour part-time program is designed to provide people with the knowledge and skill required by law to be eligible for employment in real estate as an agents’ representative. The program introduces participants to the legislation, documentation and practice of selling and leasing properties and businesses. The program includes three units: Work in real estate industry, Identify legal and ethical requirements of property sales to complete agency work, Identify legal and ethical requirements of property management to complete agency work.

Delivery of the program will involve off-the-job training in a classroom situation. Teaching methods will vary, depending upon the learning outcome, and will include lectures and methods that encourage student participation, such as discussion, role-play and practical demonstrations.

Course commences Monday 16 March 2009, Monday and Thursday evenings for 10 weeks from 5.30pm – 8.30pm. Cost: $710.00. Minimum of 10 students required for the course to proceed.

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Industry customised courses, short courses and professional development workshops

The following are planned to commence in 2009 at RMIT University Hamilton.

Grammar and Punctuation - 13 & 14 May 2009
Writing for the Web – 15 May 2009
Certificate IV in Workplace Training and Assessment (TAA40104)
OH&S Initial Level 5 Day Course for Health and Safety Representatives, Managers and Supervisors
Recruitment: assessment and selection strategies
Introduction to Massage
Framework for Understanding Poverty with Nairn Walker from Social Solutions
Coaching Children in School/Community Sport

For more information, or to secure a place in any of these courses, please contact Marilyn Lyons, Learning Centre Coordinator on 5572 0502 or email marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au

RMIT Online Programs

The Regional Development Policy Environment (S365019)
Business Attraction, Retention and Expansion (S365027)
See www.rmittraining.com.au for enrolment details for these two courses.

Introduction to Applied Human Rights (HUSO2286) Online class number: 4028
Further information: the Australian Centre for Human Rights Education. Tel: +61 3 9925 2395 or email achre@rmit.edu.au

Transforming Organisations through Human Rights 1 (HUSO2288) Online class number: 4029
Further information: the Australian Centre for Human Rights Education. Tel: +61 3 9925 2395 or email achre@rmit.edu.au
Master of Education (MEd) by coursework (MC039)
Further information: Berenice Nyland, Tel: 9925 7805 email berenice.nyland@rmit.edu.au

Master of Education (MEd) by Research (MR018) Master of Arts (MR019)
Further information: Heather Fehring, Tel: 9925 7840 or email heather.fehring@rmit.edu.au Alternatively, contact Mr. Daniel Martini, AO to the School of Education Research Office, Tel: 9925 7877 or email daniel.martini@rmit.edu.au

Online Programs with Open Universities Australia and RMIT University

RMIT University in conjunction with Open Universities Australia are pleased to advise that the following programs are now available to prospective students that wish to study online or predominantly online.

For more information see www.open.edu.au/wps/portal

Business Administration (MBA Executive) Program
Bachelor of Business in Financial Planning
Bachelor of Business (Logistics and Supply Chain Management)
Bachelor of Science (Applied Science)
Bachelor of Technology (Computer Studies)
Master of Design Program
Juris Doctor (JD) Program

Each program provides a range of enrolment dates throughout the year.

10MMM February Workshop
Free Film Planning Workshop
Thursday 19 February, 4.15pm – 8.30pm at RMIT University Hamilton.
The 10MMM project will be working towards a youth film festival in May. Youth groups, young people, mentors, youth leaders, teachers and students are invited to a Planning Workshop to develop skills and plan their film entry for the festival. Catering and materials provided. Bookings are essential – Tel: 55720500

South West Integrated Family Violence Training

Wednesday 11th March 2009, 9.30am to 4.00pm

This training aims to provide introductory family violence awareness and guidance to practitioners in a range of services across the sub-region.

The one day course covers the following:
- Definition, statistics, prevalence
- Common beliefs about domestic violence
- A better framework
- What makes it difficult to leave a violent partner?
- Indicators
- Asking questions
- Responding to disclosures
- Risk assessment and safety planning
- Best practice principles

The venue will be RMIT Hamilton and lunch will be provided. Limited number of places available. Fee per person to attend this IFV Cross Sector training - $80 (inc GST)
RSVP: klow@comconnect.com.au tel: 5227 6033.

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Short Course Programs: Marilyn Lyons at marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au or Tel: 5572 0502.
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