Calendar of Events

August
5 – 7 Visiting Korean nursing students
7 & 8 Sheepvention
9 & 16 Open Afternoon for Bachelor of Nursing
13 Open Day – RMIT, Melbourne
14 Community Forum – Handbury Fellowship Presentation
16 Early Childhood Conference

*STOP PRESS* Hosts Needed
Thank you to those families who are hosting our visiting Korean Nursing Students on 5 & 7 August. We still have vacancies for two students. If you are able to host these students, please contact Dinah Hallam on 5572 0505.

Visit us at Sheepvention
Visit us at Sheepvention, at site 314. Find out about our Bachelor of Nursing, short courses and research programs.
On Tuesday 8 August between 11am and 2pm, Dr Alan Montague, RMIT's Manager of Apprenticeships and Traineeships will be available to advise on skill shortages and potential career paths.

Next Community Forum
The next RMIT Hamilton Community Forum will be held at 7pm on Monday, 14 August at RMIT University, Hamilton.
This Forum will include two Handbury Fellowship presentations; The Southern Aurora Solar Car and The Hamilton Rare Plant Seed Collection project.
This Forum is brought to you by the Local-Global Program, and for more information or to RSVP, please contact Vicki Finch on 5572 0513 or email victoria.finch@rmit.edu.au

The 4th Annual Early Childhood Conference
Register now for the Early Childhood Conference to be held on 16 August 2006.
This year’s exciting program will focus on exploring natural play spaces, music and dance, and autism, and is a must for all those working in the Early Childhood Sector.
Participants are invited to 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 contact Carol Burger on 5572 0500.

Open Afternoon for the Bachelor of Nursing Program
Are you interested in a career in Nursing?
RMIT University, Hamilton is holding two Open Afternoons for people interested in a career in Nursing. We offer modern facilities, easy access, off street parking, small class sizes, friendly staff and an employment rate of 100% upon graduation.
Talk to our nursing staff and find out why our course has a high level of student satisfaction.
Wednesday 9 & 16 August
3.00pm to 5.00pm
RMIT University
200 Ballarat Road, Hamilton.
For further enquiries, contact the Nursing Program Coordinator, Tracey Currie or Kerry McMullan on 5572 0510.

Writing Workshop
Always wanted to write a book?
Have you ever had a great idea for a book, but never known how to put the idea on paper?
Published Author, Dr Robyn Eversole, will be conducting a workshop for writers and aspiring writers on Tuesday 29 August 2006, from 4.00pm to 6.00pm.
Cost is $45 and theme is “Creative Writing for Beginners”.
To register your interest in this workshop, please contact Carol Burger on 5572 0500.

Open Day at RMIT University, Melbourne
13 August – Melbourne, Bundoora & Brunswick Campus.
Accommodation is available for Open Day at a subsidised cost of $45 for the night - twin share
room, and subsidized lunch at RMIT Village Old Melbourne (available to students and families). For more information, phone 8330 2000 or email info@rmitvillageom.com.au

ADDRESS: RMIT Village Old Melbourne, 5-17 Flemington Road, North Melbourne VIC 3051.

**Expressions of Interest**

**Learning Centre Coordinator**

Part-time position available to coordinate the learning centre and develop a short-course guide for 2007.

2-3 days per week.

Preference given to a person with a teaching background.

Contact: Leone Wheeler on 0407 856 212 or email leone.wheeler@rmit.edu.au

**Bachelor of Nursing News**

Semester 2 of the 2007 academic year has launched into full swing in the Nursing Department of RMIT University. Already our year 2 students have commenced another clinical placement gaining valuable experience in a variety of community and psychiatric nursing environments. In two more weeks year 3 students will commence their final clinical practicum for their three year degree course. These year 3 students have chosen a variety of clinical forums both here in Victoria and interstate in an effort to gain more clinical knowledge, practice and expertise before graduation.

Enquiries for entrance to the Bachelor of Nursing course at Hamilton RMIT have started, indicating a high level of interest both from school leavers and mature age students. In an effort to further promote our course, 2 open afternoons will be conducted on Wednesday the 9th of August between 3pm and 5pm and Wednesday the 16th of August from 3pm to 5pm. All visitors and enquiries are welcome and a Nursing staff member will be available to answer any questions. Classes and laboratory sessions will be in progress so visitors will be able to see first hand how the Bachelor of Nursing Course is run so effectively at a rural campus.

Brochures about the Bachelor of Nursing Degree at RMIT will be available at SheepVention and at our open afternoons. Additional information forms for mature age student entry to the Bachelor of Nursing at RMIT can be downloaded from the RMIT website after the 15th of August.

**Australian Society Studies**

Once again, two groups of international students recently undertook a field trip in the region as a part of their Australian Society Studies course. Around 70 students from over 8 different countries attended the field trips.

The students looked around Hamilton, toured the Hamilton Art Gallery, visited local farms and climbed some of the Grampians mountains. Community barbecues were held on both weekends to give the students experience meeting local rural people and broaden their understanding of rural Australian culture.

**Online Postgradute Nursing Opportunities in 2007**

Graduate Certificates are now being offered in: Child and Adolescent Health, Gerontology, Neuroscience Nursing and Management for Health Care Professionals.

For further information phone 9925 7453, see www.rmit.edu.au/nursing or email nursing@rmit.edu.au

**Conferences**

**Learning Communities Conference**

24 – 27 September 2006
Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

The Australian Learning Communities Network biennial conference is a major three day conference focused on exploring the practitioners' perspectives of developing and sustaining learning communities. The 2006 conference aims to provide networking, skills development, policy debate and trigger conversations and actions which will support increasing community activity making a positive social and economic impact in Australian communities.

For more information about this conference, please go to the website: http://www.learningcommunities2006.qut.edu.au

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

Dr Kaye Scholfield, Manager, Community Partnerships & Projects at kaye.scholfield@rmit.edu.au or phone 5572 0501.

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