Calendar of Events

September
12 Handbury Fellowship Community Presentation, Dunkeld
19 Local-Global Public Lecture
28 Digital Storytelling workshop – family day

October
Tbc Creative Writing Workshop
10 Handbury Fellowship Community Presentation, Balmoral
23 Local-Global Public Lecture
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Next Community Forum
Handbury Fellowship Community Presentation
In 2004, a group representing the Panyyabar Landcare Group, Dunkeld Primary School, Dunkeld Progress Association, Glenelg Hopkins CMA, RMIT University and other community interests was awarded a Handbury Fellowship: Taking the Sting out of the European Wasp. This was to investigate the impact of the European Wasp on Dunkeld and district communities especially in relation to the tourism, ecology and lifestyle of the communities affected.

The community is invited to hear Lisa McIntyre, project leader, present an up to date report on the research already undertaken, the outcomes and to outline any future plans, including developing ideas about linking into other projects and opportunities in the region.
12 September 2006, 7.00pm
Dunkeld Hall
Stirling Street Dunkeld (behind P.O.)
For more information or to RSVP, contact Vicki Finch on 5572 0513 or email victoria.finch@rmit.edu.au

Local-Global Public Lecture
Professor Manfred Steger will present a public lecture on Globalism as Ideology
19 September 2006, 7.00pm
Hamilton PAC
Brown Street Hamilton
For more information or to RSVP, contact Vicki Finch on 5572 0513 or email victoria.finch@rmit.edu.au

Bachelor of Nursing News
The Division of Nursing and Midwifery “Open Afternoons” proved popular with prospective students and their families from the local area. Approximately 30 people visited the site and were able to observe the Bachelor of Nursing program in action, tour the campus and clarify any information they required about the program. Applications for the program in 2007 are due to VTAC by September 29th.

Seven 3rd year Korean nursing students spent a weekend enjoying the sites and hospitality Hamilton has to offer. The students were on a 6 week exchange with RMIT nursing students from Bundoora and found their time in Hamilton to be very interesting, enjoyable and fun. There were tears when the students left their host families and some long lasting friendships were formed. The Division greatly appreciates the generosity of the host families that were involved which made this trip possible.

The year 1 students have commenced their first clinical experience undertaking 2 weeks placement in a variety of aged care facilities. These include The Grange, The Birches, Penshurst and Casterton. This will be the first of many weeks the students gain experience in a real world environment and can put learnt theory into practice.

Our new Clinical Educator Peter Francis will commence on the 18th September. Peter comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience and will be a valuable asset to the team here in Hamilton and to the Division as a whole.

Writing Workshop
Further workshops coming soon.
Dr Robyn Eversole recently held a writing workshop at RMIT University, Hamilton. Themed ‘Taking the Leap’, the workshop introduced basic principals of good creative writing, then gave participants the opportunity to explore and experience these through a series of short writing activities. The workshop ran from 4-6 pm and was attended by an enthusiastic group of local aspiring writers who created and shared some wonderful work.

Further workshops are planned for October, so we encourage those interested in participating to leave your details with Carol Burger by calling 5572 0500.
10MMM Digital Storytelling – Family day
Voice Yourself
Telling the Stories of our Land – Past, Present and Future!
Make your own DVD
The theme is to explore the changes in the local landscape and your dreams of the future for our land.
This is one for the whole family – Grandparents, Mums, Dads and young people.
Bring your own photos – digital, prints, black and white or documents to be scanned.
When: Thursday 28 September
Where: RMIT Computer laboratory
What time: 9.30 am to 4 pm
Contact: Leanne Watt YouthBiz 55518496, 0439612167 or Carol Burger at RMIT Hamilton 55720500
RSVP: 22 September for catering etc.
Lunch provided and transport can be arranged if required.
This workshop is free – brought to you by 10MMM, Western District Health Service, VicHealth and RMIT University – book now, places limited

News from the Regional Development Program
RMIT’s Regional Development Program is being contracted by VAYSAR (Victorian Aboriginal Youth Sport and Recreation) to undertake an impact study of the 2006 VAYSAR Statewide Senior Football/Netball Carnival.
The Carnival is hosted by the Winda Mara Aboriginal Corporation and will be held in Hamilton 6-8 October 2006.
A small cross-cultural research team will work closely with VAYSAR and Winda Mara to assess and document the Carnival’s social, economic and cultural impacts.
-Dr Robyn Eversole

Professor Herbert Prins, from the Netherlands to visit in November.
Herbert Prins, Professor in Resource Ecology from the Netherlands will visit Hamilton on 22 November.
There will be a Community Forum that evening, where Professor Prins will discuss his work on rangeland systems in Africa. He is available to speak with groups and schools during his visit. If you would like further information, please contact Kaye Scholfield on 55720 501

Course: Australian Wool – knowledge for designers & retailers
Embracing all ages in all markets, wool continues to be the fibre of choice for many. Its unique journey from the sheep’s back to the consumer is vital knowledge for anyone involved in the design and retail of wool and woollen apparel.
This course is designed to introduce designers, merchandisers, and retailers to Australian wool fibre, its unique characteristics and applications. It will provide participants with an understanding of the processing route from fibre to fabric, 21st century advanced manufacturing methodologies and high tech innovations.
A tour of CSIRO’s extensive processing facilities will provide a comprehensive understanding of the manufacturing processes involved in converting raw wool fibre to luxurious garments for the global market.
Participants will also have an opportunity to participate in practical design and leading edge software applications at RMIT’s CAD design and sampling studio at the School of Fashion and Textiles in Melbourne.
Held on 21 -22 September & the optional day on 25th, at the CSIRO Textile and Fibre Centre, Geelong.
For more information contact Vanessa Peters at the Australian Wool Textile Training Centre on 9866 5442 or vanessa@apical.com.au

RMIT Supports the CFA
RMIT University has recognised the efforts of firefighters in the January 2006 fires by donating firefighting equipment to local CFA fire brigades.
“The RMIT community was stunned by the extent of the damage caused by the bushfires in the Grampians,” RMIT University’s Executive Director of Property Services, Christopher White, said.
“We are paying tribute to the tireless efforts of the many firefighters who fought these fires.”
The equipment donation, consisting of a range of fire extinguishers and hoses, was coordinated by RMIT University’s Fire Engineer and Emergency Services Coordinator, John Hudson, and CFA’s Region 5 Operations Manager, Colin Watt.
The equipment will be distributed to fire brigades across Regions 4 and 5 and used by the CFA for training, promotional and display purposes at community events.
“The equipment will be an excellent addition to our resources used by CFA personnel while servicing firefighting equipment, establishing public displays, training and promoting community events,” CFA’s Operations Manager, Colin Watt, said.
**Online Postgraduate 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](http://www.rmit.edu.au/nursing) or email [nursing@rmit.edu.au](mailto: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](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](mailto:leone.wheeler@rmit.edu.au) or phone 0407 856 212.

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Dr Kaye Scholfield, Manager, Community Partnerships & Projects at [kaye.scholfield@rmit.edu.au](mailto:kaye.scholfield@rmit.edu.au) or phone 5572 0501.

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