Calendar of Events

October
10  Handbury Fellowship Community Presentation, Balmoral
17  Creative Writing Workshop 1
23  Local-Global Public Lecture, Balmoral
24  Creative Writing Workshop 2
24  Local-Global Public Lecture, RMIT

November
2   20 Years of Potter Celebration - HIRL
17  Graduation Ball – Hamilton PAC
22  Community Forum

Writing Workshops
Writing from Your Life
These workshops are for both beginner and more experienced writers interested in turning their own memories and life experiences into publishable work. The workshops will run in two sessions. In the first session, participants will explore various genres of writing and different potential audiences for their work. They will then do a guided writing exercise to identify and develop ideas. In the second session, participants will share their work-in-progress and discuss the theme and target audience for each.
**Session 1:** 4.00pm – 5.30pm Tuesday 17 October
**Session 2:** 4.00pm – 5.30pm Tuesday 24 October
Cost: $45 for only one session or $40 per session for the two.
For more information, or to book you place at the workshops, contact Carol on 5572 0500 or email carol.burger@rmit.edu.au

Next Community Forums
Handbury Fellowship Community Presentation – Building A Creative Community.
10 October, 7.00 pm, Balmoral Hall

Local Global Public Lecture – Creativity, The Arts and Community Wellbeing, with Dr Martin Mulligan
23 October, 7.00 pm, Balmoral Hall

Local Global Public Lecture – Creativity, The Arts and Community Wellbeing, with Dr Martin Mulligan
24 October, 1-2pm, Venue to be confirmed.
For more information, please contact Vicki Finch on 5572 0513 or victoria.finch@rmit.edu.au

Annual Graduate Ball
Once again the RMIT University students will be celebrating their graduation in style with a formal ball in November.
To be held after final exams for Year 3 students, all students and their families, staff, alumni and stakeholders are encouraged to attend what promises to be an entertaining evening.
**When:** Friday 17 November
**Where:** Hamilton PAC, Brown St
**Theme:** Masquerade
**Time:** 7.30pm til late
**Cost:** TBC
To book tickets: Contact Carol at the RMIT reception on 5572 0500.

Bachelor of Nursing News
Second semester 2007 is drawing to a close with only 3 more teaching weeks left before exams. As students prepare for exams commencing on the 30th of October, staff are already preparing for the 2007 academic year. Unfortunately the 2007 academic year will commence without founding Coordinator Tracey Currie. Tracey left us on the 27th of September. She will be missed, but we wish her well in her new business venture in Timboon with her husband and family Darren.
The Nursing Department are pleased to welcome Peter Francis to the position of clinical teacher. There was much anticipation surrounding Peter’s appointment and arrival among students. Peter’s transition into an academic teaching position has been smooth as has the student’s acceptance and appreciation of his expertise.
Preparations for the Ball on 17 November are well underway. Students, particularly year 3 students have been preparing for this event since the day after they commenced their studies in 2004. We look forward to an evening of celebration and congratulations to the 22 students that hope to graduate at the end of the year. The new Head of the department of Nursing and Midwifery, Professor Eleanor Holroyd, associate Professor Lina Shahwan-Akl and Doctor Anthony Welch from the Department of Nursing will be present to congratulate and present our students with a certificate of attendance.
**Introduction to new staff**

Marilyn Lyons, Learning Centre Coordinator

RMIT University Hamilton is pleased to welcome Marilyn Lyons on board for a short tenure. Marilyn comes to us with a background in education and holds a Master of Education. Marilyn is developing a short course guide for 2007 and reviewing student services.

Marilyn is excited to be working at RMIT University Hamilton and is available to discuss short course and professional development courses with individuals or businesses.

**Peter Francis, Associate Lecturer in Nursing**

Peter Francis has joined the Bachelor of Nursing Program at RMIT University Hamilton as an Associate Lecturer in Nursing.

Peter has a keen interest in education and has postgraduate qualifications in Paediatrics and Midwifery.

Peter comes to RMIT University Hamilton with over 15 years nursing experience, 12 of which were with Western District Health Service.

Peter is very keen to continue with the high standard of education that the RMIT Bachelor of Nursing Program is renowned for, and replaces Catherine Ryan who left in August.

**Farewell Tracey Currie**

A Farewell to Founding Staff Member

RMIT University Hamilton’s founding coordinator of the Bachelor of Nursing program, Tracey Currie, has been farewelled as she leaves to take up a new role in business.

Ms Currie joined RMIT University to set up the nursing program in Hamilton in 2000. The program began with 16 students, who have all now gone on as graduates in the region’s health services.

Staff paid tribute to her outstanding contribution to the university in taking the program from its inception to a successful program which will see its 100th student graduate at the end of this year.

Ms Currie’s contribution to tertiary education in Hamilton was acknowledged at a farewell on Wednesday.

Kerry McMullan will continue in the role of Program Coordinator.

**Advance Meeting Notice**

Community Advisory Group meeting

RMIT University Hamilton will be hosting the next Community Advisory Group Meeting on 1 December from 3pm – 5pm.

Please note this in your diary - a letter and agenda to follow shortly.

**Somebody's Daughter Visit**

Somebody’s Daughter Theatre will be back in Hamilton on 18 and 19 October. For more information call 5571 9302

**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.

**State of Design**

Experience Design Excellence in Victoria, Australia’s State of Design

State of Design 2006 is a Victorian Government initiative that brings together dynamic institutions and individuals from the business of design, and showcases Victoria’s emerging design talent.

From 4 October to 14 October 2006 a series of exhibitions, workshops, conferences, interactive experiences and seminars will highlight our State’s design excellence. You are invited to challenge your notions of function, form and beauty in Victoria, Australia’s state of design.


**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

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.

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