Bundoora Campus Manager
Staff Address

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Bundoora Campus Manager
Role of Bundoora Campus Manager

• Understand issues specific to the Bundoora Campus
• Key VCE contact for Bundoora Campus issues
• Communicate with Bundoora staff, receiving information from and reporting to staff on University and Bundoora specific issues
Bundoora Campus Advisory Committee (BCAC)

Membership

• Bundoora Campus Manager
• Heads of Schools represented on Bundoora campus
• Head of Bundoora Research Institutes
• PVC R&I or nominee
• PVC Students or nominee
• Executive Director (Property Services) or nominee
• Director RMIT Library or nominee
• Director Regional Partnerships (DSC)
Quarterly Meetings - providing advice to Campus Manager regarding:

- Space allocation and reallocation
- Additional space needs
- Prioritisation of capital projects and minor works
- Strategies to ensure suitable services for students, research industry and community are provided on campus
- Strategies to improve compliance with facilities related OH&S issues
- Seek feedback on issues regarding the Bundoora campus
Highlights – School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering

• Green Engines laboratory completed and will be formally launched by the Minister in second half of 2012

• Aircraft Systems and Autonomous Vehicle Systems Laboratory- (formerly VMT) is now operational and teaching to commence in 2nd semester

• Agreement with the Sardinian Government to host a study tour in renewable energy systems annually at Bundoora East campus, involving participants in project based learning and research at the BE Renewable Energy Laboratory

• SAMME and Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC) have launched the COMAC Postdoctoral Research Station at BE campus, the first outside China.

• Experience Engineering Day 4 July: approximately 100 students participated in hands on workshops.
Highlights – School of Applied Sciences

• ARC Linkage grant
  "Production and testing of novel bioactive honeys and honey-based cosmetic formulations"
  Pang, Prof Eddie C; Li, A/Prof Chun Q; Deighton, Prof Margaret A; Mantri, Dr Nitin L; Sawant, Dr Prashant D

• Major new grants
  Australian India Strategic Research Fund case Study in Genetic Protection for Chickpeas – Dr Nitin Mantri
  Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry study in Sensing Methane in carbon farming – Prof Andy Ball and Kourosh Kalantar-Zadeh
Highlights – School of Health Sciences

• RMIT 2011 Research Awards wins

• **2011 Vice-Chancellor's Research Excellence Award** - Professor Charlie Xue

• **2011 University Research Award for best Doctoral Thesis from the previous year** - Dr Judith Hart

• RMIT 2011 Teaching Awards wins

• **2011 Award for Outstanding Achievement in Teaching and Research** - Associate Professor John Reece

• **Biological Sciences, Health and Related Studies** - Dr George Lenon
Highlights – School of Medical Sciences

• Grants
  • $100K Health Workplace Australia (HWA) grant in the field of Work Integrated Learning support

• Multiple Sclerosis discovery
  • Dr Steven Petratos and his team of researchers have identified the involvement of molecules that are important in progression of the crippling disease Multiple Sclerosis. The discovery provided insights into why cells die in this disease state and opens up long-term opportunities for developing novel therapies that target the interactions between a protein called Nogo-A and its receptor.
Highlights – School of Life and Physical Sciences

• **Francis Ormond medal winner**

  Ewald van Laake, Technical Manager, School of Life and Physical Sciences, was the recipient of the Francis Ormond Medal at the 2012 RMIT Honorary Awards and Graduation Ceremony on 18 May.

• **Diploma of Conservation and Land Management students Lake Condah field trip**

  20 students and two staff travelled to Lake Condah 7-11 May as part of their course in Conduct Field research into Natural and Cultural resources.

  Field trip introduced students to the lands and significant sites of the Gunditjmara by Aboriginal land managers.
Highlights – Bundoora East and West Libraries

• 190,850 visits so far this year
• 124 Information skills classes with 2995 attendees
• Work has started to improve safety on the stairs leading to Level 3 of the Library
• Creation of a new Group study room on Level 1, currently awaiting delivery of new furniture
• 12 Library staff undertaking Level 2 First Aid Training
• Closure of the Business library has resulted in some library items from Swanston and Business libraries going to storage at CARM Bundoora
Highlights – Northern Partnerships Unit

• **Making Choices Brunch**
  - Held 31 May for over 100 year 10-12 students studying in the Whittlesea region. 26 organisational representatives donated their time to give insight into career opportunities within their industries and the many pathways to get there.

• **Workplace Learning Coordination**
  - 260 young people from the Hume/Whittlesea region have been placed into structured work placements, school based apprenticeships or work experience this year.

• **Research: Evaluation of Shape your Future Thomastown and Lalor**
  - A project aiming to improve the social educational and economic outcomes for communities living in Thomastown and Lalor through better planning and greater coordination of effort, services and investment.

• **Imprint Project**
  - A project aiming to demonstrate that a uniquely resourced and contextualised learning process can attract and retain disadvantaged people; rendering them more ‘learning ready’ for active engagement with training and employment pathways.
Highlights – School of Education

• Environmental Networks of Victorian Youth (ENVY) Conference
  – Inaugural Conference 12 July in Bundoora
  – Established by youths of Victoria to find out more about green technology within industry, education and organisations and to provide the latest information on climate science, climate politics, land management, water management, permaculture, logging, alternative energies and more
  – Experts within the following areas will be running workshops throughout the day:
    - John Seed: Deep Ecology
    - Trent McCarthy: Green Politics
    - Michael Poland (AYCC): Climate Change and Activism
    - Ben Robotham (Beyond Zero Emissions): Energy in the next 10 yrs
  – Other workshops by Gen Wake Up, CERES, Deakin Uni, Cool Schools, Jane Goodall Foundation, STELR, Better Place, Climatework Australia and more
  – This event will be opened by Dr Kate Auty (Environmental Commissioner for Victoria) and Professor Annette Gough (Head of School, School of Education, RMIT University)
Open day at Bundoora

2012 Campus highlights

- Advertising campaign including digital, print and outdoor
- Health and Medical Sciences Hub
- Education Hub
- RMIT Student Union groups
- Hub staff, international, student services staff will be at General Information Marquee
- Bundoora Health Clinic will be open
- RMIT Hot Air Balloon
Open day at Bundoora (continued)

2012 Discipline Highlights

• Demonstrations and presentations from areas including:
  – Aerospace
  – Chinese Medicine
  – Laboratory Medicine
  – Mechanical
  – Manufacturing
  – Nursing and Midwifery
  – Osteopathy
Academic Policy Changes

• What a School should look like
  – Proposal for a formal approach to school structures across RMIT are

• New selection and admission policy

• The following obsolete documents were rescinded by Academic board on 2 April 2012 because new policy is in place:
  – Student selection and admission policy
  – Entry requirements policy – Higher Degrees by Research
  – Application for entry to candidature/scholarships policy
  – Selection and offer procedure
  – Establishment and publication of eligibility and entrance criteria procedure
  – Application for entry to RMIT TAFE, undergraduate, and postgraduate coursework programs procedure
  – Guidelines for appeals against outcomes of the selection and admission process
Bundoora Works update

- Bundoora Clinic Consolidation (B213) completed in March
- Sports Field Fencing – fencing complete February, bollards completed end of May
- School of Applied Sciences Cold Room and Warm Room conversions – Building 223, L1 Rms 40/41. Tendered for May

**Proposed Future projects**

- Postgraduate Centre – costed at $2m Requiring Capital Project approval for 2013 Building 202, Level 2
- Development of Bundoora Student Hub – consolidation of student services and support activities in building 202, level 2. Capital project
Bundoora Works update (continued)

• Green Engine Laboratory
  Building 255, Rooms 15 and 16 (completed March)

Virtual Maintenance Training (VMT) Relocation
Building 251, Level 2, Room 7 (completed February)
Changes to University Staffing

- **New Head of School, Medical Sciences** - Professor David Pow
- **New Head of School, Engineering (TAFE)** – Mr Peter W Ryan
- **New Senior IT Engagement Manager, Research** – Jim McGovern
- **New Senior IT Engagement Manager, Academic and TAFE** – Colin Webster
- **New Senior IT Engagement Manager, International and Development** – David Hadley
- **New Senior IT Engagement Manager, Resources, Governance and Planning** – Paul Benson
- **New Senior IT Engagement Manager, Colleges** – Jonathan Goldstraw
New Bundoora Academic appointments and their research interests

- **School of Education**
  - Lecturer Jeffrey King - Education

- **School of Aerospace, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering**
  - Professor Gary Rosengarten – Heat Transfer, Solar Energy, Microfluidics and Nanotechnology
  - Professor Roger Hadgraft – Innovation Professor Engineering Education
  - Associate Lecturer Asintha Nanayakkara - Aerospace
  - Senior Lecturer, Shoujin Sun – Advanced Manufacturing, Additive Laser Manufacturing
  - Lecturer Banhman Shabani – Mechanical Engineering, Sustainable Energy
  - Lecturer Kyriakos Kourousis – Aviation
  - Senior Lecturer Graham Wild – Aviation
New Bundoora Academic appointments and their research interests (continued)

- School of Applied Sciences
  - Senior Lecturer Anna Walduck – Microbiology
  - Professor Andy Ball – Biotechnology
- School of Health Sciences
  - Lecturer Mirella Di Benedetto – Psychology
- School of Medical Sciences
  - Lecturer Dan Guidone – Pharmacy
  - Lecturer Melissa Valle – Medical Radiations
  - Associate Lecturer Laura Grinzi – Exercise Sciences
  - Senior Lecturer Claudia Diaz – Cell Biology and Anatomy
Contacting the Bundoora Campus Manager

Your feedback, issues and suggested meeting topics are welcome via email direct to:

‘Bundoora Focus’ through Google Mail with a cc to Michelle Merrett (EA to PVC SEH)

Bundoora Focus is a Google account which is monitored by the EA to PVC (SEH)

Not on the Bundoora Focus Distribution list?
Contact Peter Azzopardi via email or on extension 52072
Questions

This presentation and a summary of the question and answer session will be available on the RMIT Website at:

www.rmit.edu.au/staff/bundoora

University Infrastructure plan can be downloaded from the property service home page

http://www.rmit.edu.au/PROPERTYSERVICES

Updates on Capital Works projects being conducted across the University is available at: http://www.rmit.edu.au/capitalworks