DATES FOR THE DIARY

- The Age VCE Course and Careers Expo, Caulfield Racecourse, Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th May
- Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT); Registrations are open (this is needed for Monash medicine and physiotherapy and some interstate medical course applicants)
- 'At Monash' lectures continue: Law: 1st May; Health Science / Social Work: 7th May; Teaching, Sport and Outdoor Recreation: 8th May and 27th June; Information / registration: telephone 1800 MONASH or visit: www.monash.edu/seminars

1. NEWS FROM DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Labour Market: At the recent Deakin careers advisers day we were advised of the following:
- 37% of employees in Australia now work part time, but of these, 40% want more work: they have been forced into part time work
- Currently 35% of males are working part time. Part time work is common in sales, communications and personal services
- More work roles now require a university degree, such as in information technology, banking and nursing
- Job security has become an illusion, with outsourcing and the use of technology creating more job insecurity
- Youth unemployment (15 - 25years) is now at 12.9%
- The ‘winners’ in terms of jobs are in areas such as health care, mining, aged care and education
- Professions requiring registration are doing better in terms of jobs (for example someone with a broad Health Science degree will find it harder to find work than a physiotherapist or psychologist).

Career self management: If you want to put yourself ‘out there’ and improve your employment opportunities you are advised of the following:
- Understand and be able to articulate your values
- Develop and maintain your relationships / networks
- Make sure you are an “expert” in something
- Be flexible
- Develop your ability to work with uncertainty
- Understand and keep up with recent developments in your area of expertise
- Invest in qualifications and professional development

2. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN STUDYING PHOTOGRAPHY?

Courses are available at university, TAFE and at some private provider colleges. Here are some suggestions:
- RMIT offers a B Arts (Photography) at its City campus and also a major in photography in the Fine Arts degree. Deakin offers a major in photography in its Arts, Film and TV, Film and Digital Media and Media and Communications degrees, La Trobe offer a major in photojournalism in its Arts degree and Monash (Caulfield) offers photography in its Visual and Fine Art degrees.
- A Dip Photoimaging is available at a number of TAFE institutes including Holmesglen, NMIT and RMIT and photography is offered as a subject in a number of TAFE Visual Arts diplomas (for example: NMIT, Swinburne and VU).
- Photography is also offered at independent colleges such as the Photographic Imaging College in Hawthorn and the Photography Studies College at Southbank.
If you are interested in studying photography you must attend Open Days. Choosing a course without visiting the institution / campus is unwise and for those courses which select via interview / folio presentation there is usually a question about Open Day at the interview.

3. USEFUL NEW WEBSITE

Visit: www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au. This site provides you with the ability to search for a range of institutions (universities, TAFEs, private providers), explore links between courses and careers, search for scholarships and access information about tertiary study. You are encouraged to spend some time looking at this website.

4. NEW COURSES AT ACU IN 2014

There will be a number of new courses commencing at ACU’s Melbourne Campus in 2014. Please refer to ACU’s Undergraduate Course Guide for more information, including prerequisites and course duration. The new courses include:

FACULTY OF BUSINESS
B Accounting and Finance: This course is focused on preparation for a career in banking, insurance, investment or financial services.
B Information Technology: This course will prepare students to become an information technology professional. Students will acquire the technical, business and relationship skills to build and integrate effective business information systems.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION
B Teaching / B Arts (Visual Arts): ACU offers the dual degree B Teaching / B Arts (with specialisations) for students wishing to teach in a secondary setting. This course will qualify students to teach in two core discipline areas within secondary schools. Students are required to complete 80 days of professional experience.

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES
B Applied Public Health / B Global Studies: This dual degree is suited to students who wish to improve community and population health through competent design, development, implementation and evaluation of programmes to promote physical activity and recreation in the community.
B Exercise Science / B Public Health: This dual degree combines core curricula from Exercise Science and Public Health and a major in Outdoor Recreation or Coaching. Graduates may progress to further studies in health promotion, epidemiology, public health, sports administration, sports event management, health administration, corporate health and wellness and occupational health.
B Exercise Science / B Business Administration: Students will gain extensive knowledge about how the human body works, with a specific focus on the role of exercise in health, wellbeing and performance. Through a broad range of business subjects, students will learn how to grow a business with an understanding of markets and application of business marketing.

Note that unfortunately the B Nursing (Practice Leadership) will no longer continue after 2013.

5. VET PATHWAY COURSES AT ACU

ACUcom delivers Nationally Accredited Vocational Education and Training courses at ACU. Courses offered are VET complete qualifications and, while not guaranteed, students who do well in their ACUcom course may be offered a place in an ACU undergraduate degree program. ACUcom courses are suitable for students who want to obtain a TAFE level qualification and, while not guaranteed, students who do well in their ACUcom course may be offered a place in an ACU undergraduate degree programme. ACUcom courses are suitable for students who want to obtain a TAFE level qualification, did not obtain the required ATAR for their chosen higher education course, wish to use a VET course as a pathway to a Bachelor degree programme, would like to ease into tertiary study with extra support and / or want to try an area of study but not sure they want to commit to a three year course.

COURSES FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS
Dip Nursing:
Pathway: to ACU’s B Nursing
Duration: 18 months full time (classes four days per week) or 24 months part time (classes two days per week)
Career options: aged care sector, rehabilitation sector, community sector and acute care hospitals

Cert in Exercise Science:
Pathway: to ACU’s B Exercise Science
Duration: six months full time
Career options: exercise and health management, exercise and sport psychology, physical education teaching and sport management

Cert in Educational Support
Pathway: to ACU’s B Education
Duration: 12 months full time, classes two and a half days per week
Career options: teacher’s assistant in primary, secondary or specialist school

Please note applications for these courses are made direct to ACUcom not through VTAC and are only available at the Melbourne Campus. For more information contact ACUcom by phone 9953 3321 or email acucom@acu.edu.au.

6. A REPUTATION IN THE IN THE WORLD’S TOP 100 – MONASH UNIVERSITY

Monash is one of the top 100 universities in the world according to the results of a ‘reputation’ survey of senior academics released by Times Higher Education recently. The University is ranked in the 91 – 100 band. Vice-Chancellor Professor Ed Byrne said the results highlighted the continuing development of the University’s reputation for excellence amongst the global academic community. “Entry into the top 100 shows the growing reputation of the University through the impact and relevance of our research, the excellence of our facilities and our educational offering, and the quality of our graduates,” Professor Byrne said. “The top 100 list represents only around 0.5 per cent of the universities in the world, so all of those ranked are truly among a tiny elite of the world’s most highly regarded academic institutions. The University’s entry into this elite group this year is a major achievement – and another clear indication of the institution’s arrival as a global university.” In recent years, Monash has performed strongly in the three major international university rankings. In the 2012 Times Higher Education Rankings, Monash entered the best 100 institutions in the world at 99; the QS World University Rankings rated the University at 61; and the Academic Ranking of World Universities (compiled by Shanghai Jiao Tong University) rated Monash an estimated 137th in the world (the first time the University had entered the top 150 in that index). Detailed information about the Times Higher Education rankings is available on their website.

7. MONASH UNIVERSITY: COMPUTER GAMES BOOT CAMP (CGBC) 2013

CGBC is a seven day event run by the Faculty of Information Technology at Monash for students in Years 9 to 12 to experience everything connected to computer games and Information Technology. Students can learn from experienced industry professionals, talk to like minded individuals and expand their networks through workshops, tournaments, presentations and activities. If you are interested in becoming an IT professional, building and designing games, multimedia or simply playing games this event is for you! It will be held from Saturday 6th July until Friday 12th July at the Monash Clayton Campus. Registrations for 2013 are open now.

For more information visit: https://cgbc.infotech.monash.edu/ or telephone: Andrew Owen on 9903 1441.

8. FREE VCE CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS AT MONASH PARKVILLE

The Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Monash
University is pleased to support current VCE biology and chemistry students. The eight seminars have been designed to reinforce the key learnings for each subject and will be delivered by expert VCE teachers. They will run on selected Wednesdays from 4:30 – 6:00pm at the Monash Parkville campus on the following dates:

Biology Series: 5th June, 28th August and 9th October
Chemistry Series: 12th June, 4th September and 16th October.

These seminars are free however registration is essential and places are capped. To register simply visit: www.monash.edu/pharm/about/events. For more information, please call Sarah Salter on 9903 9594.

9. SPOTLIGHT ON RESORT MANAGEMENT: DIP HOLIDAY PARKS AND RESORTS (DIVE) AT WILLIAM ANGLISS

Duration: 1.5 years
Intake: February (VTAC), July (Direct)
Study Mode: Full Time
Entrance Requirements: Year 11
VET FEE HELP is available

The Dip Holiday Parks and Resorts (Dive) combines both training in tourism and hospitality management with specialist Dive units and qualifications. It is a dual qualification, in that graduates not only receive the Diploma, but also the Certificate III in Outdoor Recreation. This year William Angliss Institute has partnered with SSI (Scuba Schools International), a globally renowned specialist in dive education. Students can gain the Master Diver rating as part of this Diploma level qualification, which can lead to career opportunities in the dive industry as an instructor. Students will also attend a study tour in the latter stages of the course, where they can apply their skills and become familiar with best practice in the dive industry.

10. PILOT TRAINING SCHOLARSHIP

The Royal Victorian Aero Club (a Registered Training Organisation and provider of VCE / VET flight training) is again offering a pilot training scholarship to encourage young Australians aged from 16 years to take up a career or long term recreational participation in aviation. Terms and conditions together with an application and data pack are available at: www.rvac.com.au. Applications close 31st July 2013. For more information visit: www.rvac.com.au or contact Kerin Greenwood, kgreenwood@tpg.com.au Scholarship Coordinator, Royal Victorian Aero Club.

11. LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HEALTH INDUSTRY

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN), Australia’s professional organisation for all nurses, is presenting the 15th Annual ACN Nursing and Health Expo later this month. This year the expo is being held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre on Sunday 21st April. Around 5500 visitors are expected to attend the expo where you can explore future career possibilities in the nursing and health care field. Exhibitors from universities, TAFEs, hospitals, public and private health care services and speciality nursing groups will be present. Visit: http://rcna.org.au/WCM/RCNA/Events/nursing-and-health-expos/rcna/events/nursing-and-health-expos/information.aspx for more information or email: events@rcna.org.au.

12. ACU IS NOW OFFERING COURSES LEADING TO CAREERS IN INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH

The B Applied Public Health / B Global Studies offers students the opportunity to pursue a career in International Public Health. This four year double degree will be introduced in Melbourne in 2014 and
combines training in Public Health and Global Development with access to national and international community development programmes. Global is a key feature of this course, with a full semester placement in a community development setting (international or local) during the third year of the programme.

13. ACU EXERCISE SCIENCE – OUTDOOR RECREATION STREAM

ACU's B Exercise and Health Science degree provides an Outdoor Recreation Leadership stream. If a student chooses to undertake all eight units in Outdoor Recreation they can obtain VIT accreditation for Outdoor Education as a Teaching Method. The course emphasises a strong body of knowledge that highlights the importance of natural environments and their contribution to health and wellbeing. Graduates of the Outdoor Recreation Leadership stream work in areas including expedition guide, facilitator for corporate outdoor companies e.g. running initiative, team building and personal development activities, nature tourism, camp directors / managers, programme directors for wilderness and adventure therapy, risk assessment and government department management including marine safety, land care and national parks.

14. B. COMMERCE AT DEAKIN

The B Commerce is now internationally recognised and EPAS accredited by the European Foundation for Management Development's Programme (EFMD). EPAS is an international benchmark for business programmes worldwide. Deakin's B Commerce is the only Australian commerce degree with EPAS accreditation and has now received the ultimate benchmark of quality. Along with the EPAS accreditation, the Faculty of Business and Law is undergoing a number of exciting upgrades and changes to courses. The Deakin courses are constantly evolving to ensure they stay up to date with the rapidly changing modern business workplace. More information as it becomes available.

15. NEW ENGINEERING LABORATORIES AT DEAKIN GEELONG

The ability to replicate a 300 kilometre transmission line or perform research using an on campus commercial wind turbine connected to the national electricity grid are just some of the features of two new engineering laboratories at Deakin University. These are the latest additions to a suite of refurbished engineering laboratories and equipment that ensure facilities for engineering at Deakin are world class. They are part of a number of exciting developments in engineering at Deakin, including the $55 million Centre for Advanced Design in Engineering Training (CADET) currently under design in the school. The Renewable Energy laboratory and Electrical laboratory are located at Deakin’s Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus and will provide undergraduate and postgraduate students, as well as PhD students and researchers, with exciting new opportunities. As well as the commercial wind turbine – likely to become a campus landmark with its location on the roof of the engineering building – a bank of 12 solar panels has been installed as part of the new facilities. Both are connected to Australia’s electricity grid, which means the power being generated can be used or sold back to the grid. An important aspect of being connected to the grid is the ability it gives researchers and students to conduct experiments and research that are not just using a local ‘micro-grid’, but are at a ‘real-world level’. In addition to students and researchers being able to monitor, in the laboratory, how much power is being generated, interested passersby will be able to see that information on screens in the corridors outside. “The Renewable Energy lab has equipment that allows students and researchers to not only simulate computer applications of what
wind turbine or solar panel or solar wind or solar thermal power generation can do, it allows them to use real equipment. This means Deakin students can replicate what a real engineer would do, such as feel the equipment, set up the equipment and so on. The new labs have also been designed to encourage interdisciplinary learning and research.

16. OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (OT) GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT

Course Director, Lynne Adamson, provided information about Deakin’s experiences with OT graduates from the last seven years. Deakin has good graduate outcomes in terms of employment, with high percentages of OT graduates (over 90 per cent) being available for full time work and a smaller group immediately going on to higher study such as Masters level or PhD. The most common pattern is that new graduates find work, usually within Victoria, work for a few years before going on to their specialist OT area of interest, further study or travelling overseas. Final year students may not always get their first preference for work immediately, however new opportunities are always emerging. Deakin graduates work in very diverse areas. Overseas, an Australian OT degree is generally well received. It is not usual to be unemployed for long, unless looking for very specific areas. With the increasing number of universities offering occupational therapy degrees, some people think that getting jobs will be harder but there is no data to support this. There seems to be ongoing need for OTs in many areas, as well as new areas of practice emerging. Information on starting salaries is not easy to find, but generally will be in the range of $40,000 – $55,000 pa. Variations are due to the different sectors of employment or different awards. There are many new opportunities opening up in OT – for example: occupational rehabilitation, community based services, employment assessment services and positions within schools. Over the past few years Deakin graduates are working in hospital and clinical settings, several in occupational rehabilitation and employment services (working with injured workers), some who have worked in schools for children with disabilities, or working as a private practitioner, specialising in interventions for hand and upper limb injuries. Visit: www.otaus.com.au for more information.

17. SAVE THE DATE

‘So you want to be a doctor’ Medical Information Night will be held on Wednesday 24th April at 7:00pm in the Percy Baxter Lecture Theatre, Deakin University, Geelong Waterfront Campus.

18. PRE APPRENTICESHIP IN BRICKLAYING AND FLOOR AND WALL TILING

Pre apprenticeship courses offer students a great way to build basic technical skills in specialist trades. By completing a Pre apprenticeship course students can gain insight into an industry through hands on experience. You will then have a great pathway into an Apprenticeship, often with study credit attributed. NMIT’s Bricklaying and Wall and Floor Tiling teachers are committed to putting their Pre apprenticeship students in touch with professional ‘brickies’ for one week’s work experience during the course. On most occasions these students are then taken on as Apprentices by the employer. For further information or to make an application please contact Maxine Hartin on 9269 8642 or visit: bricklaying@nmit.edu.au.

19. CERT IV IN PROFESSIONAL WRITING AND EDITING AT NMIT

The Cert IV in Professional Writing and Editing at NMIT is both a qualification in its own right and a useful and interesting pathway to further study. Students who complete the Diploma at second year also gain advanced standing in NMIT’s Bachelor of Writing and Publishing and in bachelor
programmes at other institutes. The program combines strong industry skills with individual writing interests. You can learn more about the Cert IV in Professional Writing and Editing by calling Linda Watson on 9269 1881.

20. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN STUDYING DESIGN?

The agIdeas 2013 Futures seminar may be of interest to you. Hear nine creative designers talk about their careers. Prior to the presentation there will be a Design Course Expo where information booths will be set up by tertiary institutions providing details of their courses. The programme is for secondary school students and their families. The Course Expo will be held from 4:00 – 6:00pm and the presentation: 6:00 – 8:00pm on Wednesday 1st May at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre. For more information or to register visit: http://www.agideas.net/uploads/DEFO041_Futures_Digital_Flyer_LR.pdf. Note that many courses in design at TAFE and university require presentation of a folio of work and an interview as part of the application process in Year 12. Attendance at design exhibitions and the ability to talk about what you saw there can enhance your interview.

21. PSYCHOLOGY AND CRIMINOLOGY AT RMIT

In the Justice Sector, victims, survivors, offenders, witnesses or family may have mental health issues. These can be exacerbated by a “justice related” event, or the event may be the catalyst for a mental health issue. RMIT staff felt very strongly that “front line” justice workers should have a greater understanding of psychology and mental health. This lead to the development of a new RMIT degree with two interrelated streams – the B Arts (Criminology & Psychology). This degree brings together the Australian Psychological Accreditation Council (APAC) accredited psychology major and the criminology major which has been a centre piece of the Criminal Justice Degree at RMIT for over 30 years. The psychology major is required for entry into a fourth year Psychology programme, a mandatory stepping stone with the Masters qualification to becoming a clinical psychologist. Graduates of the new degree could eventually specialise in forensic psychology. Criminology provides a pathway into honours and the Masters in justice and criminology. Possible careers include victim support, the police force, counsellor, investigations, drug and alcohol services, policy, research, courts, customs, immigration, security, and intelligence. In 2013, 45 Year 12 students were admitted to the course, but it is planned to increase this number in 2014. The clearly - in ATAR was 88.20.

22. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GAMES AND GRAPHICS PROGRAMMING?

RMIT offers a course which combines computer science and the digital arts and design; the B Information Technology (Games and Graphics Programming). The typical career pathway from this course is games programming, specialising in a sub area such as artificial intelligence, 3D graphics or networking. Graduates can also progress to careers in simulation, robotics, graphics and special effects or research. The degree has a strong focus on maths, programming and teamwork. It uses collaborative projects to develop the communication skills needed to work with designers and developers. In Australia, Melbourne is the hot spot for games development, especially mobile games development. Graduates find employment with Firemonkeys, Bluetongue, Krome, Atari and Big Ant Studios. Some graduates start up their own companies. The degree was designed to allow graduates to obtain jobs in the mainstream IT industry as well.

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