

OFFICE FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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ENGAGEMENT DATA BASE PASSES THE 1000 MARK!!!

Thanks to everyone who is sending through material to Cheryl Shilton for inclusion. While we have had a good response to our previous requests for material for the database we are sure that there must be lots of other lists, business cards and such that can be added.

Please put Friday 10 November in your diary (10.30-12 noon) for a demonstration of the database. Would be great to have all areas represented. Please reply to Makeleta.Taunisila@vu.edu.au and watch for confirmation of the venue.

STAFF ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

It's very close! Michigan State is happy with our suggested changes.

SIEMENS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE LAUNCH

Over forty people drawn from across VU, local secondary schools, Western Chances and Siemens attended the launch on 24 October in one of the problem based learning areas in the Faculty of Health, Engineering and Sciences at Footscray Park. Speakers included Professor John McCallum, Acting Vice Chancellor; Mrs Terry Bracks, Chair, Western Chances; Mr Paul Birch, Siemens; Geoff Fagan, Chair, Science Schools Foundation and The Hon Dr Barry Jones, AO. The general theme of the presentations reinforced the immense value to be gained through industry and community organisations coming together with VU to enhance educational and employment opportunities in Melbourne's west.

Year 9 students drawn from local secondary schools will participate in the innovative three-day program coordinated by Nick Athanasiou on the Footscray Park campus in December 2006. The initiative is the result of a strong partnership developed over the last few months between Western Chances, Siemens and VU through the Office for Industry and Community Engagement. It is complemented by the agreement achieved between Western Chances and VU that VU will provide a set of scholarships in the future to support Western Chances scholarship holders' transition from secondary school to university.

FRIDAY FORUMS

The next Friday Forum on 3 November will be run by Elleni Bereded, Coordinator Community Engagement and will focus on preparing submissions with CALD communities for the soon-to-be-released seeding grants. The session will look at which communities you might want to partner with, how you might want to work

with a particular community and how OICE could help you in facilitating the partnership. Please let us know that you will be attending by emailing Makeleta.Taunisila@vu.edu.au.

Set out below is the program for the rest of the year for regular engagement morning teas in the Office for Industry and Community Engagement (C320 Footscray Park), 10.30-12 noon Thursday or Friday each week. This is a chance to meet people internal and external to the University who are currently or are planning to engage with industry and community.

Friday 3 November: Community: *Preparing proposals for seeding grants with CALD communities*

Friday 10 November: Industry Roundtable: *Engagement Database*
Friday 17 November: Relationship Management
Friday 24 November: Community: *Youth and Big Picture Company*
Friday 1 December: Engagement Seeding Grant announcements
Thursday 8 December: Relationship Management
Friday 15 December: End of Year Celebration

Simply register your interest in attending by emailing Makeleta.Taunisila@vu.edu.au

SEEDING GRANTS ARE COMING

A total amount of \$20,000 has been set aside for these grants. Ideally ten grants will be made of \$2,000 each but appropriate adjustments will be made given the number and quality of the applications.

Final details are being put into place and details will be announced in the next week on the global email.

ENGAGING IN THE WEST

Footscray Community Arts Centre in association with the Western Bulldogs presents THE GO SHOW.

Get on your bike or jump on board our bus for a whirlwind tour of the West with The GO Show. Visit iconic locations such as the Footscray Community Arts Centre, the rooftops and backstreets of the Footscray CBD and Whitten Oval, spiritual home of the Western Bulldogs, and watch a live performance event unfold in an ever changing, suburb sized performance space.

Experience video and sound installations, hip-hop dance, rapping, scratching, choral singing, African drumming, ballroom dance, ping-pong, martial arts, contemporary dance and gymnastics demonstrations. Hear the Bulldogs theme song sung in Vietnamese or Ethiopian language, run up the race, through a

sports, recreation and arts organisations, neighbourhood and community houses, kindergartens, schools, and senior staff of local government.

I look forward to welcoming you to the 2006 Board Builder conference at Moonee Valley Racing Club on Friday, 17th November 2006.

Warm regards

DR RHONDA GALBALLY AO

Chief Executive Officer

OFFICE FOR INDUSTRY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING ROOM

It seats ten, has tea and coffee facilities and we are pleased to make it available as a meeting space for others across the University. Simply contact Makeleta if you are interested in using the room and you can check with Viv White if you would like to see how the interactive whiteboard housed there works.

ENGAGEMENT AWARD OF THE WEEK

To Vicky Samaras and all the team in Student Career Services and to Mark Cunneen, Manager, Western Metropolitan Region, Bendigo Bank and his team and to the competing student teams in the Bendigo Bank Charity Championship Cup: Didem, Yamunasri, Liang, Wenjun, Grace, Enrick, Kara, Belinda, Murray and Michael. The teams raised money for Wesley Footscray Outreach, the Asylum Seekers Resource Centre and for the Smith Family through a whole range of activities with the mentorship of Bendigo Bank colleagues.

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Office for Industry and Community Engagement

- a clearing house and data bank for VU engagement, working in close liaison with other key offices which have overlapping functions
- broker and manage new relationships in liaison with other parts of the university

- coordinate internal and external activities such as engagement days
- coordinate key external roles of VU such as Campus Heads and Relationship Managers
- contact point for similar offices in other universities
- strategic driver of Engagement Plan and related policies
- evaluator of external engagement and
- special projects as required