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Welcome

On behalf of the Ballarat ICT Cluster Project Team, welcome to the first edition of the ICT newsletter for 2008. Thank you all for your support of the Ballarat ICT Cluster during 2007. We are looking forward to continuing to grow and improving the services of the ICT Cluster during 2008. .

New ICT Limited Chair

Professor Sidney Morris was recently elected the new chair of Ballarat ICT Limited. Sid Morris is Professor of Informatics and Head of the School of Information Technology and Mathematical Sciences (ITMS) at the University of Ballarat. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Research and Practice in Information Technology, an Editor of the Journal of Group Theory, and a Director of the Victorian Partnership for Advanced Computing (VPAC). He is also Honorary Professorial Fellow in the Faculty of Informatics of the University of Wollongong. Previously he has been Chair of the Australasian Association of Professors and Heads of Department of Computer Science, an Executive member of the Computer Science Association of Australasia, and Research Professor of Mathematics at the University of South Australia. He also served as the Deputy Vice Chancellor and Vice President of the University of South Australia. We wish Prof Morris all the best in this new role



YUM Productions - Collingwood Stories

Yum Productions recently launched the Collingwood Stories Digital Story Telling Project -Collingwood Stories was a project undertaken in 2006 and 2007 to record on video the life journeys of people who came to live at the Collingwood Housing Estate. The stories reflect the changes in the suburb and Australia collectively~ From the initial displacement of original Collingwood residents as the suburb was redeveloped with new roads that cut through old neighbourhoods to the arrival of residents from overseas through various migration waves.



The stories are a reflection of life encompassing fear, tragedy, reflection, displacement, acceptance, renewal, growth and love. To view the project and related stories please visit - www.yum.vic.edu.au/cstories

Diploma of eLearning - (Yum Productions)

Yum Productions are pleased to announce the Diploma of eLearning which they will be running during 2008. This is an online based course delivered in 4 blocks. Some of the areas the Diploma will support participants in are:

- Develop eLearning strategy plans to implement at their training organisation
- Investigate and evaluate a wide variety of web based, eLearning, web 2 and social networking tools.
- Plan and produce the development of a multimedia learning resource
- Plan the deployment of eLearning sequences that incorporate a range of eLearning and social networking tools.
- Deliver, train and assess sequences through the deployment of a Learner Management Strategy.
- Implement a Communication strategy to support eLearning.
- Learn skills in web design, image manipulation, animation, video and podcasting

For further information please contact Michael Gwyther at Yum Productions on michael.gwyther@yum.vic.edu.au

2008 Innovation Festival

The City of Ballarat Economic Development Unit is planning another Innovation Festival in May 2008 and is keen to see if there is anyone who is:

- innovative (any one who wants to showcase a new product, or process at the 2008 innovation festival)
- Ballarat GIG - Get into Games Expo (anyone interested in attending or exhibiting)
- Ideas - if anyone is planning an ICT event that is innovative, they can talk to Peter from the Economic Development Unit about a partnership with the Innovation festival.

If you feel you can help with any of these areas please contact Peter Forbes on 5320 5672 or peterforbes@ballarat.vic.gov.au





Commerce Ballarat - First events for 2008

BLEND (Ballarat Leaders and Entrepreneurs Networking at Dusk) Fonebooth & Rokk66

Bakery Hill - Wednesday 30th January 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Are you 39 or under and looking for an opportunity to share ideas and impressions of today's business world?

Drinks and Savouries provided RSVP Jodie@commerceballarat.com.au

Thank God it's Friday BBQ

29th February KIDS Foundation

Learn More 12 Noon – 12.30pm followed by casual BBQ

The KIDS Foundation, established in 1993 is a Health Promotion Charity and national leader in childhood injury prevention and injury recovery.

RSVP Jodie@commerceballarat.com.au

For further information on either please contact Jodie Gillet on Jodie@commerceballarat.com.au



New Diploma in Business Development

Metre in conjunction with the University of Ballarat are pleased to announce a new course for 2008 which will be running from the Greenhill Enterprise Centre.

The Diploma in Business Development covers everything from identifying new business opportunities to achieving successful overseas expansion, and is delivered by a team of highly skilled trainers and mentors. Participants take away a structured approach to business building and commercialisation – developing market opportunities, growing profitable sales, and entering the global market – as well as a clear plan of action designed to achieve specific outcomes. For further information, please call 1300 859 200, or visit www.mentre.com.au



Laser Welder - Golden Globe

By now most people would have seen the image of the gold nugget globe that Cordell Kent from The Mining Exchange Gold Shop has made using a state of the art LaserStar welder. This globe was made as a test of the ability of the Laser welder to work with a difficult medium, to make a difficult shape, using space age technology. The effect is nothing short of stunning. Most people look at the nugget globe and see a roughly round shape, made from natural gold nuggets. Few people think about how difficult this was to make, and the technology that was used to make it. For further information on the Golden Globe and the LaserStar welder that Cordell has been using please visit www.ballaratict.com.au

eHealth and ICT Cluster Forum

Approximately 30 individuals gathered at the Greenhill Enterprise Centre on 29th January 2008 as part of an exploration of the potential benefits of establishing an eHealth and ICT cluster with funding support provided by Multimedia Victoria.

This forum was open to organisations interested in eHealth and ICT who were able to provide feedback on the viability and relevance of the proposed cluster. Interested organisations will be able to strengthen the University of Ballarat's application to Multimedia Victoria by joining the cluster as a founding member.

If you are interested in becoming involved or would like further information please contact Jane Gilbert from the Collaborative Centre for eHealth. (j.gilbert@ballarat.edu.au) or Helen Thompson from the Centre for eCommerce and Communication (h.thompson@ballarat.edu.au).

Party Safe

Party hosts will be able to register their details with local police under a new software project designed by University of Ballarat students.



Named Party Safe, the project was created by Diploma of Information Technology students from the Horsham Campus. The Party Safe project is a campaign created to target growing concern related to violence, alcohol and drug abuse at local parties and events. The project is run by members from the local police and community groups and aims to increase public awareness through the creation of a website, CD and pamphlet handouts.

"The website has three objectives: to provide a way to register upcoming parties with the police, provide information about issues ranging from alcohol and drug abuse to tips about hosting a safe party; and to provide a list of emergency contacts and links to further information.

Rob Irvine, Head of Western Campuses, congratulated the students on their success. "Michael Gregson, Ty Exell, Ben Dodds and Aaron Wirth have all created an extremely worthwhile and innovative product," Mr Irvine said. "The University also thanks the support of Horsham Police in this project."

Iain Sedgman, Program Co-ordinator at the School of Business Services, said the four students had greatly benefited from the Diploma of Information Technology course.

"The skills these students now have will add significant technical excellence for many future projects in the Wimmera and enable them to have valued real world experience for any future studies," Mr Sedgman said.

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