

# Career Advisers' Update June 2019



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## GPS tracking reveals how litter travels



In a Victorian-first citizen science project, GPS-tracked bottles will be released in suburban waterways around Melbourne to reveal precisely how litter makes its way from our streets to our beaches.

The Litter Trackers project will see RMIT University scientists working with schools and community groups to deploy 100 GPS-tracked bottles in 20 locations across Melbourne's catchments.

As part of the project, classroom materials and teacher resources will be developed to educate school children about littering and its environmental impacts.

Head to [www.rmit.edu.au/littertrackers](http://www.rmit.edu.au/littertrackers) to follow the project.

## RMIT Scholarships

In 2019, RMIT awarded over 1,300 scholarships to vocational and higher education students.

95 per cent of all scholarships awarded were equity-based, to support students experiencing financial or educational disadvantage.

This year, with generous funding from our preferred accommodation providers, RMIT was able to award 50 scholarships to support first year students relocating to Melbourne to study.

An RMIT scholarship can enrich and transform a student's experience of moving to Melbourne and studying at RMIT.

For Emily, a first year Bachelor of Design (Animation and Interactive Media) student from Ballarat, "living in student accommodation provides me with extra support and opportunities. Moving away from home is a big process and by living in student accommodation I know that there are others facing the same struggles I was going through. Atira is a place where I can meet new people and can participate in fun activities the accommodation provides".



[See our available scholarships >](#)

## Country Road provides a window of opportunity for visual merchandising students

Twelve years ago, the visual merchandising program first entered into what has now become a mutually productive and beneficial relationship with iconic Australian clothing and lifestyle brand Country Road.

In 2018, RMIT students worked with Country Road's Creative Design team to create next season's impressive shop window displays.

The Window Project offered students industry experience working alongside professionals from the leading lifestyle brand.



Country Road Visual Merchandising Creative Team Manager Haydn Salmon said the retailer values their long-standing relationship with RMIT's Diploma of Visual Merchandising program and continues to be impressed by the results year-on-year.

"The strength of the relationship is built upon the opportunity for Country Road and RMIT students to be inspired and learn from each other while participating in a real-life project," he said.

Along with running the Window Project, Country Road is a strong supporter of the RMIT mentoring program and has also employed many graduates.

Country Road also offers a one-year paid intern position for one graduate each year.

Through the Window Project, mentor program and internship, Country Road has taken a long-term, proactive approach to supporting up-and-coming talent in the School of Architecture and Urban Design's Diploma of Visual Merchandising.

[Find out more >](#)

## Support services at RMIT

RMIT are proud to offer a range of services to students, ensuring that they have every opportunity to succeed at university while remaining healthy and happy. Services available include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student support, free counselling appointments, disability support services and financial advice.

[Find out more about the services available to RMIT students.](#)

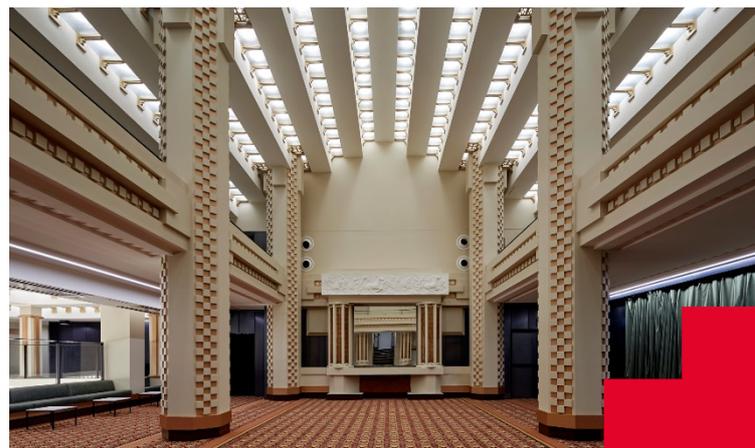


## Capitol Theatre reopening

Following a multi-million-dollar refurbishment, The Capitol has reopened today as a contemporary destination for culture, education and innovation.

RMIT Vice-Chancellor and President Martin Bean CBE said The Capitol would provide new work opportunities for students and give them the unparalleled experience of collaborating with real industry partners and the professional creative community without having to leave campus.

"Our students will have access to cutting-edge learning and teaching facilities, exposure to research and innovation opportunities, as well as work integrated learning with key cultural organisations, festivals and events," Martin said.



The iconic and architecturally-significant Melbourne landmark was originally designed by renowned architects Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahoney Griffin and has been under the stewardship of RMIT since 1999.

[Read the full story here >](#)

## Elite Athlete Program

RMIT has revamped its program designed to support the next generation of elite or emerging athletes as they balance sport and study.

The RMIT Elite and Emerging Athlete Program (REAP) offers over 200 students each year flexibility and assessment support to help them achieve their sporting and academic aspirations.



The program's expansion includes extra staff and increased funding and resources for students, including international travel grants, ATAR adjustments, gym memberships, course planning and cross-institutional study arrangements.

Funding is another key benefit available to students as part of the program, with the Elite Athlete Scholarship increased to \$10,000, up from \$500 in previous years.

[Get to know our elite athlete program in more detail >](#)

## Caps fly for first graduates of innovative nurse training program

Seventeen Diploma of Nursing students have become the first graduates of an innovative training program run in partnership between RMIT and Northern Health.

The 'Transformative Enrolled Nurse Program' was developed to help meet the challenges faced by

health providers in recruiting and retaining fit-for-purpose staff and was supported by the Victorian Government's Workforce Training Innovation Fund.



The immersive training program involved a shift from learning within the classroom to learning embedded within the physical and cultural environment of a modern healthcare organisation.

Graduate Sheree Costa praised the program for providing unique learning experiences through in-depth exposure to clinical environments.

"The program has allowed me to graduate with the knowledge and confidence to ensure that I can provide the highest standard of care to patients," Costa said.

A second group of Diploma of Nursing students will commence the Transformative Enrolled Nurse Program mid-year.

[Learn more >](#)

## Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) – new update

Last issue we told you about plans to launch an exciting new general Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) degree.

This degree will allow entry with any maths including Further Mathematics, opening doors to many students that would otherwise miss out on studying Engineering at RMIT without the Maths Methods prerequisite.

We have finally received confirmation that this program has officially been approved for 2020 entry.

Further course information can be found on our [course webpage](#)



## What's on

**City TIS** 17 & 18 June

> Register: <https://www.tis.org.au/upcoming-events/registration-forms/city-tis-2019/>

**Open Day**  
Bundoora 4 Aug  
City & Brunswick 11 Aug

### Exhibitions

**Write it. Shoot it. Show it.** 12 June  
Art, Media & Communication,  
Fashion, Architecture &  
Urban Design student exhibition

**Melbourne Modern:** 21 Jun – 17 Aug  
European art & design at  
RMIT since 1945

## Update your details

Do you have a new phone number or email address, or new staff member in your careers office?

Please contact us [HERE](#) to ensure that we have your details.

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