

February Newsletter 2019

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NEW YEAR, NEW ME etc. etc.

Hello + Welcome to 2019!

Well - it's now almost February and do we have an action-packed year ahead. Welcome back to all existing staff and students and we are excited to welcome all new students (make sure you look out for our RMIT Sustainability team at one of the Welcome Days!).

There are lots of events happening over the next few months and plenty of opportunities for you to get involved in Sustainability initiatives.

Enjoy the read and keep your eye out for our competition!

DID YOU KNOW?

'Single-Use' was named The 2018 Word Of The Year by the Collins Dictionary. This means that it was the most important word searched for or written about in the public sphere within the past 12 months.

'Plogging', (the activity of picking up litter whilst jogging) was also shortlisted.



IT'S GETTING BREEZY @ RMIT



We are breezing into 2019...LITERALLY!

RMIT is committed to managing resources for the long term, which is why we are excited to share that our newly constructed wind farm in Regional Victoria will provide **25% of RMIT's electricity** this year.

Fourteen members of the Melbourne Renewable Energy Program ([MREP](#)) combined their purchasing power to support the construction of the 39 turbines generating 80 MW at the [Crowlands windfarm](#), near Ararat.

The wind farm is owned and operated by Melbourne based clean energy company [Pacific Hydro](#). A great step in our transition towards a renewable future.







Melbourne
Renewable
Energy
Project

88^{GWh}
of energy

over a third of Crowlands
Wind Farm total capacity



17,600

average households power use every year

OR



22,512 cars

off the road every year

OR



96,800 tonnes

of greenhouse gas pollution every year



Electricity
from
renewables

+



0
Net emissions

UPCOMING EVENTS

RMIT WELCOME DAY EVENTS



<https://us14.admin.mailchimp.com/campaigns/show?id=730535>

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First of all, welcome to all of our new Students!

We're looking forward to seeing you on campus and to kick off your start at university, RMIT has a number of Welcome Day events, also known as **orientation events**, to get you settled in.

Welcome Day events will help you get to know your new campus, including all the services, clubs and other fun stuff that makes RMIT unique.

Make sure you come and visit our **Sustainability@RMIT Marquee** to learn more about what we do, how you can get involved as a student or event staff member as well as collect some FREE sustainable merch.

Click [HERE](#) for all the key Welcome Dates across the Campuses for VE & HE.





SUSTAINABLE LIVING FESTIVAL 2019 ALL OF FEB + BIG WEEKEND 8-10 FEB

RMIT is proud to again be a Major Partner of the 2019 SLF, which is celebrating it's 20th Festival!

This is a fantastic month-long festival dedicated to all things sustainability, with the **Big Weekend falling on 8-10th February.**

The National SLF is aimed at increasing the communities engagement and accelerating the uptake of sustainable living. Stay tuned for more updates on the festival program as the date approaches.

Click [HERE](#) for the full event program, it is jam-packed full of rich, exciting content.

DISRUPTIVE DESIGN @ RMIT

WHAT: RMIT PANEL SESSION @ SLF
WHEN: 9TH FEB 2019 @ 4:30PM
WHERE: THE DOME, BIRRARUNG MARR



Join us at the SLF Big Weekend where our Panel will discuss Disruptive Design at RMIT.

As a University of design, technology and enterprise RMIT is globally recognised for our cutting-edge approach to sustainability. The University is committed to solving complex problems that shape and transform the future for people and the environment.

Join our panel of experts who will explore how disruptive design, circular economy principles and innovation can help tackle the biggest challenge we face... climate change.

PRESENTERS:

Professor Scott Valentine

Associate Dean, Sustain & Urban Plan

Tom Bentley

Executive Director – Policy & Impact

Rose Duong

Founder & Director of Clothes Loop

Tamsin O'Neill

Editor Green Magazine

Find out more about our event [HERE](#) + Register [HERE](#)

INSECTOPIA

WHAT: EXPLORE THE INCREDIBLE WORLD OF INSECTS

WHEN: 9TH FEB 11:00AM - 1:00PM

WHERE: ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS

Discover the incredible world of insects, through a tour of Melbourne Gardens and learn more about the creatures who roam the city.

Join ecologist **Dr Luis Mata (RMIT)** in this fascinating workshop where he will share stories about the insects discovered along the way. Construct your very own insect hotel while learning about the integral role insects play in spreading seeds, pollinating flowers and supporting biodiversity.

Click **HERE** to register for this event.



THE GREAT LOCAL LUNCH



The Great Local Lunch unites a community of forward-thinking foodies who come together to share in the fruits of their labour, network with the

who come together to share in the fruits of their labour, network with the movers and shakers of Melbourne's local food scene, and exchange ideas about increasing food security, reducing food waste and disrupting unsustainable food systems.

FREE GIVEAWAY!!!!

2 x 2 TICKETS

WHEN: SUNDAY 12:00 - 2:30PM

WHERE: BIRRARUNG MARR

All you have to do to be in the running is tell us:

What do you think are the three biggest ways we can bring about positive change for climate action?

ENTER COMPETITION HERE



WHEN: 21 FEBRUARY - 8 MARCH 2019

WHERE: CINEMA NOVA MELBOURNE

The Transitions Film Festival showcases groundbreaking documentaries about the social and technological innovations, revolutionary ideas and trailblazing change makers that are leading the way to a better world.

Click [HERE](#) for the full film line up.

GET INVOLVED

WANT TO BE A STUDENT SUSTAINABILITY AMBASSADOR?



Take the opportunity to become a Sustainability Ambassador, and lead the way to a more sustainable campus.

RMIT is committed to embedding sustainability into every aspect of the University, and we need your help! Students from any discipline are encouraged to apply.

The program requires students to complete two mandatory training sessions totalling five hours on the City campus, followed by 15 hours of voluntary work throughout the year.

To register your interest click [HERE](#).

GREEN IMPACT IS BACK IN 2019!



green impact

After our successful pilot year in 2018, we are pleased to announce that RMIT will be participating in Green Impact Staff Engagement Program in 2019!

Please register your interest [HERE](#) and we will let you know once the official Green Impact landing page is open to officially register your Teams.

ENJOYED THE READ?

Stay tuned for future editions and keep up to date with upcoming events and opportunities to learn and get involved in [Sustainability at RMIT](#).

Be sure to share this [link](#) with anyone who might be interested in our newsletter.

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