Welcome to Edition 9 of Contours

Student Centre News

Clearing Architecture Building for OPEN DAY

In preparation for the University’s Open Day on Sunday 16 August, students are asked to ensure the bench spaces in the corridors and teaching spaces on levels 2, 3, and 4 of the Architecture building are cleared of all work by 5pm Friday 14 August. Work which is not removed will be transferred by staff to another location. All attempts will be made to ensure the work is moved and stored carefully but it would be preferable to all if you could remove your work yourself. Students may use Room G04 Studio Space, Ground Floor, Baldwin Spencer Building to store their work over this weekend period. This room will be accessible from 1-5pm Friday 14 August, and must be collected on Monday 17 August.

Architecture Building

Please note that the Ground floor. Levels 1, 2, 3, & 4 including the MSD Graduate Lounge will be in use for OPEN DAY activities Friday 14th – Sunday 16th August inclusive with large crowds expected on Sunday from 10am – 4pm

OPEN DAY at The University of Melbourne

Time: 10:00am
Date: Sunday 16th August 2009
Place: Parkville Campus

Come to the Parkville campus to explore all that The University of Melbourne can offer you in study, research and our work in the local and global community. More information is available at the Open Day website: http://openday.unimelb.edu.au/
Melbourne Graduate Expo

**Time:** 3pm – 7pm  
**Date:** 2nd September  
**Place:** Level 1, Alan Gilbert Building  
161 Barry St (Cnr Grattan St & Barry St) Carlton

If you are interested in graduate study, then the Melbourne Graduate Expo is the event for you! This Expo is the University’s premiere event for potential graduate students to gather all the information required prior to applying for graduate study. The Expo provides a great opportunity to:

- Speak with academic and professional staff from all of the University’s graduate schools
- Get the answers you need to make your graduate study decision
- Discuss potential career opportunities expected upon completion of your graduate degree
- Find out about the availability of scholarships and financial assistance
- Gain assistance with submitting you application
- Attend detailed information sessions and presentations

Whether you are looking to change or accelerate your career, or are finishing your undergraduate degree and considering further study, the University's graduate schools provide a wide range of graduate programs in coursework and research and offer students a unique study experience.

Please refer to the website at: [http://gradexpo.unimelb.edu.au](http://gradexpo.unimelb.edu.au) for further information including the full program, inviting your friends and to register online.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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**Free Lectures and Exhibitions**

**Lectures**

**Lecture:** Dean’s Lecture Series  
Miegunyah Lecture  
"The Anthropocene – The era of human-caused global change"  
Professor Peter Vitousek, Stanford University

**Date:** Thursday August 20, 2009  
**Time:** 5:30pm  
**Place:** Lower Theatre, LFR Building (142)  
Parkville Campus

Registration essential
Lecture:  
**Inaugural Professorial Lecture**  
Professor Richard Tomlinson  
Chair in Urban Planning  
Shaping Urban Policy:  
googling ‘best practice’ in developing countries  

**Date:**  
Wednesday, 29 August  
**Time:**  
6:30 - 7:30pm  
**Place:**  
Prince Philip Theatre  
Ground Floor, Architecture Building  
The University of Melbourne  

Registration essential  
For further information and to register visit:  

Exhibitions  
**Exhibition:**  
Selected Works from the Studio of Carme Pinos  
**Date:**  
Monday August 3 to Friday August 14, 2009  
**Time:**  
9am to 5pm  
**Place:**  
Wunderlich Gallery, Ground Floor, Architecture Building  

Employment  
**KickStart Skills 4 Work seminars and workshops:**  

**Beyond Graduate Employment Programs: How else do new grads find jobs?**  
Turner Theatre, Botany Building  
Thursday 13 August 2009, 1:00pm - 2:00pm  

**Adjusting to Australian Business Life – a personal reflection by Chuck Zhang (CPA)**  
Theatre E, Old Arts  
Thursday 13 August 2009, 1:00pm - 2:00pm  

**Practice interview workshop**  
Careers & Employment, Level 1, Baldwin Spencer Building  
Friday 14 August 2009, 1:00pm - 2:00pm  

Registration is required – please see Careers Online for booking details:  
http://careersonline.acs.unimelb.edu.au/cae/studentscae/
Metropolitan Melbourne Internships and Planning Assistant Traineeships

The PIA Vic Office would like to inform you all that applications for the Metropolitan Local Government Internships and Planning Assistant Traineeships are still open.

Component 2 - University Student Internships
This program is designed for university planning students who would like to gain paid work experience as a planner in a metropolitan Melbourne council.
Now Taking Applications – Closing Dates to be Confirmed

For more information, or to send in your application, contact Simone Stevenson at stevenson@planning.org.au or on (03) 9347 1900

LIVE Community Volunteer Fair, 18 August 2009

Want to gain career related skills and at the same time contribute to the community? Come to the LIVE Community Volunteer Fair and find out how.
Hosted by the Leadership, Involvement & Volunteer Experience Unit (LIVE), this year’s fair showcases a mix of 70 not-for-profit community organisations offering a wide variety of volunteer opportunities.
Past participating organisations include: World Vision, Australian Red Cross, Salvation Army, Engineers Without Borders, Oxfam Australia, People Outdoors, Conservation Volunteers, Oak Tree Foundation and many more!
All disciplines and year levels are welcome. Free entry.

Date: Tuesday 18 August, 2009
Time: 12 – 3pm
Place: Wilson Hall

Link: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/live/getLIVE/news.html#volunteerfair
More information email Ali Kassem at akassem@unimelb.edu.au

Competition

Earthsharing Australia is excited to announce The I want to Live here Film Competition: 'The War on Creativity'

The film competition asks people to make a film in 3 minutes or less which addresses issues about gentrification in their neighbourhood or city.
Entries close the 4th of November. 1st prize is $3000 with runner up prizes from Readings and Madman.
Advertisements for Architecture 2009: Call for Entries...

On the first of November 2008, The Age newspaper (Melbourne, Australia) described architects as the "canary in the coalmine" of the economy. In light of the current unstable global economic condition, design professionals and design students are invited to create an 'Advertisement for Architecture'. The most outstanding of these entries will be exhibited at Federation Square, Melbourne, from September 28th until October 2nd 2009 and published in the accompanying catalogue. For more information and how to enter visit: http://openhaus.org/exhibitions/aa2009/call_for_entries.php. Entry deadline is Friday 14th August.

Around The University of Melbourne

Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute

Dr Jon Barnett of the University's Melbourne Sustainable Society Institute (MSSI) has designed and created a virtual hub that brings together the University's many sustainability programs and projects. And students in the first-year climate change University Breadth Subject are finding the website particularly helpful in better understanding the broad domain of climate change. The Climate Change page is at:

http://www.climatechange.unimelb.edu.au/

'International Youth Day - Sustainability: Our Challenge, Our Future’ - Climate Change Forum

As part of UN International Youth Day celebrations, this major event has been organised by the Kwong Lee Dow First Year Program to provide students with a great opportunity to hear about the real issues and what they can do to make a difference.

We all say we want to go green, but do we all see the same kinds of change when we imagine an eco-friendly economy? Speakers and workshops will focus on exploring some of the questions and Local, National and International issues around establishing the Green Economy. Participants will also take part in an interactive workshop facilitated by students already involved in climate change and sustainability initiatives. The focus will be to share ideas and learning among the group and explore some of the strategies presented by the key note speakers, including:
Nic Frances – CEO coolnrg
David Toovey – Climate Ambassador
Linh Do – Change&Switch
Wellbeing

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Counselling Service FREE STUDENT WORKSHOPS
Semester 2, 2009
Tuesday Lunchtime Series 12 – 2pm @ Cussonia Court, Room 1

Introduction to Meditation
Date: 18 August
There are many preconceptions about meditation, and the reality can be surprising. This workshop provides an introduction to mindfulness meditation, and includes several practical exercises.

Happiness
Date: 25 August
Strategies for a more enjoyable, fulfilling life
While people are busy and involved in many activities, they are not necessarily happier. This workshop identifies key elements to make life richer, eg. • developing good relationships – with yourself and others • doing less rather than more • managing stress and difficult emotions • expressing altruism, gratitude and meaning.

For more information: http://www.services.unimelb.edu.au/counsel/workshop209/semesterotwo09_index.html