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## Editor's Note



All eyes were on RGIT Australia Hobart Campus in April, when friends and loved ones converged on the magnificent Hobart Town Hall to celebrate at RGIT Australia Hobart Campus' inaugural Graduation Ceremony in April. In this issue of EVOLVE, we hear from students whose studies and lives in Hobart were made special the friendships they made and their involvement in what is such a wonderful community in Hobart.

The entire RGIT Australia team wishes our graduates all the very best, and welcome you to RGIT Australia's alumni community. RGIT Australia has such a diverse cohort of students across our three campuses from all over the world. We love hearing your stories and sharing in your experiences and successes. Speak with the EVOLVE Editorial Team on Level 8 at RGIT Australia's Main Campus or email [communications@rgit.edu.au](mailto:communications@rgit.edu.au) and share your story. We'd love to hear from you! Once again, congratulations to all graduates, families and friends!

With love,  
**Zeb Pinder**



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# RGIT Hobart Graduation Ceremony 2018



RGIT Australia Hobart campus graduates celebrated at RGIT Hobart's inaugural graduation ceremony at Hobart Town Hall on Friday, 20 April 2018.

"I feel very excited," said Xinchuan "Lupo" Lu. "RGIT is a very good school, and we learn lots from our trainers. I am graduating from IT, and I think that after graduation I will definitely find a new life here in Hobart. I like Hobart a lot."

"I am very thankful to RGIT for the support till date," said Ravjot Kaur. It is a very good time for me. I am really enjoying the day."

Guest of Honour, Tasmanian Legislative Council President, Hon. Jim Wilkinson, delivered a speech in which he spoke

on RGIT Australia's role in Tasmania's exponential growth in the hospitality and tourism industries.

"Tasmania has an ambitious target to increase not only its population but its diversity. To be truly sustainable we must encourage more people to visit and to consider making Tasmania their home and to share this beautiful island and all it has to offer."

Hon. Wilkinson said that, "RGIT believes that this dual emphasis will serve both the graduates and the state well, and RGIT will continue to provide opportunities to enter this vital lifetime profession."

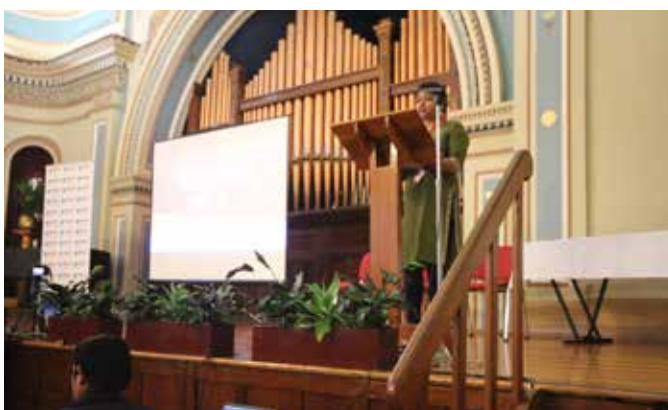
Hobart Campus Operations Manager and Hospitality Trainer and Assessor, Brian McEwan, said that, "Your journey starts now. Education is the easy part. Now, it's time to enter the workforce. You enter a world of infinite possibilities; a lifetime of living in the future."

RGIT Australia CEO, founder and Director, Chandra Yonzon, gave an inspirational speech in which he thanked students for their loyalty and faith in RGIT Hobart as a quality education provider. "Whether you decide to take your knowledge and skills and make your journeys overseas, or whether you decide to stay in Tasmania, the future is yours."



“RGIT has a very good blend of practical and theory classes. Practical placements, hospitality expos, industry visits and cultural lunches gave us the opportunity to network with people and learn about the industry and other aspects of Tasmania. My home is Tasmania.”

**Muhammad Islam**  
Outstanding Student Award Recipient - Commercial Cookery



“We have a really good set of trainers. They are supportive and knowledgeable. Campus facilities, staff members and student engagement are the best! I gained a lot of knowledge of business and had a fruitful experience at RGIT.”

**Tan Hoang Dung “Dunn” Nguyen**  
Outstanding Student Award recipient - Diploma of Leadership and Management student

“I am very excited to receive this award on such an incredible day.” He continued by saying, “I am so proud to be here. Thank you for celebrating this special day with us. RGIT was a second home to me, sincerely. It was a comfort. RGIT helped me to play an active part in the Tasmanian community, which is very important for an international student.”

**Kang Chen**  
Outstanding Student Award recipient - Diploma of Information Technology Networking

# RGIT Australia visits Portugal, Myanmar and Nepal in promotional campaign

## Myanmar

RGIT Australia Marketing Officer, Andrés Bentacur, facilitated an interactive seminar on living and studying in Australia in Yangon, Myanmar last month.

The seminar made part of RGIT Australia's visit to Myanmar

spanning 15-17 June, and saw the RGIT representative discuss RGIT Australia's wide range of courses, its facilities at its Melbourne and Hobart campuses, as well as its student support services and focus on student welfare. The seminar,

organised by Mates International, saw students express interest in RGIT Australia's wide range of courses, with students expressing particular interest in the Diploma of Nursing and Early Childhood Education and Care programs.



## Nepal

RGIT Australia concluded one of its most comprehensive tours of Nepal in May. The 14-day tour, was aimed at providing students, parents and agents with information on RGIT Australia as well as living and studying in Australia in general.

RGIT Australia representatives participated in agent seminars, agent visits and meet-and-greets, and group and one-on-one student counselling across the country in Pokhara, Butwal, Narayanghat (Chitwan), Hetauda, Itahari, Birtamode, Biratnagar and Kathmandu.

Agents expressed appreciation in RGIT Australia's reaffirmed support by both Nepal- and Melbourne-based institute representatives. Student seminars covering all aspects of RGIT Australia, living in Australia and student welfare were held before question and answer sessions. All students received group counseling, while many also sought one-on-one counselling to discuss their preferred course, entry requirements, and possible



career opportunities following completion of various courses.

RGIT Australia thanks all students, parents and agents for their enthusiasm and interest

in RGIT Australia and living and studying in Australia. RGIT Australia wishes all students every success in their future educational journeys.

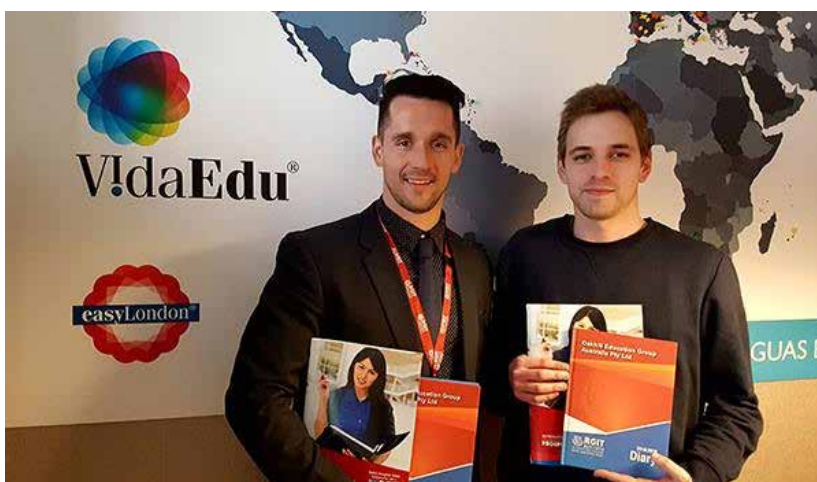
## Portugal

RGIT representatives participated in Education Plus, an education fair at Inspira Santa Marta Hotel, Lisbon, on Saturday, 31 March 2018. The event provided RGIT Australia the opportunity to speak with education seekers and agents from Portugal and overseas wanting to learn more about living and studying in Australia.

RGIT Australia's large cohort of South American students at its Melbourne and Hobart campuses come to Australia to study mainly English, including General English (ELICOS program) and

English for Academic Purposes (EAP), prior to undertaking other qualifications such as Information Technology,

Business and Management and Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC).



# Orientation Day Term 2, 2018



RGIT Australia Melbourne campus was abuzz with excitement when the institute's newest students attended Orientation Day on Monday, 16 April 2018.

Students were provided with all the necessary information and resources to start them on their journey with us with presentations facilitated by Student Administration,

Academic, Management and Accounts departments. Trainers also attended the session where they took delight in meeting and greeting the institute's newest students.

## Nursing Students Welcomed at Orientation

RGIT Australia welcomed its first batch of HLT54115 Diploma of Nursing students at its Nursing Orientation Day on Monday, 18 June 2018. Students were given enrolment packs and enjoyed interactive and informative presentations by RGIT Australia Student Services, Communications and Health Science departments covering all aspects of student life.

The welcome session also provided students with the opportunity to meet nursing trainers and clinical placement staff, and received a tour of campus facilities, including RGIT Australia's state-of-the-art Simulated Nursing Lab.



“ This is the first day of your educational journey here at RGIT. You will go on to take your training and industry experience back home with you and around the world.”

**Chandra Yonzon**  
CEO, RGIT Australia



“ The welcome party was very nice. Staff presented beautiful conversations and their thoughts about the latest batch. It was really exciting for me to hear that we were the first batch, I didn't know it at first. Being the first batch at RGIT Australia is something very special. Staff described their expectations of us being the first batch. We will be role models for the college.”

**Mugdha Bahri**  
Diploma of Nursing Student



# Social Corner



👍 Celebrating ten years of delivering quality education on a promotional tour of Nepal in May.



👍 Student success in Buffet Showcase



👍 RGIT Australia Hobart Campus Graduation Ceremony 2018. Congratulations to all our Hobart graduates!



👍 RGIT Australia Certificate III in Patisserie students explored Melbourne in a two-hour taste-testing tour



👍 RGIT Melbourne Childcare students celebrate Eid

# RGIT Australia Hobart Campus Student Culinary Showcase Grand Success

RGIT Australia staff and students made headlines when they successfully hosted their Student Culinary Showcase at RGIT Australia Hobart Campus on Wednesday, 4 April 2018. Prime time WIN News coverage of the event featured an interview with Hobart campus' Operations Manager & Hospitality Trainer and Assessor, Brian McEwan. The interview addressed the showcase, as well as Hobart campus' contributions to the state's thriving hospitality industry since the campus' establishment in 2016.

Hobart campus' regular student showcases such as Wednesday's are designed to give students practical experience, the opportunity to network, and their time to shine for the state's most notable in the hospitality industry. Brian McEwan said in the interview, "This is why we



have events like this - to bring industry in and come and talk to us." He also encouraged those in the industry to, "Tell us what you want, and then we can try and tailor our training to meet your needs."

Led by Hospitality Trainer and Assessor, Jean-Philippe Rene, students greeted invitees with carefully prepared and presented fruit cocktails. Together, they showed guests around the campus' state-of-the art facilities before returning to assist in manning the bar, serving drinks and clearing plates while talking with guests.

Opportunities to network with leading industry professionals at the campus' regular showcases are complimented with students' active participation at many industry trade shows throughout the students' training.

The menu included slow roasted pork shoulder which had been brined for two days followed by a spice rub for 24 hours, and then cooked low and slow for 10 hours.



The pork was then shredded and marinated in its own juices overnight, reheated and served with julienne sliced vegetables and served with a jus. Sous vide salmon and fresh herbs on an asparagus and sour dough bread salad moistened with a white wine vinaigrette. The vegetarian was miso marinated tofu lightly fried and served on the bread salad.

Our students excelled with a dessert called egg beans on toast, lemon cakes brushed with lemon syrup topped with vanilla panicotta as the egg white and a dot of mango liquid gel as the yolk. The beans were made from marzipan and coated in an orange sauce coloured to look like tomato sauce. The alternative dessert Matcha tiramisu with the biscuits soaked in a Japanese plum wine syrup garnished with



fresh cream, sliced marinated plums and lemon thyme.

Also included were fresh, oven baked scones topped with butter,

jam and whipped cream finished with a fresh strawberry, as well as cream swans filled with crème patisserie and fresh cream.

## **Patisserie students showcase their talents**



Certificate III in Patisserie Stage 2 students made brandied fruitcakes, berry jelly topped cheesecakes, delicious Madeira cakes and mini carrot cakes, to fulfill the requirements for the unit SITHPAT001 'Produce cakes' on Thursday afternoon. The delicacies featured latest trends on traditional recipes.



# Excursions from RGIT Australia

## Hobart excursion to iconic Mures Fishing

RGIT Australia, Hobart Campus students participated in an excursion to Mures seafood processing and wholesale outlet in Hobart on Wednesday, 23 May 2018. The excursion provided students with the opportunity to gain valuable, behind the scenes industry insight at the iconic Mures outlet while also fulfilling the requirements of SIT30816 Commercial Cookery III,

SITHCCC013 Prepare Seafood Dishes and SITXFSA004 Develop and Implement a Food Safety Program.

An interactive presentation by Operations Managers, David and Heath, gave students a comprehensive understanding of the business, its food safety programs and HACCP requirements, the varieties of

seafood they catch and supply to the industry according to the seasons, as well as the overall process from the ocean to customer. Following a brief question and answer session, students were excited to put on the hair nets and view the entire plant from the viewing window before heading down to what would be a very engaging tour.



## Werribee Zoo excursion



RGIT Australia staff and students participated in excursion to Werribee Open Range Zoo on Wednesday in April. 42 General English (ECLIOS) students and five ELICOS teachers caught the train together from Melbourne to Werribee where they spent the day touring the attractions and having fun while learning English.

RGIT Australia's subsidised excursions, such as those to Weribee Open Range Zoo, provide students with the opportunity to help them integrate into the local culture, meet other international students, spend time with ELICOS teachers in an informal setting as well as engage



with locals. RGIT Australia's excursions also provide many students with their first chance to

experience Australia outside life in the big smoke.

## ELICOS Artvo - Immersive Gallery excursion

RGIT Melbourne ELICOS General English students and trainers had fun on an interactive excursion to Artvo - Immersive Gallery in Melbourne on

Wednesday, 27 June 2018.

Students from all ELICOS classes participated in the subsidised excursion as a way to practice

English in an immersive, interactive and engaging setting while exploring some of Melbourne's most iconic tourist attractions.

# Be Aware of your Rights as a Tenant

Tens of thousands of excited students will walk through the international terminal at Melbourne Airport this summer. Eager and nervous, they make up the 175,000 strong group of international students calling Victoria home as they complete their studies.

Before seeing a kangaroo and hugging a koala, students will try to settle in their new home town, opening a bank account, setting up a new mobile number, enrolling in studies, and perhaps most importantly - finding a great local cafe.

Relocating to a new city will naturally include tracking down a place to stay, somewhere close to their place of study with convenient transport links. With many options available, students have a variety of different accommodation types on offer to suit individual needs and budgets.

Renting in a brand new city can have its challenges. One international student reported not understanding the rental laws, resulting in his first landlord keeping the bond, which the student was entitled to have returned to him. Another said they paid for accommodation upfront online, which turned out to look a lot different in real life than it did online.

Reports of landlords taking advantage of

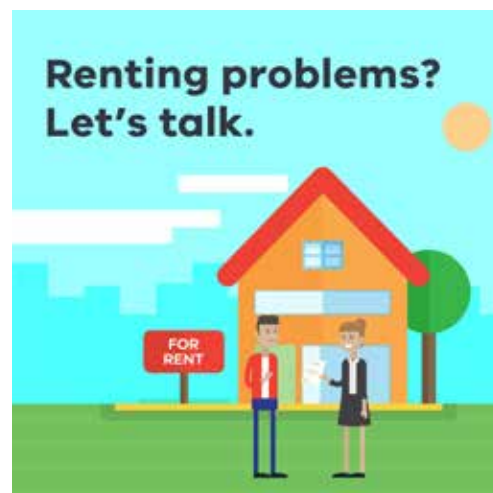
international students are not common, however it is important that international students know that they have rights, and are aware of how to exercise them.

Consumer Affairs Victoria, the state's authority that provides information to consumers on renting, has a few handy tips to newly arrived students looking for accommodation:

- » Yes, you are an international student – but you have the same renting rights as all Victorians
- » You have travelled to Victoria to study, so why not learn more about your renting rights and responsibilities at [consumer.vic.gov.au/internationalstudents](http://consumer.vic.gov.au/internationalstudents)
- » Renting videos in 12 languages on Youtube ([youtube.com/consumervic](http://youtube.com/consumervic))

Understanding of renting rights and responsibilities are key to ensuring a smooth transition to life in Victoria and finding a suitable place to live.

Once the accommodation is arranged, it is time to study hard, meet some friends, explore new surroundings and finally find that cute koala to hug.



# Living and Studying in Hobart



Gabriel Martins is a Brazilian student studying IT at RGIT Australia, Hobart Campus. We sat down with Gabriel to ask him what it's like living and studying in Hobart.

## What was it like moving from Sydney to Hobart?

"I came to Hobart in December after living in Sydney for almost a year. In the beginning, I was really worried about the city and change, because I did not know much about Tasmania. Hobart is very different from Sydney or Melbourne - much smaller. However, there are many restaurants and bars where you can hang out with friends. RGIT Australia is located in Hobart's CBD and there are many cafes and places to eat. Public transportation will not be

a problem, and there are many parking spaces around the school. Everything is really accessible, including bushwalking, beaches and museums."

"Living in Hobart is much more relaxing and without any traffic problems. It takes 15 mins (by car) to get anywhere. The slow pace of life really fascinated me. It is possible to drive into the city and park there. Housing costs are cheaper than other Australian cities. Other good points are the lifestyle and cost of living. The city which I did not expect much really blew my mind."

## What can you tell us about the job market in Hobart?

"I've been working in the abalone industry. It is a part time job, about 10-20 per week. I got this job after one week looking for

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job. However, there are many jobs in hospitality such as hotels and restaurants. I am electrical engineer and once I get a full-time permit to work, I think it will be easy for me to find a job in my area. In my area I have seen many jobs here."

## What is it like studying IT at RGIT Australia?

"It is a great course which has focus on the actual market. The students will be ready for a job after finishing it. The subjects and assessments are fair and relevant. I am really glad I chose Hobart and RGIT Australia."

## What is it like studying at RGIT Australia overall?

"RGIT Australia is a great institution where the staff are really friendly and helpful. The tutors don't just have a lot of knowledge in their fields, but are also enthusiastic about teaching."



# International Students Work Rights Legal Service

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