

EVOLVE



**It's Christmas
in July at
RGIT Australia**

Hospitality Students Meet Requirements of SITHFAB003 Operate a Bar. More on pages 8-9

Things Students Can Do at Level 2

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Editor's Note



Students at RGIT's Melbourne and Hobart campuses certainly made the most of winter this year!

Christmas really did come early when Hospitality students in Melbourne hosted a Christmas in July themed operate a bar session in June at Melbourne campus, while RGIT Hobart students had an excursion to the snow at the summited Kunanyi / Mount Wellington in Hobart.

In this issue, you'll also read about RGIT Hobart graduate Anthrissa, and her journey from RGIT Melbourne student to RGIT Hobart Trainer in this issue's feature.

If you want to share your story, get in touch with the EVOLVE Editorial Team today. We'd love to hear from you!

Kind regards,
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Anthrisa's Story

From RGIT Student to RGIT Trainer and Assessor

Anthrisa came from Malaysia to Melbourne to study Hospitality at RGIT Australia in 2016. Today, she is a proud RGIT graduate, #RGIT Connect alumni member, and Hospitality Trainer & Assessor at RGIT Australia's Hobart Campus. We sat down with Anthrisa to find out more.



I came to Melbourne from Malaysia study Hospitality at RGIT Australia. With 15 years of hospitality industry experience under my belt, I wanted to come to Melbourne and study to help kick-start my career.

I studied Certificate III in Hospitality Management to Advanced Diploma in Hospitality Management from July 2016 to September 2018. It was an amazing experience, and a great feeling to graduate. Currently, I am studying Advanced Diploma of Business, and am just as passionate about reaching my goals as ever.

While studying, my Trainer & Assessor was Malcolm. He was my inspiration. Malcolm provided me with tips on how to build my career after graduating RGIT. I am very grateful to him and his ongoing support.

Studying at RGIT Australia was very enjoyable, as I made many friends from diverse backgrounds while learning. It was while I was studying, that I was offered an internship at RGIT Melbourne. Without a second thought, commenced an internship in the Hospitality

Department as an Inventory Assistant. I had the opportunity to manage the kitchen and order products. I very much enjoyed the responsibilities as they related to my coursework, training and experience. In addition, I developed work flow systems and standards, and learned to be organised with time management.

It was after my internship that my supervisors encouraged me to become a Hospitality Trainer & Assessor. Through

their encouragement and support, I successfully completed TAE40116 Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, thus allowing me to train to achieve my dream of training students.

Now, I look forward to an incredible experience as a Trainer & Assessor at RGIT Australia's Hobart campus in beautiful Tasmania. RGIT is a great working environment. I really have found my dream job. I am very happy that RGIT has created this golden opportunity



for me. For me, it's about the satisfaction gained after all the effort and hard work. I will be always grateful.”

Many RGIT graduates have gone on to complete internships and gain employment at RGIT, including staff in the Institute's Hospitality, Information Technology, Sales & Marketing and Administration and Student Services support departments. To find out more about career opportunities at RGIT Australia, visit www.rgit.edu.au/staff/jobs.



Anthrissa (fourth from left) pictured with fellow Outstanding Student Award recipients at RGIT Australia's Melbourne graduation ceremony in December 2019. Anthrissa graduated with a Certificate IV in Hospitality.

RGIT Students Travel to Portarlington on ELICOS Excursion

RGIT students traveled from Docklands in Melbourne to Portarlington by ferry on a multi-class excursion on Wednesday, 27 February 2019.

Over 100 of RGIT Australia's ELICOS General English students, along with 8 teachers, participated in the subsidised excursion to the historic coastal township.

Non-for-profit organisation, Caring for Our Bays (COB), facilitated two activities which saw students learn about environmental sustainability and awareness, the flora and fauna native to the region and land management. The first activity was 'dune revegetation for 2019' where students had to trim a plant with scissors then fill a small container with soil and 'plant' the plant, before putting their name on a label and sticking this into the soil next to 'their' plant.



The second activity was "Portarlington flora and fauna beachcomb" where students explored the coastline with one of the COB facilitators who explained (with clear laminated images) the name, function and habits of each plant and animal discovered and their roles within the coastal eco-system.

Excursions such as this allow students to enjoy themselves in an out-of-classroom English-speaking context, allowing them to meet and interact with students from other classes and levels.





ELICOS Excursion to Werribee Open Range Zoo

RGIT Australia's General English (ELICOS) students participated in an excursion to Werribee Open Range Zoo on Wednesday, 22 May 2019.

RGIT Australia's excursions help international students to integrate into the local culture, and provide them with the opportunity to spend time with their classmates and teachers in a relaxed, fun environment.



RGIT Australia holds a number of subsidised excursions for ELICOS students throughout the year with the aim of showing students the “real” Australia. The Portarlington excursion provided students with the opportunity to get out of the Melbourne bubble, and demonstrated an important aspect of Melbourne’s Yarra river; to experience one of Melbourne’s ferry rides; to explore the coastal eco-system of Port Phillip; and to gain knowledge of the various flora and fauna that live there.



RGIT Hospitality Students Host "Christmas in July" Operate a Bar Session

RGIT Australia hosted a successful "Christmas in July" Operate a Bar session on Friday, 7 June 2019.

The session was hosted by RGIT Australia's Hospitality Operations students to fulfil the requirements of unit SITHFAB003 Operate a bar.





RGIT Australia's Sales & Marketing Manager, Kishor Adhikari, welcomed everybody to the session and thanked Hospitality Trainer, Ashwin Thapa, Hospitality Operations students for hosting the session.



Training Manager and Hospitality Coordinator, Ayush Gupta, congratulated students on their achievements and presented Certificates of Appreciation to students for their efforts and excellent service at the event.



RGIT Australia's Sales & Marketing Coordinator, Monica Kim, spoke briefly about RGIT Australia's Hospitality courses and thanked all for attending the event in support of the Institute's Hospitality students.



Hobart ELICOS Students on Excursions



Battery Point, January 2019



Did You Know? Battery Point is named after the battery of guns which were established on the point in 1818 as part of the Hobart coastal defences.



MUSEUM OF OLD AND NEW ART
MONA - Museum of Old and New Art Excursion



A highlight of the ceremony
Australia's Outstanding Student



Visiting the snow at Kunanyi / Mount Wellington
ELICOS Excursion, June 2019



... were speeches by RGIT
Student Award recipients.

Hobart Graduation Snippets

Graduates celebrated at RGIT Australia's Hobart Campus Graduation Ceremony at RACV/RACT Hobart Apartment Hotel on Tuesday, 21 May 2019.



A highlight of the ceremony were speeches by RGIT Australia's Outstanding Student Award recipients. Diploma of Leadership and Management graduate, Prashansa Acharya; Diploma of Information Technology Networking graduate, Gabriel Martins; and Diploma of Hospitality Management graduate, Lisha He, were welcomed on stage and presented with Outstanding Student Awards before addressing fellow graduates.



RGIT Australia staff, trainers, education agents, families and loved ones looked on with pride as students took photos with their gowns and mortarboards before official proceedings commenced.

Orientation Days

RGIT Australia's newest students were welcomed at RGIT Australia's Term 2 Orientation Day at Victoria University seminar room on Monday, 15 April 2019.



Staff from RGIT Australia's Admin and Student Services Department facilitated the comprehensive orientation, which provided students with important information on studying at RGIT Australia's Main and Victoria House campuses.



Festivals & Events



African Festival Melbourne

Where: Queen Victoria Market
Queen Street Melbourne

When: Sunday 22 September

Time: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Entry: FREE

Info: The African festival is a highlight of Melbourne's African community and its offerings. It is aimed to be a fun and engaging event. This event gives the wider community an opportunity to come along and experience African culture through its food, flavours, arts and crafts and entertainment.



MadFest Melbourne 2019

Where: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC)

When: Saturday 14 September and Sunday 15 September

Time: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Entry: \$0 – \$58.21

Info: Madman Anime Festival is a truly unique event that brings all things anime and Japanese culture to you! Featuring international guests and exhibitors, cosplay, and super exclusive anime events, Madman Anime Festival has something for every anime fan.



Veg Out

Where: Peanut Farm Reserve,
Chaucer St, St Kilda

When: 1st Saturday of every month.

Time: 8:30am – 1:00pm

Entry: FREE



Collingwood Children's Farm

Where: 18 St Helliars St,
Abbotsford

When: 2nd Saturday of every month

Time: 8:00am – 1:00pm

Entry: \$2



Abbotsford Convent Farmer's Market

Where: 1 St Helliars St,
Abbotsford

When: 4th Saturday of every month

Time: 8:00am – 1:00pm

Entry: \$2



Gasworks Farmers' Market

Where: 21 Graham St, Albert Park

When: 3rd Saturday of every month

Time: 8:00am – 1:00pm

Entry: FREE

Places to hang out in Melbourne



“Puffing Billy Railway”

Ride through pretty forest in the Dandenong Ranges on this 100-year-old steam train. Tickets from \$29 (concession).



“Parliament House of Victoria”

Public tours at 9.30am, 10.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm, 2.30pm and 3.30pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays). Check website to confirm tour days

www.parliament.vic.gov.au/visit



“Winery Tours. Cost between \$110 and \$130”

Winery areas close to Melbourne include: Yarra Valley, Mornington Peninsula. It's cheap if you hire a car with friends.



“Melbourne Zoo, Carlton Gardens and any of the beaches. Bring your lunch and you can stay all day there.”

Melbourne Zoo entry fee is \$29 (student concession). The Frankston line train goes to Chelsea beach (close to shops) or Edithvale beach (close to shops, toilets & lifesavers on duty) for clean water and little seaweed or rocks.



“Daiso, Midtown Plaza, 204/246 Bourke St.”

Great entertainment if you love shopping with over 200,000 Japanese products at affordable price. Products range from Cosmetics, homewares, kitchenware, stationary, toys and much more.



“Hoyts Cinema at Melbourne Central has cheap movies on Tuesday nights, it's about \$17.”

Mondays, Cinema Nova, 380 Lygon St, Carlton (no 1, 8 tram from Swanston St to Stop 112 Elgin St) has \$7 movie tickets before 4pm, and \$10 for sessions after 4pm.



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