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Brazilian Students Learn the Ropes of Barista Coffee Making



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### **Editor's Note**



Graduates celebrated at **RGIT** Australia's Graduation Ceremony in Melbourne in December last year, with proceedings seeing the official launch of #RGITConnect, RGIT Australia's official alumni association.

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 and active student cohort studying at our our Melbourne and Hobart campuses.

It is always great to see students get involved and share in celebration. This quarter, our Nursing and Childcare students Students rallied together to celebrate Diwali - the Hindu festival of lights - and Daishan - one of Nepal's most auspicious and celebrated festivals. We love celebrating with our students and hearing your stories. Speak with the EVOLVE Editorial Team on Level 8 at RGIT Australia's Main Campus or email communications@rgit. edu.au and share your story. We'd love to hear from you!

Kind regards, **Zeb Pinder** 







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# **Graduation Ceremony 2018**



Melbourne graduates celebrated at RGIT Australia's Melbourne Graduation Ceremony at Rydges on Swanston on Wednesday, 5 December 2018. RGIT Australia's staff, trainers, agents, families and loved ones looked on with pride as students took photos in their caps and gowns before all were invited to take their seats before official proceedings.

The ceremony commenced with an Acknowledgement of Country and a welcome address by the Master of Ceremonies. RGIT Australia's Academic Principal, Peter Robertson, was invited on stage to deliver a speech in which he spoke about the courage and resilience demonstrated by all graduates in reaching this important milestone in their lives. Mr Robertson remained on stage and had the honour of presenting the testamurs to graduates.

Always a highlight of graduation night were speeches by recipients the Outstanding Student Awards. Five graduates received Outstanding Student Awards as nominated by their faculty coordinators and trainers this year. Award recipients gave speeches in which they thanked RGIT Australia staff, their trainers, and their families and loved ones for the support that they received which helped them to successully complete their studies.

Outstanding Student Award recipient for Business, Diploma of Leadership and Management graduate, Abinash Mainali; Outstanding Student Award recipient for Childcare, Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care graduate, Kawsalya Darshini Ramesh, Outstanding Student Award recipient for Information Technology,

Diploma of Information Technology graduate, Bikesh Maharjan; Outstanding Student Award recipient for Information Technology, Diploma of Information Technology graduate, Ashok Adhikari; and **Outstanding Student Award** recipient for Hospitality, Certificate IV in Commercial Cookery graduate, Chiara Mossi, were invited on stage to addressed fellow graduates and guests and thanked RGIT Australia staff, family and loved ones for helping them to reach where they are today.

The graduation ceremony also saw the official launch of #RGITConnect, RGIT Australia's



official Alumni association. The launch included presentations by #RGITConnect members, Laura De Angelis and Grishma Gurung. Ms De Angelis and Ms Gurung spoke of their journeys from studying at RGIT Australia, their previous professional experience following their studies, and their experiences in working as valued staff at RGIT Australia today. Ms De Angelis and Ms Gurung encouraged all graduates to

express their interest in joining #RGITConnect, and said that they look forward to sharing news of upcoming events in the near future.

RGIT Australia CEO, Founder & Director, Chandra Yonzon, was welcomed on stage and gave an inspirational speech in which he congratulated graduates on their achievements. He thanked graduates for making student

life active and lively on campus with cultural celebrations and involvement in extracurricular activities. Mr Yonzon encouraged all RGIT alumni to join #RGITConnect.

Official proceedings closed before all graduates were invited on stage for photographs and served light refreshments.









## **Nursing in Australia**

RGIT Australia's HLT54115 Diploma of Nursing students have finished their theory and have now begun their clinical placements, which following successful completion, allows them to meet the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) professional standards in order to practice in Australia.

According to the newest standards for practice of NMBA, a registered nurse (RNs) has to satisfy seven criteria, including thinking critically and analyses nursing practice, engaging in therapeutic and professional relationships, maintaining the capability for practice, comprehensively conducts assessments, developing a plan

for nursing practice, providing safe, appropriate and responsive quality nursing practice, and evaluating outcomes to inform nursing practice.<sup>1</sup>

The NMBA stresses each criteria is to be interpreted in the context of each RNs practice and that the criteria are not exhaustive and enable rather than limit the development of individual nurse scopes of practice.

During Professional Experience Placements, a clinical teacher will supervise RGIT Australia's Nursing students. This clinical teacher is able to give them the skills and confidence to look after the community in a variety of clinical settings, such as aged care, rehabilitation, sub-acute and acute settings in public and private hospitals, nursing and community health care facilities. RGIT Australia students have a chance to perform tasks related to nursing and healthcare in an appropriate industry setting gaining transferable skills demonstrated in a real workplace environment reflecting current industry needs and standards. In addition, they are able to interact with experienced workers as well as gain a sense of what working in the healthcare industry will be like. Through practicing and demonstrating hands-on skills, RGIT Australia's nursing students are able to satisfy professional standards in order to practice in Australia.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia. (2019, March 05). Professional Standards. Retrieved from Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia: www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/

# **Term 1 Orientation Day 2019**



RGIT Australia's Melbourne Campus was abuzz when students attended Term 1 Orientation Day on Monday, 21 January 2019.

Students were provided with orientation packs and were

presented with information regarding all aspects of studying at RGIT Australia. The session provided the opportunity for students to meet staff, trainers and classmates before the first day of classes. Tours of Main

Campus and Victoria House Camps were conducted by RGIT Australia staff and trainers. Staff and students are looking forward to the academic year ahead in 2019.



### **Nursing Students Celebrate Diwali**

RGIT Australia HLT54115 Diploma of Nursing students had fun celebrating Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, at Victoria House Campus on Wednesday, 31 October 2018. RGIT Australia CEO, founder & Director, Chandra Yonzon, commended students' initiative in celebrating diversity and classmates' traditions and celebrations. He congratulated and thanked students and the institute's Nursing Department staff for organising and holding the event.



Diwali symbolises the spiritual "victory of light over darkness,

good over evil and knowledge over ignorance."

### Childcare Students celebrate Diwali

RGIT Australia Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) students had fun celebrating Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, at Victoria House Campus on Wednesday, 31 October 2018.

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### **RGIT Australia Celebrates Dashain**

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Facilitated by RGIT Australia CEO, founder & Director, Chandra Yonzon, Dashain 2075 BS (2018 AD) celebrations saw in attendance RGIT Australia staff, as well as Nepalese students studying at the

institute. Mr. Yonzon said that Dashain celebrations at RGIT Australia provided a wonderful opportunity for the institute's international Nepalese students to celebrate the festival, as many are studying away from family and loved ones.



### **Health Care System In Australia**

Need a help for your health? Australia has a very good healthcare system with different types and tiers of services available to help you.

The Australian healthcare system provides a variety of services, including population health and prevention, general practice, community health, emergency health services, hospital care, rehabilitation and palliative care.\*

### **General Practice** and Primary **Healthcare**

Primary health care is the first point of call for most people for most illnesses. It encompasses general practices (GP), community health centrals and at home.

### **After-Hours General Practitioner Services**

There are several after-hours options if you cannot find a

general practice open. The free government-funded after-hours GP helpline can help. Finding more information at www. healthdirect.gov.au/after-hoursgp-helpline.

You can speak to a registered nurse who will ask you questions about your health. They will provide you with information and advice. If needed, a GP will call you back within the hour.

### **Public and Private Hospitals**

Hospital services in Australia are included both the public and private sectors. Public hospitals are owned and managed by state and territory governments. If you have private health insurance, you get some funding to cover the costs of care in a private hospital. You are also able to use a public hospital, although you will be charged for it. Your private health insurance will cover some of the costs.1

### Medicines and **Prescriptions**

The Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) ensures that Australians have access to affordable medicines. The PBS subsidises the cost of prescription medicines so that Australians can access a wide range of medicines without having to pay full price. Medicines are also available over the counter, without a prescription, but these are generally not subsidized.\*

### **Emergency Departments (EDs)**

EDs are able to treat patients who need urgent medical or surgical care. Most EDs are located in, and operated by, public hospitals throughout Australia.

If you think you have a medical emergency, immediately dial triple zero (000).



<sup>\*</sup> Health Direct. (2019, March 05). Australia's healthcare system. Retrieved from Health Direct: www. healthdirect.gov.au/australias-healthcare-system.



# **Around Melbourne by Public** Transport

Melbourne's public transport system is a combination of rail, tram and bus services. The tram network in Melbourne is well-known, and the largest in the world, integrated into both bus and train networks. While the bus network includes approximately 300 routes in operation with a varying range of service frequencies, the tram system consists of about 500 trams on 28 routes, with 1,813 tram stops. The rail network encompasses 16 railway lines service Melbourne, Great Melbourne and suburban regions. Metropolitan, rural

and interstate railway networks link together at Southern Cross Station in Melbourne's Center Business District.

There are several steps users need to follow when using public transport in Melbourne. Firstly, users need to buy a myki card which is sold at over 800 retail outlets including all 7-Eleven stores, premium stations, online, and myki machines at all metropolitan train stations. Next, users have to top up their myki depending on their needs through four different ways, including instant top up, online, call centre and auto top

up. Following that, in order to manage journeys efficiently, users could access the website of Public Transport Victoria (PTV). There are timetables of buses, trams and trains, and direction for users to get the desirable places easiest and quickest.

Finally, users need to go to station, bus or tram stop to catch train, bus or tram. Every time when using the service, users must touch on their myki card at the myki reader at the start of the journey or when boarding a different vehicle, and touch off at the end of the journey or when exiting a vehicle.

## **RGIT Hosts Childcare Information Breakfast Session**





campuses.

RGIT Australia hosted a Childcare Information Breakfast Session at its Victoria House Campus in Melbourne on Thursday, 6 December 2018.

The session was aimed at providing education agents with information on RGIT Australia's Childcare programs offered at its Melbourne and Hobart

**RGIT** Australia's Academic Principal, Peter Robertson, provided in-depth information on the Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) and Diploma in Early Childcare Education Care programs, as well as the programs in the context of the Australian

childcare industry. Two students currently studying childcare at RGIT Australia, Gabriela and Mintra, shared their experiences with agents and RGIT staff at the session. Commending the support received by their trainers and workplaces, the students spoke about their studies, training, work placements and subsequent employment in the childcare industry.

### **RGIT ELICOS Students Visit Birrarung Marr**



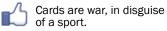


RGIT Australia General English ELICOS students and teachers had fun on an excursion at Birrarung Marr, Melbourne on Wednesday, 14 November 2018.

# Social Corner









RGIT Australia Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) students had fun celebrating Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, at Victoria House Campus.





Trick or treat!



Congratulations, RGIT Australia 2018 Melbourne graduates!



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RGIT's newest Melbourne Patisserie students sharing their sponge cake creations



# One-on-One RGIT Counselling at Sydney Education Fair

Prospective students had the opportunity to learn about studying at RGIT Australia's Melbourne and Hobart campuses at an education & career fair in Sydney on Friday, 18 January 2019.

RGIT Australia's participation at the fair, hosted by Expert Education & Visa Services, saw exceptional interest in studying at the Institute's regional Hobart Campus in the city's Central Business Disctrict (CBD).

RGIT Australia's Hobart Team are set to travel to Queensland where they will attend an education fair at Level 7, 97 Creek Street, Brisbane.

# RGIT Agent Meet-and-Greet in Brisbane

RGIT Australia hosted a Brisbane Agent Meet-and-Greet Session at Pacific Hotels Brisbane on Thursday, 13 December 2018.

The session, facilitated by RGIT Australia Melbourne and Hobart campus representatives, focused on educating Brisbane agents on the benefits of living and studying at RGIT Australia's Melbourne and Hobart campuses.

RGIT Hobart Campus Manager, Anil Shrestha, and Hobart Sales & Marketing Officer, Rashik Shrestha, provided insight into what sets RGIT Australia apart, and why more and more international students are choosing to make Hobart their first choice for overseas study. They spoke about campuses, facilities, courses, as well as life in Hobart as Tasmanian locals.

RGIT Melbourne's Sales & Marketing Coordinator, Monica Kim, provided in-depth information about course curriculum and training as well as educated agents on the best options for students. Ms Kim highlighted RGIT Australia's Commercial Cookery courses by providing information on students' experiences in Melbourne and Hobart.

A Q&A session provided RGIT representatives the opportunity to talk about RGIT Australia's most popular courses, including Melbourne's Diploma of Nursing program and Childcare courses available in both Melbourne and Hobart.

# Meet the Student Welfare Team



### **Melbourne Committee:**



Ayush



Siddhartha



**Kishor** 

Laura



Sheela

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Mahima





Need support with study stress, finances, academic support, or coping with a change in lifestyle? Speak with one of RGIT Australia's dedicated Student Welfare Team Members.

> Make an appointment at Reception on Level 2, 28-32 Elizabeth Street, VIC 3000 or call (+61) 3 8639 9000 (Melbourne); Level 3, 162 Macquarie Street, Hobart, TAS, 7000 or call (+61) 3 6217 9000 (Hobart) or email studentsupport@rgit.edu.au.

For more information visit www.rgit.edu.au/student-welfare.







Brian





Sarita



# RGIT and Barista Course Melbourne Barista Challenge with Michael Caruso and Lee Holdsworth



Nissan Motorsport Supercar driver, Michael Caruso, and Team 18 Supercar driver, Lee Holdsworth, participated in '500 Ultimate Barista Challenge' at RGIT Australia's Melbourne Campus with

Barista Course Melbourne and Channel Ten last month.

The team had fun when model and television presenter, Kate Peck, and Barista Course Melbourne Trainer, Kate Mitchell, were the judging pannel at the challenge which aired on Channel TEN and the Win network.

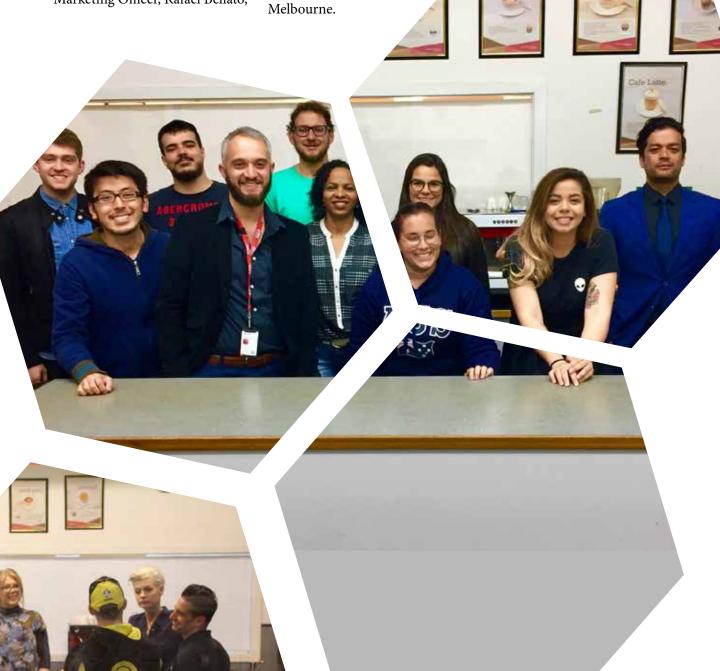


### **Brazilian Students Learn the Ropes of Barista Coffee Making**

RGIT Australia and Barista Course Melbourne, in collaboration with WEST 1 Austrália, hosted a Barista Coffee Making class for Brazilian students on Thursday, 25 October 2017.

RGIT Australia Sales & Marketing Officer, Rafael Bellato, spoke to students about RGIT Australia's Short Courses as well as vocational education and training (VET) courses. Many of the students, who had only been in Australia for little more than a week, were keen to learn handson skills to help them find work in the hospitality industry in

South American students learning hands-on barista coffee making skills at RGIT Australia's Barista Coffee Making Course.



### What's new at RGIT?

## #RGITConnect - RGIT Australia **Alumni Association**

### What is #RGITConnect?

After completing a course at RGIT Australia, our students go on to explore a vast world full of opportunities in their preferred field. At RGIT Australia, our intention is to continue strong ties with our graduated students. Our students will have the opportunity to transition to alumnus upon graduation and enjoy the benefits that #RGITConnect has to offer.

#RGITConnect is a dynamic alumni community providing mentoring, professional networking, peer driven career advice and exclusive job leads.

### ()bjectives:

- To promote and encourage a continuing interest in and loyalty to RGIT Australia.
- » Bring together graduate students and the faculties of RGIT Australia to share their experiences with each other during social events such as the Graduation Ceremony, or being invited as Guest Presenters or to attend internal Professional Development Sessions.
- Promote course work placements through graduated students working in reputed industries and companies in Australia and abroad.
- » Effectively employ suitable talents, and contributions of alumni to constructive ends for RGIT Australia.
- » Involve the members in the overall development of the college and society.

### **Benefits for #RGITConnect Members:**



### Scholarships and fellowships

As an alumnus, we could offer 15% discount on all single and short courses at RGIT Australia.



### Grow your network

Re-connect with your fellow alumni.



### Support Peer-to-peer

career advice and mentoring.



#### Grow

Access exclusive alumni events. resources and connections.



### Find Jobs

Share opportunities, explore the hidden job market.

Express your interest and your willingness to engage with your alumni community to grow your professional network and promote employment opportunities

and events to fellow alumni and students.

Keep your details up-to-date to ensure you stay informed about the latest news, special events, networking,

volunteering and professional development opportunities.

Stay in touch - Email us at alumni@rgit.edu.au

Express your interest at www. rgit.edu.au/rgit-connect

### **Melbourne Life**

Melbourne is beyond doubt one of the most multicultural cities on Earth and fast approaching Sydney as the most populous city in Australia, having just touched 5 million inhabitants.

The area around current Melbourne has been inhabited for more than 30,000 years by Indigenous people of the Wurundjeri, Boonwurrung and Wathaurong tribes. Situated on a large bay is fed by the Yarra River (once called the Birrarung) the area of modern Melbourne was a source of food and shelter for the first Australian.

In 1835, a group of settlers from Tasmania led by John Batman recognised the area as a future settlement. It was the discovery of gold in Victoria in 1851 that saw Melbourne begin its period of one of the worlds richest cities. Impressive buildings still exist in the city from this time. When

Australia was recognised as a federation and an independent nation Melbourne was the capital.

People from across the world have always been attracted to Melbourne. But it was after the second world war, when Australia began a mass migration program that Melbourne became home to people from all over the world in large numbers.

It is migration that continues to fuel Melbourne's growth and wealth.

Geographically, Melbourne is well situated for growth. There is no natural barrier to the spread of suburban Melbourne and the city now stretches more than 100 km from east to west.

With its mix of art galleries, theatres, beautiful gardens close to the centre of the city and fantastic sporting venues, Melbourne is a wonderful place to learn and live.

Let's hope RGIT Australia may play a part in attracting you to the southern city where you will find food of all nations, people of all types and a city that is growing each day into a proudly diverse, welcoming culture.









# International Students Work Rights Legal Service

To make an appointment:

- **1800 056 449 (free call from landlines)**



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