

CAREERS SERVICE NEWSLETTER - NUMBER 2, 2008

Welcome to the second newsletter for 2008.

National Career Development Week is coming up in the first week of June. Look out for details for your campus further in this newsletter and also on 'What's New and News'.

"To pursue your passion and never achieve is far better than never having a passion and living with regret forever."

- Keith Abraham

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TELL GCA WHAT YOU THINK FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN A \$4,000 TRAVEL OR RETAIL VOUCHER

Graduate Careers Australia (GCA) is a not-for-profit group and is endorsed by the vice-chancellors of Australian universities. GCA supports university students and careers services.

The CSU Careers Service invites your participation in the GCA "University & Beyond" survey. To access the survey you will need to use the URL (web link) provided below – the survey is independent of CSU. All participant information is kept strictly confidential by GCA.

“Tell GCA what you think for the chance to win a \$4,000 travel or retail voucher

This new survey, University & Beyond, gives you the chance to help Graduate Careers Australia, graduate recruiters, and your university, gain a better understanding of your needs and expectations. Covering everything from your preferred types of work, methods of seeking work and whether you feel 'work ready', through to salary expectations and attitudes about employment after graduation, it will provide you with an excellent opportunity to have your views heard by key organisations that will impact your future.

To find out more, please go to: <http://www.universityandbeyond.com.au>

All University & Beyond survey participants are in the running to win a \$4,000 travel/retail voucher, one of three \$500 travel/retail vouchers, or one of fifty \$30 music vouchers.” (GCA 2008)

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NATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT WEEK <http://www.ncdw.com.au/>

National Career Development Week (2 - 8 June 2008) is a week of celebrations dedicated to:

- Increasing awareness and understanding of the nature and importance of career development
- Promoting and encouraging Australians to take personal responsibility and 'ownership' in the management their own careers

- Engaging Australians in active recognition/celebration of National Career Development Week
- Seeking wider community endorsement and ongoing participation in career development.

In short, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) and the Career Industry Council of Australia (CICA) want to help encourage all Australians to take active ownership of their careers and get the life they love.

Your CSU Careers Service is conducting events in recognition of National Career Development Week and promoting the career development of CSU students

THE CSU CAREERS SERVICE OUT-OF-OFFICE ROADSHOW

Come and meet the staff behind your Career Service

- receive a **free** student employment guide*
- check out student jobs and other careers resources, and
- enter our competition to be in the running to "Win A Digital Camera"

Locations and times:

Orange Campus: Lawn Area Outside Library

Monday, 2 June

11 am to 2 pm

Albury City Campus: Outside "The Shed" (inside if it's wet)

Tuesday, 3 June

9.30 am to 12 .30 pm

Thurgoona Campus: Outside "The Gum's Cafe" (inside if it's wet)

Tuesday, 3 June

1.30 pm to 4.30 pm

Bathurst Campus: C4 Foyer Area

Tuesday, 3 June & Wednesday 4 June

11 am to 2 pm

Wagga Wagga Campus: Outside "Rivcoll" (inside if it's wet)

Wednesday, 4 June

1 pm to 4.30 pm

Dubbo Campus

Dubbo students wanting copies of the "Roadshow" careers resources are asked to contact Vicki Anderson, Career Development Officer, Bathurst

T: 6338 4695 or E: vanderson@csu.edu.au

*until they run out

“WIN A DIGITAL CAMERA”

Register on CareerHub, use CareerHub, and enter our competition to be in the running to "Win A Digital Camera".

The competition runs 26 May to 20 June. The winner of the competition will be announced a week after the competition closes.

To find out how to enter:

- watch for information on the Student Services Classified Forum between 26 May & 20 June
OR
- register or logon to CareerHub
OR
- visit a "Careers Service Out-Of-Office Roadshow" location (see item above for details)
OR
- visit the CSU Careers Website

The **“Win A Digital Camera”** competition runs from 26th May to 20th June 2008.

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YOUR CAREERS SERVICE

Supporting the career development of Charles Sturt University students by their:

- knowledge and understanding of “what it is” that enhances career prospects
- recognition of the myriad employment opportunities
- undertaking of work experience opportunities
- involvement in overseas exchange programs
- research into the graduate labour market
- involvement in extra-curricula activities
- development of job search strategies
- reflective and life-long learning
- further training
- vacation work

Available to all students: career development workshops and one-on-one appointments. Careers staff liaise with employers and conduct an annual Careers Fair. Insurance cover is available for students undertaking work experience outside of course requirements. Online access to CareerHub, where employers post job opportunities: graduate positions, other full-time work, even casual employment. Contact - A Career Development Officer:

vanderson@csu.edu.au 02 6338 4695 - Distance Education, Bathurst, Dubbo and Orange

pworsfold@csu.edu.au 02 6933 4191 - Distance Education, Wagga, Albury and Thurgoona

<http://www.csu.edu.au/careers>

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UNDERGRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES 2008

The Careers Service has just received the following update and critical dates from Graduate Opportunities <http://www.graduateopportunities.com>. Many of these programs are currently being advertised on CareerHub.

Undergraduate Opportunities 2008 is currently in production and will be delivered to university careers services in July.

Upcoming closing dates:

Graduate Programs

Alcoa World Alumina, Australia - May 2008

Dept of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs - 30th May 2008

Australian Federal Police - June 2008

Please note that many employers accept applications on an ongoing basis, or have not specified the deadline. Please see more details of their programs at <http://www.graduateopportunities.com>

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ALBURY & THURGOONA STUDENTS PLEASE NOTE

The Career Development Officer located on the Wagga Wagga campus has commenced regular Tuesday visits to the Albury City and Thurgoona campuses each term.

What's Available:-

Workshops and individual appointments

- career development
- making the most of your professional experience/practicum opportunities
- résumé writing
- job search
- interview skills
- employability skills
- what employers want

Dates and Times:-

- every Tuesday

- appointments starting at 9.30 am (last one 3.30 pm)
- Albury (am)
- Thurgoona (pm)

How to Book:-

- phone Student Services Reception - ext: 32376 or 02 6933 2376
- clearly state you are an Albury or Thurgoona based student
- you will be asked for your name, student ID, and a contact number (pref. mobile)
- you will be advised of the appointment venue when you call

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CAREER DEVELOPMENT - WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Relevant work experience, much like vacation work, is becoming increasingly important in terms of providing career development opportunities for students. To find out more visit the Careers Service Website at:

<http://www.csu.edu.au/division/studserv/careers/workexp/index.htm>

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COUNTRY WEEK EXPO

Country Week - the tree and sea change expo - is your opportunity to find out about the virtues of living and working in country and regional New South Wales. Country & regional areas offer professional and skilled trades people, as well as businesses, a wide variety of opportunities. Country Week is an easy way to find out what is on offer.

The Country Week Expo: "Live & Work in Regional NSW", will be held from 8 - 10 August 2008 at Rosehill Racecourse Event Centre on James Ruse Drive, Rosehill.

At the Expo you will be able to meet representatives from communities from across country and regional New South Wales, keen to answer your questions, and to encourage you to consider their area for you to relocate or invest. Many of the communities will have representatives from real estate agents, job providers and major employers. More information can be found at <http://www.countryweek.com.au/nsw.html>

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WILLING & ABLE MENTORING (WAM) PROGRAM - FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE A DISABILITY

The WAM Program, for people who have a disability - a series of eight mentoring or discussion sessions held in the mentor's workplace that focus on the career aspirations of the mentee. Mentees gain increased confidence, clarity of career direction, and enhanced professional profile. Mentors report gains in positive disability awareness and strategies to develop a more inclusive workplace.

Students just need to go the WAM website www.graduatecareers.com.au/wam where they can download and complete the application form.

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TIPS & WEBSITES

TurtleJob

A free service for Chinese Students. Turtlejob <http://www.turtlejob.com> is a UK company based in Beijing and is dedicated to the employment of Chinese Overseas Students or “turtles”.

ireturnee

Building a bridge between returning Chinese and leading companies in China; assisting Chinese students studying in Australia who are seeking work in China when they graduate <http://www.ireturnee.com>

Vacation Work

Used by many employers these days (in the current tight graduate labour market) to check students out before they graduate. Most paid vacation programs are available to students (only) in their penultimate year of study.

Graduate Opportunities <http://www.graduateopportunities.com/> advertise a variety of vacation programs and their dates http://www.graduateopportunities.com/closing_dates/vacation_program_dates.

What Graduate Careers Australia says about Vacation Work, *"Vacation work is degree-related work (usually paid) undertaken by students at the end of their second-last year of study, over the vacation period. It can often lead to a graduate position, which is why competition for placements can be intense, especially for high-profile organisations. Winter vacation programs are becoming increasingly common so it is worth finding out about all options from your careers service."*

Grad Consultants

A UK based company which works with business schools worldwide to provide post-graduate business students (mainly MBAs) with work experience and career opportunities via their online portal and special events <http://www.gradconsultants.wordpress.com>.

If You Are In Search of Library & Information Jobs

<http://www.jobsforinfopros.com/>

HACjobs

HACjobs is a weekly email bulletin which advertises job vacancies and other opportunities in the health, community and social services field in Australia and New Zealand <http://www.hacjobs.com.au/>.

NRMjobs

NRMjobs advertises job vacancies and other opportunities in the environment, water and natural resource management field in Australia and New Zealand <http://www.nrmjobs.com.au/>.

COMjobs

COMjobs is a weekly email bulletin which advertises job vacancies and other opportunities for professional communicators in Australia and New Zealand <http://www.comjobs.com.au/>.

PRACTISE INTERVIEW SKILLS ONLINE

A brand new website <http://www.bemyinterviewer.co.uk/> has gone online in the UK which may be a great help for all those important interview skills. It is an interactive site featuring CEOs and MDs asking interview questions and, importantly, what information are these questions supposed to gather. Help is also given, by these employers, saying what they consider to be the best answers to these same questions. (*Source: Graduate Recruiter*, Issue 41, April 2008)

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