

Newsletter

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Welcome to Issue 2 of the AGMC Newsletter.

In this issue we provide valuable information about online resources available to assist AGMC students in their transition to university study. These resources are particularly useful for students who haven't studied for a while, or for students that want to brush up on their skills before resuming study.

We are very excited about the pending launch of an AGMC Scholarship Program which will offer five scholarships worth \$1000 each to students electing to continue into the Graduate Diploma after they completion their Graduate Certificate studies. The scholarships will be available for students commencing in the Graduate Diploma of Management (Professional Practice) in Session 1, 2012.

We are also excited to announce the introduction of an AGMC Ambassador Program, which will enable us to draw on the experiences of several AGMC alumni, for the promotion and support of the AGMC program.

We welcome news or stories of interest from any of our students (both past and present) or delivery sites. If you have a story you'd like to share or you would like to contribute to our AGMC Newsletter, please email klander@csu.edu.au.



Joanne Parker
Executive Director, AGMC

The AGMC will launch a **Scholarship Program** in October. As mentioned above, the scholarships will be available to students transferring into the Graduate Diploma of Management (Professional Practice) following their successful completion of the Graduate Certificate in Management (Professional Practice).

The AGMC scholarships will be offered as part of the CSU Foundation scholarship program. The selection criteria will be based on academic merit combined with a demonstrated commitment to the program, shown through regular attendance of study sessions and active promotion of the AGMC program.

Successful applicants will have the opportunity to attend either a CSU Foundation Scholarship ceremony or a local TAFE awards ceremony to receive their scholarship award.

Applications will be received from 4 October and will close on 5 March 2012. Full details of the Scholarship Program will be available on the AGMC website (<http://www.agmc.edu.au>) in October. Details can also be obtained by emailing agmc@csu.edu.au, or by contacting your local site coordinator.

The **AGMC Ambassador Program** will be launched this month. AGMC Ambassadors, drawn from both past and current students, will assist with recruitment by attending information sessions where they can share their AGMC experience with potential students and explain how their AGMC studies have helped them in their career. AGMC Ambassadors will also act as local media contacts.

It is anticipated that the introduction of the AGMC Ambassador Program will enhance the AGMC's marketing capabilities by drawing on alumni who can give a first-hand account of the benefits to them of studying an AGMC course.

Events:

- CSU Graduations in December:
at Wagga Wagga on 12 December
at Albury on 16 December
at Bathurst on 16 December
- Information Evening, Parkes
7.00 pm, Wed 21 September
TAFE NSW campus
Bushman Street, Parkes

2012 Enrolments:

Applications for Session 1, 2012 are currently being received.

The schedule for the application process is as follows:

1 December:

Closing date for AGMC Applications

January

Dispatch of AGMC course materials begins

27 February:

Session 1 begins

The Western Institute will conduct intakes at Parkes and Broken Hill for Session 3, 2011 (which commences on 14 November). The closing date for applications for this session is 11 October.

Further information about the application for admission process can be obtained from the "How to Apply" page on the AGMC's website:

<http://www.agmc.edu.au>.

Nine graduates from the Broken Hill campus of TAFE NSW's Western Institute attended a Presentation Ceremony in May to celebrate their achievements. Peter Schindler and Paul Seager (pictured below) were amongst those who attended the ceremony.

Mr Seager (on the right) commented at the time that "As a manager you don't always know how effective you are in your role. [The AGMC program] gives you confidence to know that you're on the right track. It validates the knowledge you already have as well as teaching you new concepts."

Mr Seager also commented that "There hasn't been a university course offered in Broken Hill for many years. It's good because people don't have to go out of town to improve their qualifications. It was a high quality program - the quality of course materials and lecturers was very good. We'd encourage anyone considering doing the course to go for it."



(Photo and extract from article by Gayle Hogan in the Barrier Daily News, 16 May 2011)

Several AGMC students from across NSW, Vic, the ACT and WA will graduate at the end of the current session of study. Many of those eligible to graduate will travel to a regional campus of the University in mid-December to participate in a Faculty of Business ceremony. Graduations at CSU are grand events. AGMC graduates are strongly encouraged to attend and to celebrate the day with their friends, family and other AGMC graduates. Eligible students will receive information about their graduation options from Student Administration in the coming months.

TAFE NSW Western Institute will conduct an information evening in Parkes on Wednesday 21 September to promote the AGMC program to the local community.

If sufficient interest is shown an inaugural intake of students will commence study in November, with classes being conducted at TAFE NSW's Parkes campus.

Further details about the information evening can be obtained from Parkes Study Centre Coordinator, Anna Wyllie, email anna.wyllie@det.nsw.edu.au, telephone 0409 739 001.

CSU recognises the importance of preparation for university study. **STUDY LINK** subjects (<http://www.csu.edu.au/student/studylink/>) help participants develop a clear understanding of studying at university and provide them with an opportunity to increase their skills.

In addition to **STUDY LINK** subjects, AGMC students can access CSU "Learning Skills" resources which offer academic learning support that enables students to acquire or enhance the skills they need to succeed in university studies. (Visit <http://www.csu.edu.au/division/studserv/my-studies/learning/home> for more information.)

The Division of Information Technology at CSU provides access to a range of benefits for AGMC participants. To find out more, expand the "IT Services" link in the Quick Links list on the *my.csu* page (<http://my.csu.edu.au/perl/portal.pl>) and select the link under the "**Benefits for U**" heading, down the bottom of the third column on the IT web page, which will take you to http://www.csu.edu.au/division/dit/benefits/?utm_source=benefits&utm_medium=quicklink&utm_campaign=dit-homepage-promotions.

Participants will need their CSU Login to access these benefits, which include a selection of discounted software and IT products.