



Welcome to Issue 3 of the AGMC Newsletter.

With the end of the year fast approaching, it's an opportune time to reflect on the AGMC's activities in 2011 and to look toward 2012.

The AGMC program continued to grow in 2011 with strong enrolments across all the AGMC delivery sites and nearly 200 students successfully completing their studies.

In 2012 AGMC courses will be taught across 4 states and territories at 11 different delivery sites, with prospects for an additional delivery site in NSW. Our continued growth is attributed largely to the obvious benefits to employers as AGMC graduates take their newly acquired skills into the workplace, so your continued support of the AGMC program is valuable to us. In this Newsletter we highlight just a couple of the many AGMC success stories.

The introduction of the AGMC Ambassador Program is proving very successful with several people taking advantage of the opportunity to chat with an AGMC student or alumnus before commencing their studies. If you feel you have something to contribute as an AGMC Ambassador and would like to be involved with the program, please contact your Site Coordinator for more information.

Thank you for your participation in the AGMC program. I wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Joanne Parker

Executive Director, AGMC

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Applications are now being received for the **AGMC Scholarship Program**.

The scholarships, offered through the CSU Foundation, are available to students transferring into the Graduate Diploma of Management (Professional Practice) in Session 1 2012, following the successful completion of their Graduate Certificate studies.

Applications for the scholarships will be received until 5 March 2012. Details of the Scholarship Program and a link to the application form are available on the AGMC website, <http://www.agmc.edu.au>. Details can also be obtained by emailing [agmc@csu.edu.au](mailto:agmc@csu.edu.au), or by contacting your local site coordinator.

**Students wishing to transfer into the Graduate Diploma** after successful completion of the Graduate Certificate in Management (Professional Practice) must complete and submit an "Application to Change to Another Course", available at <http://www.csu.edu.au/forms/current>. Check with your site coordinator about your options for continuing into the Graduate Diploma, or contact Kaye Lander, email [klander@csu.edu.au](mailto:klander@csu.edu.au), phone 02 69332611. And don't forget to apply for a scholarship!

**Valuable online databases** for business research, news and current affairs are available to AGMC students at the following sites:

[Business Collection](#), covering all broad business fields and providing access to full content from a range of journals and other reference materials.

[TVNews](#) (updated daily), which indexes Australian television news, current affairs and selected documentaries from the free-to-air networks, with links.

For more information about these and other useful online resources contact the CSU Library, contact details available at <http://www.csu.edu.au/division/library/>.

CSU Alumni members can also access a wide range of online resources, including more than 3,500 full text journals provided through EBSCO's Academic Search Alumni and Business Source Alumni databases. To find out how you can apply please go to the CSU Alumni website.

*The AGMC congratulates Michael Paddison, winner of the \$300 cash prize for completing the recent AGMC Online Evaluation Survey. Thank you to all those people who took the time to respond to the survey. The information gathered from the research will be used for future AGMC marketing initiatives.*

## Events:

### CSU Graduations in December:

- at Wagga Wagga on 12 December
- at Albury on 16 December
- at Bathurst on 16 December

*If you have a story you'd like to share or you would like to contribute to our AGMC Newsletter, please email [kländer@csu.edu.au](mailto:kländer@csu.edu.au).*

**The inaugural group of students at Parkes**, in country NSW, commenced their Graduate Certificate in Management (Professional Practice) studies on 15 November. The students (some of them pictured with their facilitator, Simone Mina, at the University Study Centre on Parkes campus of TAFE NSW Western Institute) are employed by the major businesses in town, including Parkes Shire Council, Northparkes Mine, Essential Energy, The Business Enterprises Centre and Foodservices Central.



The opportunity for residents of Parkes to commence postgraduate studies with support through the University Study Centre was championed by Parkes Shire Council who recognised the benefits the program will bring to the community.

TAFE NSW Western Institute also had a second cohort commence studies in Broken Hill in Session 3. It is anticipated that as all these students complete their Graduate Certificate studies, the campuses of the Institute will combine resources to offer the Graduate Diploma.

**TAFE Illawarra is reaching out** to students in its vast geographical area by offering studies via its videoconferencing facilities. The AGMC program has previously been delivered in the Illawarra but mainly within the Wollongong area. With the video-conferencing network it is now able to deliver to any of its 14 campuses between Wollongong, Bega and the Southern Highlands. Currently the AGMC program is delivered through Wollongong, Nowra, Ulladulla and Moruya campuses and is expected to be offered to students in Bega in 2012.



AGMC site coordinator at Wollongong, Phillip Haughey (pictured front left with a group of Wollongong AGMC students), said "the feedback we have received from students who have undertaken the program has been very positive." He went on to add that "students find the study venue and video-conferencing facilities are excellent and assists them in feeling as though they are part of the class even when they are in a different location."

Successfully reaching the end of your studies is always very satisfying, but for **AGMC Blacktown graduate, Marnie Kenny**, completing her Graduate Certificate in Management (Professional Practice) was especially rewarding.



Marnie's graduation is testimony to her bravery and perseverance in the face of a seriously debilitating illness that required months of intensive medication (with profound side effects) followed by radiation therapy. Despite these health challenges, Marnie went on to complete the course and will graduate this month.

"Marnie, in her time here at Blacktown, has been a great role model to other students, always enquiring how to improve, taking advice and applying her learning to her workplace," said site coordinator Jenny Meurant. "She has been the epitome of the 'professional practitioner'. Marnie's achievements are evidence of her discipline and never give up attitude and we applaud her."

**AGMC graduate Grant Dorahy** has achieved career success following completion of his AGMC studies. Grant, who went on to complete an MBA at CSU, shares his story below.

*Personally, I found the entire graduate programme to be the right vehicle to achieve two things in my career; broadening my academic experience and building lasting relationships in business. The course structure is a great combination of practical and academic approaches. It is this commercial style that convinced me to continue with tertiary studies.*

*Prior to any academic studies I was a national sales representative and upon completion [of my AGMC studies], I was able to enrol in an MBA programme with CSU. I am thankful that I did, it was a decision that launched me into a National business line role with a global firm, and moulded me to become a lecturer myself. I now lecture at CSU's Northern Sydney Institute business faculty, and am working for the world's leading design software company – Autodesk, Inc. Autodesk have many prominent and recognised results in the media world, with movies such as Avatar and Toy Story 2, and have designed many of the world's greatest structures like the Freedom Towers of NYC and the Burj Dubai.*

*I am enjoying these great results, and can unequivocally say that my career has been shaped by the education and practicality of the AGMC course. If you are considering the course, why not try it for a year? You never know where it will take you..."*

## 2012 Enrolments:

Applications for Session 1, 2012 are currently being received.

The schedule for the application process is as follows:

### 1 February:

Closing date for AGMC Applications

### January

Dispatch of AGMC course materials

### 27 February:

Session 1 begins

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>.