Welcome to the AGMC’s newsletter. I am thrilled to be involved in such a successful graduate program specifically designed for today’s manager.

We are proud to offer University qualifications with a practical approach to meet your needs. As a busy executive with two young children, I understand the importance of flexibility around study, and how valuable it is to be able to relate your study to the workplace in a practical manner.

This newsletter will cover important information about scholarships available to AGMC students; celebrate our amazing high achievers; provide useful links to resources online; and detail critical dates.

Next year the AGMC will be celebrating 20 years since its inception. We have grown substantially to offer programs to thirteen delivery sites across Australia.

In my recent appointment as the AGMC Executive Director, I hope to guide the increasingly popular programs to expand and flourish to meet the needs of today’s managers.

Cecilia Hunt
Executive Director, AGMC

AGMC Scholarships are offered to students transferring from the Graduate Certificate into the Graduate Diploma of Management (Professional Practice). The 2012 scholarship winners are Ben Galea (who studied through the Liverpool delivery site) and Lysanne Cameron (who studied through the Wollongong delivery site). Lysanne’s testimonial below, about her experience as an AGMC student, is typical of the positive feedback received from students, especially in relation to the immediate relevance of the course to their workplace environment.

What I really like about this course is its relevance to my job right now. Every subject gives me new tools and practical skills that I can use almost every day at work. It has given me the confidence to express my ideas at a senior level, knowing I can back it up with knowledge acquired through my learning. The course has validated and consolidated much of the experience I have gained over my long and varied work-life while still teaching me many new skills, making me a much better manager than I was before I started. Finally, it has shown me that I am capable of achieving much more than I thought I could – I just needed to be prepared to invest in myself.

The AGMC congratulates Ben and Lysanne and wishes them well for the future. Details of 2013 AGMC scholarships are available at: http://www.agmc.edu.au.
Events:

CSU Graduations in December:
- at Wagga Wagga on 11 December
- at Albury on 14 December
- at Bathurst on 14 December

Further information about graduations is available at:
http://student.csu.edu.au/administration/study-administration/graduations

Congratulations also to AGMC high achievers Kenny Nguyen (Liverpool delivery site) and Samantha Hill (Wollongong delivery site), both of whom received a Dean’s Award for academic excellence.

These awards are aimed at recognising the performance of students, across the various student cohorts and the flexible arrangements for studying at CSU, who display a high level of academic achievement. Kenny and Samantha’s efforts were acknowledged at a lunch hosted by the AGMC in Sydney in April. To attain their awards Kenny and Samantha had to gain a Distinction or High Distinction in all their subjects!

Students wishing to transfer into the Graduate Diploma after successful completion of the Graduate Certificate in Management (Professional Practice) (or into the Master of Management at completion of their Graduate Diploma studies) must complete and submit an “Application to Change to Another Course”. The form, and details about how/where to submit it, are available on the AGMC website: http://www.csu.edu.au/faculty/business/agmc/apply.

Check with your site coordinator about your options for continuing into the Graduate Diploma or Master of Management, or contact Kaye Lander, email klander@csu.edu.au, phone 02 69332611.

A Primo Library Search is a discovery tool for the CSU Library’s huge collection of resources, including online journal articles and newspaper content, books, DVDs, eBooks, research papers and much more. The “What is a Primo Search” page (http://www.csu.edu.au/division/library/help/primo-help/what-is-primo-search) provides helpful tips and resources to assist you with your Library searches.

Current students can have their say about the CSU Library services (and get themselves in the draw for one of four $200 cash prizes) by completing the online Library Client Survey, available at http://www.csu.edu.au/division/library/.

Student Admin Online (see link below) allows students to maintain their personal and enrolment details online. Students are encouraged to enrol for future sessions as early as possible – the earlier you enrol, the earlier your study material will be sent to you.

Student Admin Online is also a useful portal to access forms, including a Request for Special Consideration form. Completion of a Request for Special Consideration and other CSU forms requires a digital signature. The short DIT Self Help Guide video to “Creating Adobe Signatures” (http://www.csu.edu.au/division/dit/staff/training/adobe/Acrobat_sigs/Acrobat_Signatures.pdf) shows Adobe Acrobat Pro 9, but it does not matter which version you have as they will all work the same. If you have any issues with these electronic forms please contact Student Central (1800 ASK CSU) for assistance.

2013 Enrolments:

Students wishing to study in Session 3 2012 should first check with their delivery site as not all sites offer classes during the summer session.

Applications for Admission for Session 1, 2013 are currently being received.

The schedule for the application process is as follows:

1 February:
Closing date for AGMC Applications

February:
Study materials sent out

4 March:
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.