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VALE ROBERT (BOB) CUTHBERT


Bob Cuthbert, a member of the Business Studies Department, passed away on the 25th June 2003. Bob was a much-respected teacher both by his peers and students. His main teaching area was Accounting.

Bob started at Holmesglen in mid 1985 and in his final years at Holmesglen his teaching was mainly in the Institute’s Degree Programs and the upper levels of the Associate Diploma courses. He was always interested in keeping abreast of current Accounting issues and was a frequent participant at CPA Congresses.

He was an accountant to the end. Not only did he pass away on his birthday ('balanced the account') but his funeral was held at the end of the financial year (closed the books)!!

All those who knew him will sadly miss Bob.

Submitted by the Business Services Centre.

HOLMESGLEN STUDENTS Take Home Victoria’s Top Furnishing Training Award

A first in the history of the Furnishing Industry Training Awards, joint winners were awarded Victoria’s top Furnishing Industry Training award, The Andrew Kossenas Apprentice of the Year Award. Lachlan Buchanan Higgins and George Mitzeliotis, both students from Holmesglen TAFE, were presented with their award at an awards dinner held at the Victorian Arts Centre. Another Holmesglen student, Anne Plumb, was also awarded a prestigious award, the NHBSA Interior Designer of the Future Award.

Holmesglen students were awarded 7 out of the 13 awards presented. Lachlan was also awarded the Cabinet Makers Association Certificate III in Cabinet Making Award and George was also awarded the MAS National Apprenticeship Services Certificate III in Leadlighting and Stained Glass Award. Other Holmesglen student winners were Jeremy Pace, who was awarded the Jardan Australia Certificate III in Upholstery Award, Lee Wong, the FTV Certificate III in Floor Finishing and Covering Award and Brendan Johnson, The Pilkington Certificate III in Glass and Glazing Award.

Manager of Furnishing, Decoration and Design at Holmesglen, Bill Presslor, said he was very proud of the achievements of the six students. Bill also commended Holmesglen TAFE and its staff for its high level of education and training in the Furnishing industry.

Anne Plumb is presented with the NHBSA Interior Designer of the Future Award
HOLMESGLEN STUDENTS WIN GOLD at State Plumbing Award

Matthew Stutchbury shared the Andrew Letten Gold Medal Award with Box Hill TAFE’s Robert McCormack recently at the Master Plumbers 96th Annual Gold Medal and Training Awards. The Gold Medal Award is the highest award provided by the Association.

With three out of the four Gold Medal nominations being Holmesglen TAFE students, Matt had close contention for the Medal by co-students Jasa Tora and David Formosa.

Matt, Jasa and David’s achievements were also reflected in further Master Plumber awards. Matt was also awarded The Rheem Australia Encouragement Award, Jasa was Awarded the Office of Gas Safety N.A. Smith Encouragement Award and David was awarded The Rose Curtis Award. Scooping the Awards pool, Holmesglen won 6 out of the 13 of the Awards, with Daniel King and Nick Grainger, who won The Albert Smith Award, completing the Holmesglen TAFE Award win.

Head of Building and Construction at Holmesglen TAFE, Henry Pook, said he was very proud of the achievements of the five students, “they have achieved significantly in their field, and their efforts have been rewarded.” Henry also commended Holmesglen TAFE and its staff for its high level of education and training, “The success of Holmesglen students in this award emphasises that Holmesglen is leading the education sector in providing education and training in the plumbing field*.

SENSATION TASTING DINNER Sell Out

Holmesglen’s Waverley campus held a Sensation Tasting Dinner on Friday 1 August at ‘Zest’, the campus training restaurant. The dinner attracted a full house of almost 60 people including local residents, staff and their family and friends.

The ‘sensation taste’ for the evening was Damara fat tailed lamb, which was featured in the canapes and main course. Guest speaker Phil McConachy explained to guests the suitability of the Damara breed for the Australian climate as they have the ability to draw on fat resources from their tail in times of drought.

Following pre dinner drinks and a lecture from Phil, guests were treated to a three-course dinner carefully prepared by apprentices under the guidance of Hospitality chefs and served by Hospitality students. The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.

INTRODUCING
Dr Gerandasi

The Student Services Department has secured the services of Dr Ronnie Gerandasi to consult Holmesglen students and staff. Dr Gerandasi provides consultation on Mondays 9am - 12 noon and Thursdays 2 Spm. Dr Gerandasi has practised Medicine for 10 years. He studied Medicine at Monash University, before completing his studies at Semmelweis University in Budapest. A fellow of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, Dr Gerandasi is experienced in all aspects of general practice, with special interests in travel medicine, sports medicine and dermatology.

Offering bulk-billing, Dr Gerandasi conducts all business on a strictly medical-in-confidence basis. Located in the surgery, Building 7, Room 7.1.13, appointments can be made through Student Services Reception on extension 1649.

The response since Dr Gerandasi commenced consultations at Chadstone on July 17 has been very supportive.

Dr Gerandasi compliments the existing medical consulting services offered by Dr Mark Faigen, who continues to consult at the Chadstone campus Monday to Wednesday from 2-3pm. Appointments for Dr Faigen may also be made through Student Services, extension 1649.
FUN RUN Success

The Riverside Charity Challenge was run and won in perfect weather on Sunday 3 August. Bert Pilgrim and 13 year old Sarah Grahame were the Open winners. Almost 200 people took part in the 4 km walk and 8 km run - the charity event organised by the Certificate IV in Community Recreation students. Moorabbin Diploma of Event Management and Waverley Multimedia students also provided invaluable assistance. The finance department provided the most number of entries and wins the prize of lunch for 6 at the Moorabbin campus restaurant - Congratulations. Thankyou to everyone who helped out on the day and in the lead up period - including Media Services, Marketing, Security, Personnel, Property Services, Purchasing, Short Courses, Student Services, and also Ross Digby from Hospitality, and Andrea Anthony from Fitness & Recreation.

Also thank you to all those Departments who kindly donated spot prizes.

Kitty Chiller, Manager
Fitness & Recreation Department

BOB CROFT Retires

On Friday 11 July 2003, Bob, Storeman for the Purchasing Department, retired from his position after 14 years of service.

Bob began at the ‘College’ as Courier and was promoted to Storeman a few years later. Whilst Storeman, he ran the internal Stores efficiently, was friendly and helpful, keeping most departmental staff happy (although occasionally having to instruct them as to how requests should be completed!)

When accepting external deliveries, often the Purchasing staff would hear raised voices emanating from the Store and knew to keep out of Bob’s area for a short time!

Bob made some good friends over the years, and he will now be able to join some of his older retired friends from Holmesgen in a weekly game of golf, something he had been looking forward to immensely. Bob will be missed but we trust he will enjoy good health and happiness during his retirement years.

Sylvia Jobson, Purchasing

DELICATE DESSERT Wins Gold

Holmesgen Institute of TAFE Commercial Cookery students recently competed in the VIC TAFE Cookery Challenge held at Northern Metropolitan Institute of TAFE (NMIT).

The Holmesgen team came home with a gold medal for ‘Best Dessert’ after competing against teams from other TAFE colleges also providing training for apprentice chefs.

The team included Winchell Mendes as Team Manager, Gordon Brown as Team Coach and apprentices Amanda Ward as Team Captain, Luke King, Daniel McAteer and Bronwyn O’Grady.

Holmesgen's students prepared a delicate Yoghurt Panna Cotta with Pear and Lychee puree garnished with sliced strawberries and a shard of sugar as their dessert entry in the mystery box competition.

The mystery box concept means students are required to prepare three courses from a box of ingredients given to them on the day without prior notice of what these ingredients will be. Congratulations to the Holmesgen team for this great achievement.

The gold medal winning team

BIOMEDICAL TEAM WINS Industry Award

Moorabbin's Biomedical teaching team, consisting of Gabrielle Fountain, Margaret Young, Barbara Brown and Ruth Leslie, recently received an award for Best Practice in Professional Development by a Public RTO in the 2003 CS&H Industry Training Awards.

The Award was in recognition of the huge efforts by the team in the implementation of new delivery and management processes for the Certificate IV in Pathology Collection. The team undertook a complete review of curriculum content, method and mode of delivery, timetabling and industry issues, resulting in the former part-time program for 12 students expand to three full-time groups, with 95%+ industry employment outcome following practical placement.

Programs and delivery have been developed around an innovative simulated workplace. On-line learning facilities are integrated and teaching materials have been customised to specific industry needs.

The template for change has now been adopted in the expansion of the Department's programs in medical laboratory techniques through to biotechnology.

Congratulations to the Biomedical team for this significant achievement.
BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM
Participants

Congratulations to the following staff members who have been chosen to participate in the Business Enterprise Program:

- Chris Anderson, Vocational and Community Services
- Daisy Antoniou, Vocational and Community Services
- Maxine Courtier, Business Services Centre
- Max Newton, Business Services Centre
- Gordon Dickson, International Centre
- Michelle Fernandez, International Centre
- George Mimiagnis, Language Centre
- Clare Strack Van Schijndel, Language Centre
- Roger Mason, Glass and Glazing
- Craig Teyvaud, Painting and Decorating
- John Vale, Industrial Skills
- Kitty Chiller, Recreation
- Suzanne McKinnon, Tourism
- Scott Bury, Information Technology and Multimedia
- David Benson, Applied Sciences
- Susan Fenton, Applied Sciences
- Michelle Jelleff, Community and Industry Short Courses
- Pam Younes, Personnel
- Christine Board, Training and Development
- Bart Scheen, Training and Development
- Barbara Hicks, Student Services
- Julia Van Der Linden, Student Services

The BEP program is an innovative concept, designed to develop in participants a set of conceptual, technical and interpersonal skills. The program will ensure that HIT maintains its competitive edge in the system.

HOLMESGLEN BUSINESS

$4000 for Gordoncare

Business Administration and Management students from Moorabbin Campus recently organised a charity Trivia Night raising approximately $4000 for Gordoncare, with the help of local businesses. Gordoncare (formerly Gordon Boys Home) is a not-for-profit organisation that works to assist young people who are economically or socially disadvantaged, by providing services such as emergency accommodation.

The students who organised the event are all mature-age business-people from the Bayside area, who are studying at Moorabbin Campus part-time in the evenings. They decided to develop a real event to test their business administration and organisational skills as assessment for the “Leading Work Teams” study module.

CSD: We need your help to make email speedier

E-mail continues to be a growing monster. The massive growth in the number of emails held in user accounts over the past year or so has finally had an impact on the ability of the Post Office Agent to cope with the demand. Recent slowness experienced when emailing is due to this overload on the system’s ability. Staff are asked to archive emails after 60 days and to empty the Trash folder every 10 days. GroupWise can manage this for you, and John De Figueiredo will be conducting GroupWise update courses for all staff upon his return from Long Service Leave. Ask your HOC or HOAD for a copy of the article “Managing the email monster”.

The use of the Internet continues to be very high. Our Internet Provider has just increased our bandwidth to 4 Mbps at no additional cost to the Institute. This is in line with the general falling of Internet costs. The use of the Internet is controlled to ensure that non-educational activities such as music and film downloads, do not interfere with legitimate Internet usage.

Holmesglen Employment Services (HES) has now been integrated into the Institute data and voice network. HES is using Voice over IP as its telephone system and has been very pleased with the reliability and quality. It hopes to see a short return on investment on the cost since inter-office calls are now in-house extensions to each other.

Using their contacts with other local businesspeople, they gained support in many forms. The Buckingham Inn, based in Highett, provided the Trivia Night venue free-of-charge and two accommodation vouchers. Many other local companies donated prizes to giveaway on the night. These included Flight Centre vouchers, a twelve-month RACV road service membership, a hamper from The Good Guys, a 14-inch television and a DVD player.

The night was great fun according to all who attended and was a great success. Gordoncare will benefit from generous donations and ticket sales and the students have learned valuable business skills.

Ron Gascoigne, CSD
MORE THAN AN INFORMATION COMMONS

The Building Five Information Commons, with its focus on the Design, Construction and Furniture industries, has always been a well-utilised environment. This facility is more than an Information Commons. With its emphasis on industry-based technology, it is also a dynamic design studio environment for its architectural students. However, providing more space to increase the provision of information technology has been a clearly identified need for some time.

As a result, in January this year, an additional arm was attached, providing students with:

- 10 new student PC's, with scanning equipment allowing users to download specialised pictorial information straight into their project work
- a plan printer which can copy onto large size paper essential for presentation work in design and drafting
- a plotter for AutoCAD documentation enabling students using the autocad program to print their work onto A2 size paper
- 8 extra drafting tables for sketching plan layouts and presentational drawings
- a light box which allows for the tracing of drawings and photographs onto specialist papers
- several shelving bays of product information, exposing students to trade literature and products and services provided by the architecture, construction and design industries

A dramatic 20% increase in usage since the new technology was introduced, is a clear indication of its value to students. There has been a significant increase also in information enquiries and loans. Information Commons staff note that these interactive work areas are invariably bustling with activity and enthusiasm, and that it is essential to book IT equipment during peak hours.

Feedback received by Information Commons staff is that these improved facilities have enabled students to more readily advance their studies, as the type of equipment provided cannot be replicated at home, and many do not yet work in an industry where they have access to this technology. Students are delighted with the drawing facilities, the new plan printer and colour photocopier, which allows them to produce high quality work for their presentational assignments.

This extra space enables them to work out of class time, where all the resources are at their fingertips. A real sense of community is developing. As one student commented “This is the best place – ‘it is as good as a great coffee’.

Kerry Doherty, Branch Manager, Building 5 Information Commons

HOLMESGLEN TAFE GEARS UP FOR LIFESTYLE CHANNEL

Australia New Zealand Culinary Competition

To be held 6 – 9 October the Lifestyle Channel Culinary Competition has already proved to be somewhat of a challenge. Holmesglen Institute of TAFE will be one of over 30 teams competing in this competition to be held in Adelaide.

Strict rules are a feature of this competition and teams have already been required to submit their menus, which cannot be changed. Holmesglen’s team includes Greg O’Shea as team captain, Winchell Mendes, Dean Power, Amanda Ward, apprentice and Kate O’Beirne, team manager.

Holmesglen’s team will represent the South West coast and Western district of Victoria by using produce from these regions. Cookery program coordinator and team manager Kate O’Beirne was reluctant to reveal the team’s chosen menu and produce selection saying it will stay top secret to ensure our competitors don’t get wind of our plans.

Holmesglen has already made its mark on the competition by winning first prize as the entry with the ‘Longest Name’. Let’s hope this luck continues into October.

WE GOT a Fair Go

Recently Holmesglen was fortunate enough to host Hector Gallagher’s launch of his book, We Got a Fair Go. Amongst the well-attended audience at the launch were several people who have greatly shaped vocational training and education in Australia, including former Education Minister, The Hon. Alan Hunt, and Director of Teaching Education, Ron Ritchie.

We Got a Fair Go articulates the origin and impact of the Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme (CRTS) between 1945 and 1952, a scheme which allowed 250,000 ex-servicemen (WW2) to participate in training, mostly at a technical or vocational institution.

The book was launched by Mr Bob Stensholt, MP for Burwood. Mr Stensholt complimented Hector for his enormous effort in compiling this historical accolade, saying “Whilst historically accurate, the book also captures the unique atmosphere and spirit that existed during World II and afterwards.”

Hector’s dry, strong sense of humour came through strongly, as he delighted the audience by speaking not only about his book, but the experiences he underwent writing the book. Hector was 76 when he commenced the book, concreting what is certainly a great accomplishment.

Hector Gallagher at the book launch of We Got a Fair Go
HOLMESGLEN STUDENTS SENT TO PRISON

"That's a bit of an exaggeration isn't it?"

And with those words the visit to the Loddon Prison, near Castlemaine, proved to the many present that you should always expect the unexpected.

Greg Roberts, former police officer and now teacher at the Waverley campus of Holmesglen TAFE had heard enough from one of the prisoners who was part way through a sentence for murder. The prisoner had claimed he was innocent and that he was the victim of police malpractice and corruption. In fact he believed all prisoners were and that the police force was corrupt.

The very tall and well muscled prisoner sprung to his feet and challenged Greg with news that 55 police had been charged with various offences. But it was not the whole story.

Peter Haddow, program coordinator, (and also a former police officer) said that represented .04% of the total police force in Victoria. The prisoner took exception to being challenged and he continued to speak and act in a way no one expected.

Eventually things settled and the students heard male and female prisoners talk of their lives and what led them to incarceration.

A second group of 55 students from Moorabbin campus also attended Loddon Prison with teachers Vishakha Bapat and Peter O'Brien supervising.

It was uneventful apart from the bus breaking down en route, and the long wait for a replacement bus.

Peter Haddow
THE NEW FACES OF MARKETING

We are pleased to announce that the Marketing Department now has all hands on deck. Let us introduce you to all the new faces:

Amanda Parsons, Marketing Manager

Commencing with Holmesglen in May this year, I have had a fast paced introduction, landing right in time for the Handbook, course brochure production and Open Days. I am still hopeful that there will be a downtime.

After working for three years as Marketing and Publications Manager with The University of New South Wales Union, I took a year off to travel the world before taking up this position. The -40C Montreal temperatures I experienced have unfortunately done little to help me re-acclimatise to Melbourne winters!

Lisa McMillan, Marketing Coordinator, Waverley

As the newest member to the Marketing team, having commenced in late July, I am delighted to be the final cog in the wheel which now makes up a fully staffed Marketing Unit.

I have been soaking up information like a sponge over the first few weeks as this is not only a new role for me but a change of industry as well. My previous roles all having been in Hospitality, guess which teaching centre I'm likely to have a soft spot for... not that there'll be any favouritism!

My experience as Events Coordinator with the RACV Club over the past three years and previous roles in Public Relations at Hilton on the Park - Melbourne will no doubt assist me in the many challenges which lie ahead.

Tom Hazell, Marketing Officer

I joined Holmesglen in January this year and was thrown straight into the fast paced world of the Marketing Unit with the Awards Festival being one of my first jobs - what an introduction! Prior to joining Holmesglen I worked at Kangan Batman TAFE and before that in Hospitality. I have been enjoying my time at Holmesglen and I look forward to working with more of you, whether it's with our events, to assist with public relations, for advertising requests or for Centre marketing planning.

Sofia Platis, Administrative Officer

I am a new girl on the block in the Marketing Unit, Chadstone campus. My past work experience varies from being a Personal Assistant, Human Resource Officer, Park Ranger, Massage Therapist and a Reflexologist. I love to travel and visit new sites. I have two dogs and wish I could bring them to work with me...and I am slowly climbing the ladder to attain my black belt in Karate.

Cassandra O'Leary, Marketing Coordinator, Moorabbin

After joining Holmesglen almost 18 months ago, I'm now officially the expert of the Marketing team! The Moorabbin Marketing role has included a great variety of work so far, including organising our Open Day and Public Lectures, producing Moorabbin publications like the Campus Guide, writing media releases and advertising copy and assisting with special events for all the Moorabbin departments.

I've enjoyed expanding my Marketing experience in the broad role at Holmesglen, coming from 3 years as a Public Relations Consultant for IT, finance, wine, retail and human resources companies. I also have a shady past as a more "creative" type, having studied Interior Design and Film Studies. So if you need a pop culture expert for your next trivia night - I'm your girl.

Elaine Bolitho, Administrative Officer

With over 8 months in the Marketing Unit, I'm one of the old timers (in more ways than one). Several years ago I worked for ANZ Bank as a Product Manager however now have 3 very good reasons (three lovely children) for preferring to work part-time. Returning to work was made easier by studying Business Administration at Moorabbin campus. With around 200 more courses to try, I hope to be around for a while.
Deadline for next issue: 1 September 2003. Send articles to Tom Hazel: tomh@holmesglen.vic.edu.au

Holmesglen cookery students invited to cook at Inland Wine Competition
Holmesglen Institute of TAFE's cookery students have received the honour of being invited to cook at the Inland Wine Competition Dinner to be held 17 October in Swan Hill.
The competition attracts judges worldwide and caters for over 250 people.
Holmesglen's team of 10 students, will use produce from the Northern region of Victoria in their menu.
Stay tuned for more details closer to the event.

Cilantro
After much deliberation the new student training restaurant at the Moorabbin campus has been named: CILANTRO.
As this name was not suggested by anyone in the "name that restaurant" staff competition, the names of everyone who placed an entry were put in a hat and the winner of the Bottle of Moet was then drawn. This goes to Evelyn Fitman from TDS, congratulations. To book lunch or dinner at Cilantro please call Caryn on ext 5938.
Many thanks to everyone who submitted suggestions for the restaurant name.
Ross Digby, Hospitality

Holmesglen’s Sydney / Gold Coast Tour 2003
The Recreation Department of Student Services once again successfully held their nine-day Sydney Gold Coast Tour for Holmesglen Students from Wednesday 2nd – Thursday 10th July 2003.
International students booked out the 40 available seats just weeks after the trip went on sale.
The students enjoyed two days in Sydney, sightseeing around the Harbour City and the Blue Mountains, with a tour of Stadium Australia included as well. Beautiful Byron Bay was the next stop, where students took part in a free didgeridoo lesson before exploring the town’s lighthouse, beaches, shops and market. The Gold Coast was next, and students were able to spend a day of excitement at Movieworld or Dreamworld, before heading into town to live up Gold Coast’s nightlife. Two days were then spent on relaxing Moreton Island where students experienced the thrill of sand tobogganing. Brisbane was the last stop before the coach of exhausted, but happy students headed back to Melbourne.
The long drives during the trip were broken up with bus games, movies, music and bus karaoke. Students enjoyed quality time together on the coach while exploring the East Coast of Australia. Some terrific friendships were formed with their fellow Holmesglen students, which I'm sure will continue for years to come.
Student Services Department

Fancy a trip to the US?
The Fulbright Professional Award in Vocational Education and Training offers the opportunity to undertake a professional development program in the United States in 2004/2005.
Sponsored by the Australian National Training Authority, the professional awards are for three to four months' duration and must be taken up between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005.
The closing date for applications is 31 August 2003. More information and applications available from www.fulbright.com.au, phone (02) 6260 4460

Open Days
Chadstone Information Day was held on Saturday 16th August. A big thank you to everyone who helped on the day. See the next edition of Holmesglen News for a report on the day.
Moorabbin Open Day will be held on Saturday 30th August, 11am-3pm
Waverley Open Day will be held on Saturday 13th September, 10am-2pm

Holmesglen students are given a tour of Stadium Australia, Sydney.