



# Career News 2019 #6

## CareerNews Key Dates & Reminders

### **For Year 11 Students**

#### **National Youth Science Forum Jan 2020**

A 12-day residential program designed to give students a broader understanding of career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Applications are open until 31 May. To find out more you can visit:

<https://www.nysf.edu.au/what-we-do/how-to-apply/>

### **For all VCE Students:**

#### **Mid-Year Open Evening at ACU**

When: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May

Time: 4.00pm – 6.00pm

Where: Mary Glowrey Foyer

115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy.

To register please visit:

<https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/news-and-events/events/2019/may/midyear-open-evening-melbourne#register>

#### **Holmesglen Institute Open Day**

The next open day at Holmesglen is on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June.

You can choose your chosen area and reserve your place here:

<https://holmesglen.edu.au/opendays/>

### **Inside Monash Seminars**

When: Running until August.

Spend 90 minutes with an academic, a current and a past student on campus and discover what it's really like to study at Monash.

To view the dates visit:

<https://www.monash.edu/inside-monash>

### **Monash Information Evenings**

When: Running from March until

September.

Time: 6.30pm – 8.00pm.

Sessions will be held at various locations across Victoria. For further details and to register please visit:

<https://www.monash.edu/information-evenings>

### **Victoria University Information Evenings**

When: Running until the 25<sup>th</sup> of June.

These evenings feature a broad range of VU's undergraduate course offerings.

To register for the course areas that interest you please visit:

<http://study.vu.edu.au/information-sessions>

### **DeakinInspire**

DeakinInspire is one-day conference style event that aims to inspire and empower students to achieve their future goals and ambitions at Deakin. It's a mix of course exploration and personal development.

This event is especially for Year 10, 11 and 12 students who want to explore their

future direction. The details are

[Geelong Warrn Ponds Campus](#)

When: Tuesday 2nd July

Time: 9am-3pm

[Burwood campus](#)

When: Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Time: 9am-3pm

To register please visit:

<https://www.deakin.edu.au/about-deakin/events/deakininspire>

### **RMIT Shepparton Information Evening**

When: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

When: 6.30pm – 8.00pm.

Where: 481 Wyndham Street ,  
Shepparton.

To register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/rmit-university-information-evening-shepparton-tickets-60504999081>

## News & Updates

With Victoria's increased funding in TAFE to help meet Australia's skills needs for the emerging jobs in our changing economy, there are many career options for students to consider. This is resulting in enhanced facilities and free courses available to students.

TAFE can offer short courses, apprenticeships, Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas and some institutes Bachelor Degrees. Shorter courses can pave a pathway into higher education should this be your long term career plan or a potential consideration later once qualified.

Victoria's TAFE colleges include the following institutions:

- Victoria University Polytechnic
- RMIT University
- William Angliss Institute
- Box Hill Institute
- South West TAFE
- Wodonga TAFE
- Chisholm
- Bendigo TAFE
- Swinburne Institute
- Sunraysia Institute
- The Gordon Institute of TAFE
- Federation University TAFE
- Holmesglen
- Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE (GO TAFE).
- Melbourne Polytechnic
- Federation Training
- Kangan Institute

Now is the time to schedule open days and information nights in your diary if you are researching potential career areas at TAFE colleges.

## Holmesglen Institute

### Update

#### 2019 Open Day dates –

At Holmesglen you can choose from a range of courses. To discover more, you can choose from these future Open Day dates:

- 20<sup>th</sup> June
- 8<sup>th</sup> August
- 12<sup>th</sup> September
- 17<sup>th</sup> October
- 28<sup>th</sup> November

To register your attendance please visit:

<https://holmesglen.edu.au/opendays/>

#### Printing at Holmesglen

The printing industry is very large in the manufacturing sector in Australia. Holmesglen Institute works with industry

leaders from Konica Minolta, XMPie, Print IQ and QLM attended at their Chadstone campus. Their digital print centre offers students state of the art facilities giving the next generation of printing professionals the edge.

The printing courses at Holmesglen are:

- *Certificate II in Printing and Graphic Arts* – Free TAFE course
- *Certificate III in Print Communications* (Apprenticeship)
- *Certificate III in Print Manufacturing* (Apprenticeship)
- *Certificate III in Printing* (Apprenticeship)

For further research on these printing courses at Holmesglen visit:

<https://holmesglen.edu.au/Courses/Arts-and-Design/Printing/>

## **IT - Cyber Security**

With the rise in new technologies presenting a risk to local and global security, cyber security has now become one of the fastest growing areas of information technology (IT).

Cyber security standards are techniques developed and set in published materials that attempt to protect the cyber environment of a user or organisation. This includes; networks, systems, devices, software, processes, information in storage or transit, applications, services and users themselves.

The 'Certificate IV in Cyber Security' is a high tech and high speed 1-year program that will prepare you with the skills and knowledge required to be job ready. It is currently a free TAFE course on offer. The 'Certificate IV in Cyber Security' is a pathway to the 6-month 'Advanced Diploma of Network Security' which will equip you with advanced skills in areas such networking, network administration, risk management, virtualisation, security fundamentals, firewalls and network infrastructure. The Advanced Diploma is a pathway to a Bachelor of Information Technology. If 'IT' is your interest and you are wishing to gain knowledge and employment opportunities in one of the fastest growing sectors, then explore your options in cyber security!

## **RSPCA Animal Career Discovery Day**

At the RSPCA Animal Career Discovery Day, you can gain some insight into fulfilling career options with animals. Led by current industry specialists at the leading animal welfare organisation in Victoria, you will participate in hands-on activities and a behind-the-scenes tour.

For all those interested in learning about working in animals, talking with skilled professionals, see the below details and follow the link to reserve your spot.

Date: Thursday 27th June

Time: 9:00am – 3:30pm

Location: RSPCA Education Centre, Burwood East, Vic.

Cost: \$75 includes registration, morning tea, a RSPCA career show bag, and all activities.

<https://weteachme.com/rspcavictoria/1016624-animal-career-discovery-day>

## **Deakin University Update**

#### **STEM work experience for young women**

This is a week-long program which provides an introduction to STEM at a tertiary level. It allows participants to experience possible STEM career pathways via a range of fun workshops and hands-on activities. Students will spend a day within each area of the faculty; Life and Environmental Sciences, Engineering, Architecture & Built Environment and IT.

When: 24th–28th June from 9am–4pm

Where: Warn Ponds campus.

#### **Career in Teaching - Information Sessions**

In early July, Deakin are running information sessions on their teaching courses at their Burwood, Warn Ponds and Warnambool campuses. You can learn all about their program and engage with current students and teaching staff.

The dates and times for these sessions are:

Warn Ponds – 9th July from 5.30pm–6.30pm.

Warnambool – 10th July from 4pm–5pm.

Burwood – 10th July from 5.30–6.30pm.

For more information, contact:

Phone: 1800 693 888

Email: [myfuture@deakin.edu.au](mailto:myfuture@deakin.edu.au)

## The University of Melbourne Update

### My Melbourne Future events

'My Melbourne Future events' is a series of information evenings held on campus for prospective students and families.

You'll need to choose area from; Arts, IT, Science, Music, Design, Commerce, Agricultural and Veterinary Science, Education, Law, Biomedicine, Engineering or Fine Arts. Then either at their Parkville or Southbank campuses, you'll explore topics such as; electives, placements, overseas study options, scholarships, research opportunities and the overall culture at Melbourne University.

When: 4<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> June

To register visit:

<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/connect-with-us/my-melbourne-future>

### Major Hack 2019: A Hackathon for the Humanities



'Major Hack' is a 2-day program for Year 11 and 12 students interested in studying Arts and Humanities. You'll learn about how media and politics intersect, how to solve real-world problems, and why Shakespeare's Julius Caesar is as relevant as ever in today's society.

Students who strive to think creatively and have a passion for humanities and social sciences, particularly those interested in theatre, Shakespeare, history, media and communications and politics should consider attending this event.

If you want to develop leadership and teamwork skills and discover what it's like to study a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Melbourne, then consider this!

The details:

When: Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July & Friday 5 July.

Where: Arts West Building, Parkville campus.

Cost: \$100 (includes lunch and dinner on day one, and light breakfast and lunch on day two). Transport and accommodation is not included in this price.

Please note: Scholarships are available and students who live interstate and in rural areas are also encouraged to attend.

For more information and to register:

<http://ba.unimelb.edu.au/majorhack>

### Meet Melbourne Events

'Meet Melbourne Events' is an opportunity for students, teachers and parents to talk to university staff in your local area.

These sessions will run mostly in the evenings from 6pm – 8.30pm with two locations offering on-on-one consultations between 10am – 5pm. To find out more visit:

<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/connect-with-us/events-for-future-students>

### Music School Programs in May



'Meet the Orchestra' allows students and music teachers to meet with senior conservatorium staff and principal players from the orchestra. This is a great opportunity for students interested in pursuing music.

When: Saturday 25th May

Time: 6.00pm - 7.15pm

Where: Kenneth Myer Auditorium, Ian Potter Southbank Centre, 43 Sturt Street, Southbank.

Cost: Free

To register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/meet-the-orchestra-university-of-melbourne-symphony-orchestra>

'Sound and Music for Visual Media' is where you'll learn how to develop practical composition, production and broad music-making skills within a range of theatre and

art contexts and in commercial media such as film, animation and computer games.

When: Tuesday 21st May

When: 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Where: Hanson-Dyer Hall, Ian Potter Southbank Centre, 43 Sturt Street, Southbank.

To register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/schools-program-sound-and-music-for-visual-media-tickets-58216118979>

### 'Jazz and Improvisation Concert and Q&A'

Is a great opportunity for music students in Years 10 to 12 to engage with current Bachelor of Music (Jazz & Improvisation) students who are following professional pathways in jazz and improvised music.

When: Wed 29th May

Time: 6.00pm - 7.30pm

Where: Lionel's Lounge, 26 Grant Street, Southbank.

Cost: Free

To register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/schools-program-jazz-improvisation-concert-and-qa-tickets-58216844148?aff>

## RMIT Update

### New Flight Training School

RMIT University will expand its flight training school to Bendigo this year, giving more students the opportunity to become fully-qualified, industry-ready pilots in the future.

### New Courses

#### **Bachelor of Youth Work and Youth Studies**

RMIT is now offering a new Bachelor of Youth Work and Youth Studies, a recently updated three-year full-time course.

To read more visit -

<https://www.rmit.edu.au/news/the-source/giving-back-to-the-community>

#### **Bachelor of Business (Digital Business)**

For further course information visit:

<https://www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/levels-of-study/undergraduate-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-of-business-digital-business-bp324>

#### **Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)**

In this new degree, students spend their first year of study experiencing the breadth of engineering options available at RMIT University before entering their specialised program in second year with a strong technical foundation.



## Career Focus – Social Worker

Social workers help people to deal with personal and social problems, either directly or by planning or carrying out programmes that benefit groups or communities. They are interested in challenging the structural barriers that contribute to inequality, discrimination, exploitation and oppression within communities.

Social workers can specialise in a range of different practice areas such as; children and family, youth, violence and sexual assault, medical and health, child protection, income support, disability, education, aged care, correctional services, family law, youth justice, community legal, psychiatric and general mental health, refugees and migrants and indigenous communities. They are employed in a variety of community and welfare fields across state, territory and federal government departments; hospitals, community health centres, local government authorities or non-government organisations. Some social workers are self-employed, working as counsellors, therapists and consultants. With the broad academic and practical training, qualified social workers may also work in non-social work areas such as project officers, policy makers, managers or administrators.

Within the different areas that social workers can work, their responsibilities can include:

- Provide counselling and support through a crisis that may be due to death, illness, relationship breakdown or other reasons.
- Provide clients with information about services that can assist them.
- Provide letters of referral or reports that will help clients to obtain other services such as crisis accommodation or social security benefits.
- Guide small groups of people to share their experiences, support each other and learn social skills.
- Assist community groups to plan and carry out programs to help themselves (for example, assisting groups to form an association).
- Research community problems, needs and solutions through client contact and records of welfare and health agencies.
- Analyse statistics and write reports.
- Develop policy and evaluate programs.
- Manage and train staff.
- Attend professional meetings.
- Lobby to change social welfare policies and procedures in the pursuit of social justice for all members of the community.

To work in this field, it is important to have:

- Emotional maturity.
- Keen analytical abilities.
- Ability to view other people's problems objectively.
- Good organisational and communication skills.
- An ability to work independently or as part of a team.
- A commitment to social justice.

To become qualified as a social worker, you usually have to complete a degree in social work at university. To gain entry into these courses you usually need to gain your VCE with English. However, you will need to contact your chosen institutions for course requirements and further information.

Below is a list of Bachelor Degree's in Social Work and Master of Social Work courses in Victoria:

Bachelor (Undergraduate) Degrees				
Institution	Campus	Course	Duration	ATAR
CQUniversity	Online	Bachelor Degree in Social Work (inc. Honours)	4 Years	NA
Deakin University	Cloud (online) & Geelong Waterfront campus	Bachelor of Social Work	4 Years	64.50
La Trobe University	Albury-Wodonga, Bendigo, Melbourne, Mildura & Shepparton	Bachelor of Human Services Master of Social Work	2.5 years 1.5 years	52.45 - 67.25
RMIT	City	Bachelor Degree in Social Work (inc. Honours)	4 Years	76.65
		Bachelor of Social Work (inc. Honours) /Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)	5 Years	90.25
Victoria University	Footscray	Bachelor of Social Work	4 Years	NA
Master of Social Work (Post-Graduate) Courses				
Institution	Campus	Course	Duration	ATAR
Deakin University	Cloud (online)	Master of Social Work	2 Years	NA
La Trobe University	Albury-Wodonga, Bendigo, Melbourne & Mildura.	Master of Social Work	2 Years	NA
Monash University	Caulfield & Online	Master of Social Work	2 Years	NA

Note:

\* NA – Not applicable or under 5 offers were made.

\* ATAR is based on the lowest selection rank with adjustment factors.

\* All course periods mentioned in this newsletter are based on a minimum full time study load unless mentioned otherwise.

\* As subjects, course structures and requirements can vary between institutions, it is necessary to contact your chosen institution for further information.

## Career Profile – Social Worker

**Name:** Rachael

**Can you tell us where you studied, how long your course duration was and where you undertook your work placement to become qualified as a Social Worker?**

In 2005 I graduated from Edith Cowan University in WA with a Bachelor of Education. Then in 2010 I completed my Master's Degree in Social Work. After that I became a contracted case manager for DHHS under Wesley Family Services for young people in foster care and residential care. I was also responsible for recruitment and assessment of foster carers.

**Whilst you were studying at secondary school, did you know the Social Work is what you wanted to get into?**

In secondary school, I wanted to be a nurse but I have a learning challenge with numbers so Sciences and Math's was very challenging. My second choice was childcare. In my gap year, I went to East Africa for 6 months and came back home wanting to teach under privileged and ESL (English as a second language) students. I soon realised during my Education Degree that teaching in Australia wasn't for me but kept at it. After my Bachelor study, I worked in various diverse roles before finally getting into residential care and I loved it.

**What do you love about your job?**

I'm in a different field again now that works for my family, but when I worked as a social worker I loved the diversity of my day. I loved the one on one time with the kids, building them up, being that person that believes they can make a life for themselves. I loved watching them succeed in school, work, relationships, I even loved being on call and being the one they thought to ring when everything seemed to be going wrong. I used to take all my kids camping on long weekends, DHHS own a holiday house that's available for kids in care. We had a great time surfing and cooking. I'm still in contact with a lot of the kids that I worked with. So, relationships – they were what I loved about my job.

**What personal requirements would you say are necessary in your position?**

I would say self-awareness and knowing when to take a step back and take care of yourself is really important. I would also say unconditional positive regard for your clients is crucial. Social Workers need to be able to separate behavior from the person, understanding that humans are a product of their DNA, environment and nurture. Also having a good understanding of social role valorisation theory - that the client be the knower, social workers are just a safety net and guide when asked. It's also essential to be professional, confidentiality is key as well as complete transparency in regards to client contact. Case notes are a legal requirement and can be subpoena' d, so you can be called to court cases.

**What are the challenges of your job and the best ways to overcome those challenges?**

The challenges are in the bureaucracy, but with perseverance and a healthy relationship with the right people anything is possible. Also, emotionally it's a challenge to be unattached. Social Work can be difficult in the long term if you're a person who really cares, you can burn out so self-care is paramount.

Sources: <http://lmip.gov.au/default.aspx?LMIP/EmploymentProjections>,  
[www.goodcareersguide.com.au](http://www.goodcareersguide.com.au)

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