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A very warm welcome to all new students who have joined us this semester to study at NMIT. Congratulations on taking on the challenge of tertiary study! Here at SANITI we are committed to supporting you through your studies so that we can celebrate with you at your graduation.

Welcome also to SANITI's new Vice President, Scott Tambisari. You can read all about Scott in our News Section on page 9 of VOS.

This edition of VOS has some useful tips and information for how to get by as a struggling student on a budget. We know that the tough economic times facing New Zealand are hurting many of our students in the pocket. Remember that if you've got financial difficulties you can always pop into the SANITI office or call us for some advice and referrals to government and community agencies. We can also give you support and tips on finding a job and putting together a great CV. Get in touch if we can help you out!

Over the next few weeks and months you are likely to be emailed Student Surveys from NMIT, as well as completing course and tutor evaluations for your specific courses. I often get asked by students about what happens to these surveys and why we have to complete them all the time. At the next Nelson Programme Rep meeting on 10 August, we will have a presentation from NMIT about Self Assessment. Self Assessment is the process NMIT uses to evaluate how well they are meeting student needs. Capturing the student voice through surveys is an important part of this process. The evidence gathered can then feed into 'Action Plans' for improving your education. So no, they don't just go into a black hole!

So, the message for students is: please complete these surveys, and keep asking about what happens to them. It's

your feedback that can lead to improvements for future students at NMIT.

The next SGM is on thursday 4th October at 12pm, Student Centre at NMIT Nelson Campus. There will also be an Executive Election 2012 at this meeting.

And finally.....a few likes and dislikes from me before I sign off another Prez column.....

Da Prez likes:

- Google+ - like Facebook but not Facebook (although do I really need another social networking site? I've only just got the hang of twitter)
- \$5 half-pizzas from Hello Belly and coffee discounts for students at Ka Pai
- Pretend Chuck Taylors from Te Ware Whare
- Driving through Rai Valley mist on my way to Marlborough campus – beautiful!
- Hair cuts from the NMIT Hairdressing students

Da Prez dislikes:

- Seeing students in financial hardship
- Getting up in the middle of the night when it's freeeezing cold brrrrrr
- Driving around and around and around trying to find a car park on Nelson campus!

Good luck for semester two and remember to have some FUN!

Cheers Rach the Prez

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EVE, Business Admin / Foundation Nursing & Programme Rep

1 What do you do to relax?

Zone out to TV

2 You and your flatmate are watching telly and eating, you notice the last chocolate biscuit in the packet, what do you do?

Grab it before they do

3 Favourite food?

Anything savoury

4 Political debating is on the T.V. and the remote is juuussst outta reach. What do you do?

Nothing, sit there without moving.



RHIANNON, Diploma in Viticulture and Wine Production & Programme Rep

1 What do you do to relax?

Play X-box

2 You and your flatmate are watching telly and eating, you notice the last chocolate biscuit in the packet, what do you do?

Break it in half; half for me and half for the dog

3 Favourite food?

Wine

4 Political debating is on the T.V. and the remote is juuussst outta reach. What do you do?

Nothing, sit there without moving.



CLARE, Foundation Nursing & Programme Rep

1 What do you do to relax?

Ride bike, bush walks

2 You and your flatmate are watching telly and eating, you notice the last chocolate biscuit in the packet, what do you do?

Just leave it for the other person

3 Favourite food?

Seafood

4. Political debating is on the T.V. and the remote is juuussst outta reach. What do you do?

Turn up the volume, put on your novelty item showing your political leanings and get ready for a stirring debate!



LOGAN, Certificate in Tertiary Studies & Programme Rep

1 What do you do to relax?

Play cricket

2 You and your flatmate are watching telly and eating, you notice the last chocolate biscuit in the packet, what do you do?

Sneak it away

3 Favourite food?

Chinese

4 Political debating is on the T.V. and the remote is juuussst outta reach. What do you do?

Take your shoe off, throw at T.V. in the hopes it will explode taking the bad bad people with it.

ETHAN, Certificate in Tertiary Studies & Programme Rep

1 What do you do to relax?

Mow lawns

2 You and your flatmate are watching telly and eating, you notice the last chocolate biscuit in the packet, what do you do?

Give it to my flat mate, cos I ate most of the packet anyway!

3 Favourite food?

Chicken

4 Political debating is on the T.V. and the remote is juuussst outta reach. What do you do?

Take shoe off, throw at yourself in the hopes of being knocked unconscious.



Nicola Kral, Nursing BNZ

1 What do you do to relax?

Run/walk around the airport.

2 You and your flatmate are watching telly and eating, you notice the last chocolate biscuit in the packet, what do you do?

Ask if they want it, but I would really want it.

3 Favourite food?

Nachos

4 Political debating is on the T.V. and the remote is juuussst outta reach. What do you do?

Take your shoe off, throw at remote in the hopes of knocking it closer. Change the channel.



Julie Redwood, Applied Fitness

1 What do you do to relax?

What does relax mean? I am a Mother of three. I exercise to relax.

2 You and your flatmate are watching telly and eating, you notice the last chocolate biscuit in the packet, what do you do?

I never get the last chocolate biscuit, my Husband eats it, or I would sneakily eat it and replace the packet.

3 Favourite food?

Sushi

4 Political debating is on the T.V. and the remote is juuussst outta reach. What do you do?

Take shoe off, throw at yourself in the hopes of being knocked unconscious.



Shane Christie, Applied Fitness

1 What do you do to relax?

T.V, music, anything

2 You and your flatmate are watching telly and eating, you notice the last chocolate biscuit in the packet, what do you do?

Throw it to your flatmate.

3 Favourite food?

Ice Cream

4 Political debating is on the T.V. and the remote is juuussst outta reach. What do you do?

Lurch towards the remote sacrificing dignity, change the channel anything to make the pain stop



Connie Vining and Paige Forsyth, Nursing BNZ

1 What do you do to relax?

Hang out with Friends, chilling out with the Boyfriend; the gym.

2 You and your flatmate are watching telly and eating, you notice the last chocolate biscuit in the packet, what do you do?

Leave it there.

3 Favourite food?

Pasta

4 Political debating is on the T.V. and the remote is juuussst outta reach. What do you do?

Lurch towards the remote sacrificing dignity, change the channel anything to make the pain stop.

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A
JOB FOR 2012?**

SANITI will be looking for a NEW Student President!
This is a varied and exciting job. You will work with Students and Staff and make a real difference to Student Life at NMIT.

You have to be an enrolled student at NMIT. For a Job Description and/or Application Form, please contact the SANITI office for more information.

EVENTS

MATARIKI 2011

SANITI in conjunction with NMIT saw in Matariki – the Māori New Year! Matariki is the constellation of stars which appears around the end of May or beginning of June every year, It's also known as the Pleiades star cluster or Seven Sisters. The rising of Matariki has traditionally been an important time of year for Māori as it signaled new beginnings for crops and a time of planting. In keeping with this new year tradition, the Department of Conservation and SANITI gifted native seedlings, including rātā, ponga, tītoki, and horoeka to students. Nowadays, Matariki is celebrated by some people with a gathering of whānau and friends for a feast. SANITI served kaimoana, sausages, coleslaw and hash browns in fresh bread rolls to honor the Māori New Year. Sealord kindly donated the crumbed fish. Thank you to Sealord and the Department of Conservation for their support of Matariki.



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SOUP DAYS

SANITI helped students fend off the winter chills and blues with free gourmet soup lunches made by Nelson chef students at the Nelson lunches and by Ginko Café for Blenheim Students. Flavours included minestrone, tangy tomato, pea & ham and beef & vegetable.



TASMAN MAKOS

SANITI has teamed up with the Tasman Makos to make it easier for students to attend the Makos home games! Tickets are now only \$10 per ticket for NMIT Students.

Furthermore, if you organise a group of 15 NMIT mates to go to a Tasman Makos home game, then you will receive a FREE TICKET! All you have to do is write down your mates tickets numbers and email them to marketing. saniti@xtra.co.nz

WIN MAKOS TICKETS!!

SANITI are also holding competitions to win free tickets on our Facebook Page. Join us and follow us on Facebook to be into **WIN A DOUBLE PASS** to a home game: www.facebook.com/sanitinz

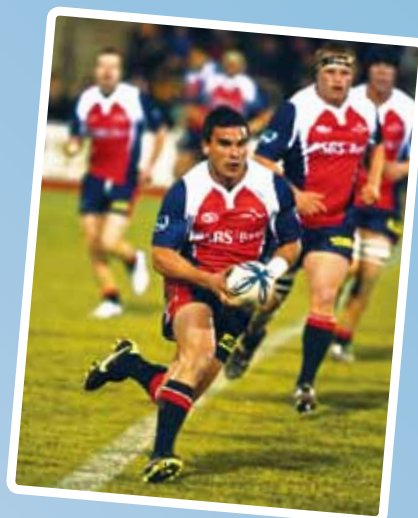
Tickets can be purchased from the following outlets, remember to show your NMIT Student ID card in order to receive your special discount.

Blenheim Ticket Outlets:

The Marlborough Civic Theatre
New World Blenheim

Nelson Ticket Outlets:

Nelson i-site centre
Nelson School of Music
New World Stoke
New World Nelson



MAKOS 2011 HOME GAMES

Sunday, 24 July, 2.35pm

Friday, 5 August, 6pm

Tuesday, 16 August, 7.35pm

Sunday, 21 August, 4.35pm

Thursday, 25 August, 7.35pm

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MARLBOROUGH CAMPUS SOUP DAYS

Marlborough students were treated to yummy hot soup made by the fabulous team from Gingko Café twice during the second term. On both occasions the crock pots were emptied within half an hour! SANITI is looking forward to bringing you more soup during the cold winter days. Look out for the posters on campus or ask your Programme Rep for when the next soup day is!



PRO REP MEETING

The next Programme Representative meeting will be held at 12^{pm} on the 16th of August on Marlborough Campus.

A free lunch will be provided. Contact Rachel for more information.

WOODBOURNE BBQ

A small group of Woodbourne students were treated to an enormous number of bbq'd sausages to celebrate the end of term two. Student Prez Rachel reckons it is the only time she's seen left over sausages at a Woodbourne event!



WANT TO TALK TO THE STUDENT TO YOUR STUDENT PRESIDENT?

- A friendly ear to hear any issues you're facing
- Independent advocacy and support
- StudyLink and WINZ issues
- Academic and enrolment issues
- Complaint procedures
- Programme Reps and SANITI Executive
- International student support
- Referrals to the SANITI Advocate and Agencies that can help
- or just a general chit chat!



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AUGUST

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Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th
Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th

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or just rock up to the Marlborough Campus Learning Hub

NEW VICE PRESIDENT AT SANITI

Scott Tambisari is the new Vice President of SANITI, elected at a meeting of the SANITI Executive on 17th June. Scott is a first year Bachelor of Commerce student, having returned to Nelson to study after a few years overseas working in International Education, playing rugby and seeing the world. Scott is also a member of the NMIT Academic Board, which oversees academic developments and quality at NMIT.



SCOTT TAMBISARI

BUDGET DISAPPOINTS

SANITI is disappointed with changes to the Student Loan Scheme as outlined in Budget 2011.

"Students saw Budget 2011 as an opportunity to lift their living standards through increased access to the student allowance", says SANITI Student President Rachel Boyack. "Instead, all

they got was more cuts through reduced access to student loans."

"Students are focused on up skilling and becoming valuable members of the New Zealand work force, and need to be supported by the Government and future beneficiaries of their talents and skills."

TRAINEE PILOTS DISADVANTAGED IN BUDGET 2011

Over 600 future student pilots nationwide will be disadvantaged by changes to the Student Loan scheme in 2012, which signals the exclusion of solo flight hours from the scheme.

SANITI Student President Rachel Boyack, who represents over half of the current student pilots in New Zealand, said that talented young pilots with potential for success in the industry may now have the door closed to their training.

"Each student will need a slightly different number of hours to complete their solo time, but our initial calculations suggest a cost of at least \$25,000 for each student that won't be funded through student loans", Rachel Boyack said. "This will seriously limit access to pilot training in New Zealand."

Industry and users of aviation services in New Zealand, including the general public, should be concerned about such changes.

"A pure market approach will restrict aviation pilot training to those who can afford it, rather than those who are likely to be successful pilots", Rachel Boyack said.

"Alternatively, some students will source personal bank loans with high interest rates, further adding to their already large student loan debts".

Following the reaction from students, industry and flight training providers, Minister for Tertiary Education Hon Steven Joyce has given stakeholders until 21 July 2011 to provide alternative funding proposals. Rachel Boyack says that SANITI is actively lobbying the government for a better deal for Aviation students.

PART TIME AND OLDER STUDENTS TARGETED UNFAIRLY IN BUDGET

From 2013 students aged over 55 will lose access to weekly Student Loan living costs, while part time students will no longer be able to claim for course related costs.

Student President Rachel Boyack says that cutting access to loans for essential course related costs will hurt part time students who can't afford to study full time for family or health reasons. "Part time students still have resourcing costs such as transport, text books, printing, uniforms and computer equipment", Rachel Boyack said. "We already have many students struggling to make ends meet. These changes will make it even tougher financially for our part time students."

Rachel Boyack says that limiting access for students over 55 is discriminatory and short-sighted. NMIT has about 240 students who are aged over 55 studying towards qualifications. Some are second chance learners who are up skilling for improved employment opportunities. Others are returning to the workforce, such as women who have spent significant time raising children.

"Students aged over 55 still have extensive years of working time left in their lives", said Rachel Boyack. "Cutting access to the student allowance or living costs would be short-sighted and discriminate against those students who are not asset-rich. Unlike our parliamentarians who make the laws, very few mature students have a large nest egg they can tap into for things like tertiary education."

"The right to education and access to tertiary education is an important part of who we are as New Zealanders, and these changes will limit those rights for an important group of students in our society", Rachel Boyack said.

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AVIATION STUDENTS FLY TO NEW HEIGHTS AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE



SANITI hosted The New Zealand Student Pilot Conference, in conjunction with NMIT Aviation and major sponsor The National Bank, Nelson, for the eighth year in a row on the 12th till the 14th July at NMIT Nelson Campus. Student Pilots from NMIT providers as far afield as Auckland,

Hamilton and Dunedin attended the three day event. This year saw SANITI arranging 29 aviation leaders and expert speakers at the three day conference, which nearly 100 Students attended.

The theme of this year's conference was "Winging It", the theme was developed as the conference provided students with the necessary direction, advice and stepping stones to fly into employment. Trainee pilots were linked with aviation experts and employers. Employers who attended the conference also used it as a talent identification and recruitment opportunity. The RNZAF Squadron-Leader spoke to the students about a life in the New Zealand Airforce and Squadron-Leader Glenn Davis had a stall there, which was extremely popular with Students.

The first day of the conference saw aviation industry leaders speaking to the students, such as, Carlton Campbell from the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and Richard Elwin from The Education Commission (TEC). The highlight of the first day's proceedings for the SANITI staff was their team 'Air SANITI' winning the bar quiz at Fern Lodge!

The second day of the conference involved speakers such as, Bob Feasey from the Aviation Industry Authority (AIA) and Mark Woodhouse, an Air New Zealand 747 Long-Haul Flight Pilot and General Manager of Waypoints Aviation. Mark Woodhouse highlighted the importance, of Student's attending the conference as "The only consistent factor in aviation is change". Woodhouse, not only stressed the importance of the conference but is keen to ensure that it is continued next year and beyond.

The inSANITI games were another popular event at the conference. Students were put into teams and given challenges such as, constructing a paper plane to fly the furthest; creating human pyramids, as well as having to navigate themselves around the campus using aeronautical directions. The winners of each challenge went away with a \$25 voucher for Fern Lodge Bar and Restaurant! Huge thank you for Fern Lodge for their continued support and effort, including providing accommodation and meals for all the Students!

The final day of the conference, saw fixed wing students and rotary students being separated into breakout sessions. Rotary students visited NZ Helicopters and had a



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chance to look around their base and fleet. They also heard from Summit Rescue Helicopter Pilot Jared Colbourne and visited the Nelson Control Tower.

Fixed wing students benefited greatly from a four hour Air New Zealand Group breakout session, which included Captain Dave Love, Captain Chris Kriechbaum, Captain Chris Mortimer and Captain Mike Ford speaking about such topics as, the life of a long-haul pilot and advice for gaining employment with Air New Zealand amongst other hot topics. Air New Zealand Aviation Institute sponsored the afternoon and the breakout session. Captain Dave Love stated that "attending the conference gave them the opportunity to communicate directly with a large group of potential future employees". He also praised the conference for addressing the real issue for student pilots of how to improve their flying hours and make themselves more attractive for potential employees.

SANITI fully funded the conference for the Students which included meals, accommodation and registration. Two programme reps from each provider were funded in with the remainder of students funding their own travel to and from the conference. Unfortunately, thunder storms and low freezing temperatures meant that due to safety reasons not all registered students were able to fly in to the conference.

The conference ended on Thursday night with a formal dinner at Little India. A big thanks to Little India for hosting 100 hungry students and speaker. Little India provided an endless and delicious Indian Buffet.



THANK YOU TO THE SPONSORS AND SPEAKERS

This year's conference would not have been possible without the sponsorship and generous support from major sponsors NMIT Aviation and The National Bank. SANITI was also very fortunate to receive financial support from Associate Sponsors; AIA, Air New Zealand Aviation Institute, NZALPA, Metservice, RNZAF, ASL, Waypoints Aviation, Flight Test NZ and Ardmore Flying School. New Zealand Aviation News generously provided all conference attendees with a copy of the latest Aviation News Newspaper - which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



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OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

VOS sees what it can find in the local op shops.

What makes a great outfit? Do you know? Does anyone? If Lady Gaga can wear cuts of BBQ meat and be told she's awesome, why can't you put on stretch pants, high heels and a glittering boob tube and not have people ask you where you strip at?

Style like religion and politics can be deeply personal, and just like religion and politics there are always crazies but it's never short of people with opinions. Trinny Woodall and Susannah Constantine of Trinny and Susannah *What Not to Wear* made a career and became hugely famous on boot camping poor clueless English women on their clothing choices.

It was brutal and frankly at times terrifying (case in point the bit where they shove them in the room made of surround mirrors), but if I'm gonna be honest, I loved it. Mostly because as bad as I think I am, there are other people worse off, according to Trinny and Susannah.

Personally I ascribe to a very basic fashion convictions,

- If getting dressed reminds your friends of toothpaste going back into a tube, it's too tight. Take it off. Right now, if you can. If you can't get some help. Seriously.
- If you have to ask yourself if something's age or event appropriate, then you shouldn't be wearing it. End of story.
- Lots of loose, ill fitting clothing isn't comfy; it's what a walking washing pile looks like.
- Unless you're a department store, putting "everything" on display is just a bad bad idea.
- Matching bottoms and tops can wait until your retired or in a nursing home, whichever come first.

Anything stained, be it food or other mystery substances is a no go. And FINALLY; having dodged all the bullets, there's one really important thing to remember about dressing:

- Whatever you chose to wear, wear it with confidence! This can be a saver. Frankly if your going to push through the pain and do any of the above things or wear sandals and socks, you should do it with panache. (which incidentally is not a french pastry. In fact it means someone who has "a certain style, flamboyance and courage")

So now that you know what to wear or not to as the case may be, there's one more hurdle to get across and let's face it quality costs, this is true of many of things and especially clothes. But what if you don't have the coinage to fund an expensive wardrobe. Then maybe op shopping is the way for you. If you are a bit squeamish about second hand goods you could in fact be missing out on bargains.

We asked two staff members to case the local op shops and come up with some outfits, photos of which are pictured on this page.





Pip's Tip's

SANITI Advocate Pip provides some helpful tips.

Let's face it most of our money doesn't go down the toilet following a good night out! It goes to the BIG FOUR: Shelter, Food, Clothing, Warmth - OH actually FIVE: transport! This year has been a particularly tough one for students and we at SANITI feel your pain! Below are some tips for making your budget go a little bit further.

TENANCY AND RENTAL

Most of all of our money goes on where we live, so seriously consider all the options when deciding on this one – living where you share costs with a larger number of people works out cheaper than living with less people. Another tip is to be aware that if YOU sign the Tenancy Agreement then YOU are financially liable for the condition of the property. That's why we advise you to ensure you've gone around the property with the landlord/house owner prior to signing anything and mark any damage on a diagram of the property or in writing. Another suggestion is to not hold back from requesting lower rent or a rent holiday?? Give it a go ... They can only say no!

- A tenant can get a flatmate, as long as they're not exceeding the maximum amount of residents stated in the Tenancy Agreement. Remember, having a flatmate is not subletting. More people less money.
- There is nothing to stop tenants from trying to negotiate an agreement to lower rent or have a rent "holiday" with their landlord. Verbal variations to the tenancy are binding, but we strongly recommend any of these arrangements are put in writing.
- There is also no reason why you cannot approach your landlord and ask whether any work can be done in lieu of rent. Once again get any agreement in writing.

If you want to discuss approaching your landlord or any other tenancy issue, contact a SANITI member or contact the Department of Building and Housing. Check out the information pages or email them an enquiry on their website: www.dbh.govt.nz

GROCERY SHOPPING – Shop wisely by:

- Planning ahead with your meals and make a shopping list for your meal plan for the week
- Buy staples in bulk i.e. rice, pasta, potatoes

- Look for specials and cheaper brands
- Make your own rather than buy ready made
- Buy fresh produce that's in season – it is always cheapest so eat with the season. For instance in winter go for broccoli, cabbage, spinach, kiwifruit, apples, citrus fruit and sweet potatoes and in spring look for avocados, asparagus, baby salad greens and fresh green beans...
- Try to really use those things up that are tucked in the back of the cupboard or fridge in an effort to not waste money.

CLOTHING - Great second hand options exist now with Trade Me and of course there is a wide range of second hand clothing options in Nelson. See page 14.

HEATING (also Phone/Internet deals) – hunt around and go to: www.consumer.org.nz for the current best deals by different providers and best products for your buck.

Save energy where you can. Get tips for this by checking out the EECA Energywise link: <http://www.energywise.govt.nz/how-to-be-energy-efficient>

TRANSPORT – Cars are expensive beasts, but once again there are ways to make them run cheaper like not using them as a garage and carrying around the whole crew's sports equipment constantly. Also driving at a consistent speed conserves fuel. Once again the EECA Energywise link above has some awesome tips.

Also remember if things are desperately tight and you are in need of some support or advice around making ends meet come into SANITI. We have ways of making things easier!!!



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Awesome store with great vintage garb.

Nelson Recycling Centre

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Nelson Sunday Market

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Salvation Army Family Store

16a Scott Street, Blenheim
(by Chequers Cafe)
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Bread of Life Centre

Have resources such as Blankets, sheets etc Students can access food parcels via this service in cases of serious hardship 14b Stephenson st
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The Blue Door

53 Charles Street, Blenheim
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NEW STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM MEMBER



**New Student Advisor
International Lesley**

The Team are pleased to welcome Lesley to work alongside them and with Learning Services, to offer assistance and support to enhance the student experience and enable them to achieve their goals at NMIT.

Lesley has escaped the shaky ground of Christchurch and prior to arriving here in Nelson was Marketing Coordinator for University of Canterbury and also worked with the international marketing team at UC. Lesley's role is that of Student Advisor International, partnering Marie to be the first point of contact for international students; helping them adjust to living and studying in Nelson. The international team provide homestay accommodation for international students; orientation and on-going pastoral care to maximise their student experience and success at NMIT.

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COURSE PROFILE

NMIT'S STOAT AND POSSUM SLAYERS

The 2011 Youth Guarantees Class have been learning new skills and using their newly attained skills to benefit the local community and to help protect our native flora and fauna! Lecturer Amanda Kerr has developed and launched a Stoat and Possum Trapping Programme as part of the Youth Guarantees Programme.

The Possum programme saw all of the students putting their own money in to purchase materials to build possum traps. The students conducted market research to find the most efficient style of possum trap to make. The students then produced a business proposal and secured a contract with Rabbit Island, which means they are now in charge of Rabbit Island's possum eradication program.

The Brook Sanctuary came to NMIT Nelson Campus and taught the students how to build stoat traps. The stoat traps have been gifted to The Brook Sanctuary, to help make the sanctuary pest free. Students said you have to be cautious of your fingers when making and handling the traps!

Lucy Funaki caught up with the Youth Guarantees Boys and interviewed them.

What do you like about the course?

We really like the team environment. We always work with a team orientation and we work well together as a group. Also enjoy doing possum traps, as we get to go to Rabbit Island and clear the traps every morning and then re-set them. We collect the possum fur from the possums we catch and sell it. The money collected gets saved and used for a class event at the end of the year. We call ourselves the Possum Slayers!

It is important to eradicate the possums as they are wrecking our native trees and animals. In one night Possums can kill up to 20 000 ton of native bush in New Zealand.

What do you like about the youth guarantee scheme?

It gives us another chance, as we left the mainstream education system. It also gives us something positive to do. We actually want to come to the course everyday and wake up looking forward to going to class every day.

It puts you out of your comfort zone, as do activities you would never normally do. We highly recommend doing the course, it is much better than school. You also get to meet new people and our tutor is awesome.

What are some of the things you have done in the course?

Sign language, carpentry, literacy, first aid, fitness, computer skills, kayaking in the Abel Tasman.

What do you want to do when you finish the course?

Some want to be an apprentice engineer and one wants to work on a fishing boat and eventually become a skipper.

As a result of completing the Youth Guarantees Course, the options are endless for the students. The world is their oyster!



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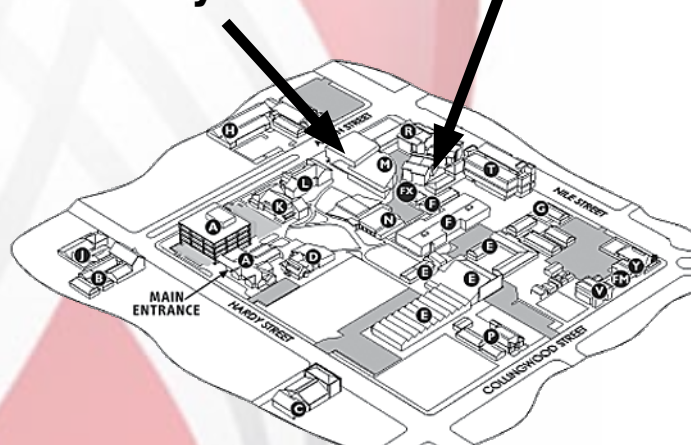


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BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE

Have you been wondering why there are houses being built near the NMIT Nelson Carpark? Lucy Funaki caught up with William Marsden and Orion Lalor, Carpentry Students who are currently building a pre-sold one bedroom relocatable home. As part of the Certificate in Carpentry, Students are building relocatable houses which once completed are for sold to the public. Any profit made from the sale of the houses is formed into Trade Scholarships by the Nelson Polytechnic Education Society to provide more members of the community to complete the course.

WILLIAM MARSDEN:

What motivated you to join the course?

I was offered an apprenticeship and was required to complete this course prior to taking up the apprenticeship, in order to ensure that I was up to speed.

What do you like about the course?

It's hands on and you have to think on the spot. No two days are the same.

What do you do in your course?

Learn how to use electric and manual hand tools. As well as learn how to build and make horses, tool and nail boxes. We are currently building a house, which we learn how to do step by step. At the moment we are learning how to build the walls and cladding of a house.

The course is awesome as we actually get to build a house which gets sold and actually lived in!

Any advice to future students?

Carpentry is one of the only jobs where you get to stop, turnaround and actually appreciate what you have done. It is very satisfying work, I really like it as you get to see the progress of your work every day.

ORION LALOR

What motivated you to join the course?

I didn't enjoy my last job, which was an inside office job and wanted to do something more outdoors.

What do you like about the course?

I really like the cool people who I'm completing the course with. Also like the fact that carpentry allows you to be creative and use your brain.

What skills have you developed through the course?

Hand and power tool skills, how to safely use the equipment and to get the best results from the tools. Maths skills, such as how to read and implement building plans.

Advice for other students or people interested in the course?

It is a really good opportunity to do lots of things you wouldn't normally get the opportunity to do on a building site. It is also a really practical and comprehensive course, especially for DIY fans.



TRAINEE RANGER'S GRADUATE

Congratulations to the June 2010 intake of Trainee Rangers who graduated on the 24th June 2011 at NMIT Nelson Campus. The Students have developed and are qualified in a range of skills including: Department of Conservation (DOC) Field Administration and Public Relations, Fencing and Chainsaw Skills as well as First Aid in the outdoors. We are lucky to have such talented and qualified graduates looking after New Zealand's flora and fauna.





So here we are in what is generally considered the coldest months of the year. Venturing out into the brisk winter weather is done only as a necessity. But what happens when we become starved for entertainment? (Which for me is about every five minutes) When New Zealand television only offer so much and the antics of your family and friends no longer sparks your interest. To the cinema I say, to the cinema!

Most towns in NZ will see you having a couple of choices, those being Hoyts or Rialto. For a very small portion of us there exists another option, namely independent cinema. Where I live the local cinema is State 6 cinema. So on a cold night - so cold in fact I almost didn't leave the house! - I wandered down the road to see what was on.

And as it happens, State 6 was celebrating 75 years of entertaining the public, and as part of the celebration the cinema has brought back a number of amazing movies spanning eight decades of cinema, among those were such classics as *The Maltese Falcon*, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, *Singin in the Rain*, the Kiwi classic *Footrot Flats A Dogs Tale* and *the Piano*. They also encouraged a group of young movie makers with a showing of their own short films, something that proved so popular an extra screening was put on.

Stepping in from the blustery June weather, there is certainly a festive feeling in the air. The staff are getting into the swing of things sporting costumes reflective of the different era.

But what to see, what to see, looking around I notice that (apart from the 75th celebration material) one movie appears prominently. The keenly awaited final instalment of Harry Potter and the Deathly Hollows, showing in 3D or 2D.

If you're not a fan of Harry Potter don't go to this movie, this is a movie that has attracted diehard fans of all ages. Sitting in the audience there is a palatable sense of anticipation, to my right there is a gran and her four grand kids, on the left a teenage couple. Listening to them talk I quickly ascertain that both groups have read the book.

What strikes me the most about this movie is how much the main characters have grown up. Seriously. In the first movie Harry looks about five, there is a noticeable change in all of them the most astounding is that of Neville Longbottom played by Matthew Lewis. In the first couple of movies he was child size like the rest of the cast. However about two or three movies in he shot up to be the tallest. Having seen all the movies and watched the cast grow up, for me there is a certain amount of emotional investment with them.

The last couple of books in the series a much grimmer than the rest and this is also true of the movies, it'll be interesting to see how the actors make the jump to main stream movie. The hard thing about being in this movie will be seeing them as anything else.

All things aside, I'm just a little sad to know that J K Rowling won't be writing any more.



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