

Monash University Biological Society

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1.0 Welcome back - BBQ today! (30 July, 1-2pm)

Welcome, everyone, to a bright new semester at university! We have some new members, which is exciting, and of course we look forward to seeing the rest of you energised and refreshed at our upcoming events. To welcome you all and to promote some of the exciting things planned for the semester, we are holding a BBQ on the **Boob Lawn** from **1-2pm** today! Swing by, say hello, bring your friends and enjoy some tasty drinks and food, including sausages and veggie burgers. For any of you newbies who are unsure of where to find this so-called Boob Lawn, look for us

on the lawn between Building 25 and the first-year chemistry labs. You'll know why it's named what it is when you get there.

2.0 Careers Festival (2 August)

Many of you may have already picked up a free lollipop somewhere around campus, with something related to a Careers Festival on the wrapper. You may have wondered what it's actually all about. Well, here are your answers.

The Careers Festival is a fantastic chance to learn about available work opportunities, meet employers, and get feedback and advice on how to put yourself forward in the competitive work environment. The event is held in **Building 1 (Monash Sport)**, with numerous organisations attending to promote job opportunities.

This event isn't just for those about to graduate—all students from all disciplines and year-levels are highly encouraged to attend. After all, casual and part-time employment opportunities, as well as internships, are included as part of the festival. At the festival, you'll also get the chance to:

- Practise your networking technique and get feedback from an employer at the festival
- Drop in to get feedback on your resume and/or cover letter from our staff

For more information and to register attendance visit:

<http://careers.monash.edu.au/students-grads/events/summer-vacation-fair.html>

3.0 Other upcoming Careers-related events

3.1 Professional Transitions Science

Prepare yourself for the transition from Monash science graduate to professional employee by completing this certificated program.

A combination of practical activities and discussion, this program will build confidence in career planning, finding work in science, developing a professional profile and writing job applications. You will have the opportunity to tailor your resume for jobs in science and practise interview skills.

The program comprises 6 one-hour sessions covering the topics below. Each session will be held on a *Thursday from 1.00 - 2.00pm at Clayton Campus, Building 25, Lecture Theatre S1.*

To receive 'Professional Transitions Science Certificate 2011' you *need to attend all 5 of the remaining sessions:*

- Thur 4 Aug: [Finding work](#)
- Thur 11 Aug: [Present as a professional](#)
- Thur 25 Aug: [Cover letters](#)
- Thur 1 Sep: [Resumes that get noticed](#)
- Thur 8 Sep: [Interviews: What to say and how to say it](#)

To take part in this program, *book in and bring your Monash student ID card* to each session. Visit <http://www.monash.edu.au/news/events/show/professional-transitions-science-program> for more information.

3.2 Science Industry Night (15 August, 6.00 - 8.30pm)

The Science Industry Night provides science students with the opportunity to:

- Learn about the diverse range of careers in science
- Hear from employers and Monash alumni about science jobs
- Ask questions about working in the industry
- Network with employers, industry guests and Monash alumni

As with the careers festival, students from all year-levels are highly encouraged to attend. There will be representatives from a diverse range of industries and the best way to find out what's out there when you finish university it to hear it from these people.

More information is available at: <http://careers.monash.edu.au/students-grads/events/science-night.html>

4.0 Regent Honeyeater Tree Planting Weekends (August & September)

The 2012 planting season at Lurg is already underway, and we have all been invited to join Ray and the Regent Honeyeater team as they restore another 25 habitat sites for threatened species. The dates for the tree planting weekends, as mentioned in the previous newsletters, are as follows:

- August 11 - 12
- August 25 - 26
- September 8 - 9
- September 22 - 23

Getting there: The Biological Society will be organising carpooling two and from the beautiful Lurg Hills, where the planting will take place.

Accommodation: Free sleeping quarters provided at Benalla Scout and Guide Halls. Mattresses supplied & small kitchen facilities available. BYO sleeping bag & pillow. Hot showers at Benalla Leisure Caravan Park, \$3.

What to Bring: Sun-screen, hat, boots or sturdy shoes, long trousers, gloves, rain jacket, hand-trowel.

Meals: Free meals are provided for Saturday dinner and Sunday lunch. BYO lunch for Saturday (in the field) and breakfast for Sunday

Activities (besides tree planting): Bush dance on Saturday night for the energetic. Wildflower & ecology walk on Sunday afternoon, in some of our best bush remnants. See the fantastic growth in some of our older sites, a decade or more after planting.

Remember to **sign up** for the event at our website: <http://www.biologicalsociety.com.au>. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact us.

Also remember to like the Regent Honeyeater Project on Facebook! <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Regent-Honeyeater-Project/396903907025664>

5.0 Environmental Industry Mixer Night (28 August)

Exciting news, everyone - a date has now been set for the Environmental Industry night this year: **Tuesday 28 August**.

For those of you who don't know, the Environmental Industry Mixer Night is a mini-careers event organised and run by student organisations, including the Monash Biological Society. It is an evening targeted at 2nd-year, 3rd-year and postgraduate students studying an environmental discipline. This includes environmental science (chemistry, geology, geography and biology) and environmental engineering (sustainable technologies, water, civil). The event aims to bring students together with employers from organisations with an interest in recruiting graduates from these disciplines. It also helps to expose students to key players in the environmental sector, give you a better awareness of graduate opportunities and also give you the opportunity to build networks.

We'll be sure to keep you updated with the details as soon as they are confirmed. Keep a close eye out!

6.0 Volunteering/Work opportunities

5.1 Abalone Project

From Kathleen Hayes

Anybody want to help out a poor, struggling grad student?

I need another pair of hands for my project on sampling abalone, no experience or scientific knowledge required.

I can offer you free accommodation, dinner and my eternal gratitude.

The project is based down in Indented Heads, about a 2 hour drive from Melbourne. Due to the structure of the experiments I drive down there about 10 on one day and then drive back about 1pm the following day, staying overnight in accommodation in Ocean's Grove.

I will be going down on Tuesday morning and coming back Wednesday afternoon most weeks for the next 6 months so if anyone could help me out even for just one of those weeks it would be greatly appreciated.

I can change Tuesday-Wednesday to Wednesday-Thursday or Thursday-Friday if necessary.

Any questions email me at kath.hayes@live.com

5.2 Teach for Australia

Teach for Australia is an ambitious social movement working to confront educational disadvantage in Australia. www.teachforaustralia.org

Mission: To confront educational disadvantage by transforming outstanding individuals into exceptional teachers and inspirational leaders, who will shape the educational destiny of their students, and become future leaders with an influential voice in Australia's educational dialogue.

Company Overview: "Our vision is of an Australia where all children, regardless of background or social circumstance, are given the best chance to grasp their opportunity in the classroom and achieve their full potential.

We help do this by transforming outstanding individuals into exceptional teachers and inspirational leaders, who will shape the educational destiny of their students, and become future leaders with an influential voice in Australia's educational dialogue."

Teach for Australia is currently in its second round of recruitment for 2012. If you're interested, or even just want to know a little more about the program, be sure to check out the following:

Information Session

Thursday August 9

1-2pm

Lecture Theatre L2, Building 12

On campus drop-in

Register here to meet up with alumni on campus for a coffee: <https://teachforaus.doodle.com/dhccqr6e3v5gc8dy>

Applications close August 19.

6.0 Our Website and Facebook Page

Website - <http://www.biologicalsociety.com.au>

Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/groups/5414408187/>

Enquiries - enquiries@biologicalsociety.com.au

Event Registration: <http://www.biologicalsociety.com.au/events.html>