



# CSU IT Newsletter, May Edition

Hi,

Phew! – if you could look into our office you would see some very tired administration staff because we received a total of 307 applications for the last intake which is 108% up on the previous year and 42% higher than our previous record. As the person in charge of marketing, I would like to be able to say the rise was the result of a brilliant marketing program but the truth is that one of the key factors was not in our Marketing plan – see the item on [Youtube below](#)

**cheers,**  
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Chief Executive Officer - IT Masters Pty Ltd

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## MMIT Prize winner

Congratulations to Ron McLay for winning the prize as the top performing graduate in the Master of Management (Information Technology). Ron achieved 3 High Distinctions and 3 Distinctions as well as achieving the Project Manager Professional (PMP), ITIL Foundation and ITIL Operational Support and Analysis qualifications industry certifications. This was Ron's first university course, although he has worked for more than 20 years in the IT industry and is currently the IT Services Manager at the Australian Human Rights Commission.

*"I was worried about how I would cope with Academic study and spent 3 years building up the courage to take the plunge. The tipping point came when I did [Transition to University Study](#) subject from the [CSU's STUDYLINK section](#). The subject was fantastic and really set me up for the success I achieved in my master degree.*

*I really enjoyed the study and, although I initially thought that some of the subjects might not be relevant to my work, I found every subject both relevant and interesting. This study has given me new confidence and an ability to manage and think more effectively. Not having undertaken tertiary study before, I was a quite concerned that I might not have 'what it takes' to study, but I guess my results prove otherwise!"*



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## Are you eligible? How much credit would you qualify for?

Fill out the online form at <http://www.itmasters.edu.au/AmlEligible.aspx> and we will get back to you with answers to these and any other questions you may have.

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# Visit us at CeBIT

With over 550 premier exhibitors and 37,000 delegates, CeBIT is the must-attend event for seeing all the latest and greatest new technologies and getting access to the industry's decision-makers. We will be raffling one of our infamous motorised eskies at CeBIT so call in and register at the Charles Sturt University Booth: Booth number i32 in the Skills Alley section.

You can also gain free entry to CeBIT by using the process below.

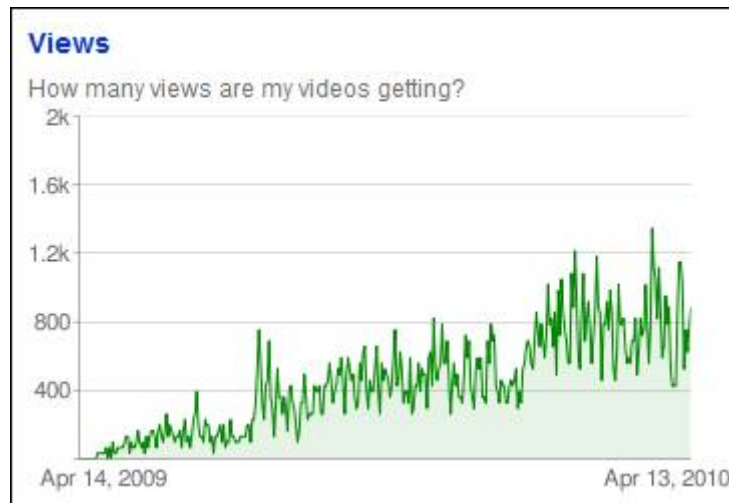
1. Go to [www.mycebit.com.au](http://www.mycebit.com.au)
2. Fill in your registration details
3. Enter the Charles Sturt University promotional code: **charca10**



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## Youtube attracting over 1000 visitors per day



Our Lecturer – Marco Digarno – puts revision topics and subject introductions from his subjects up on Youtube. The recordings have gone 'viral' with 157,000 views of Marco's Youtubes in the last 12 months and he believes he can double this number in the second year. Below is an example of some of the comments that visitors to Marco's Youtube channel are putting up:

*"Real teachers (i.e., those that truly enjoy teaching) are a very rare breed indeed. I have met only two teachers (in sixty years of learning) who could elicit joy and excitement about learning. Your short online ITIL courses actually make ITIL (a relatively dry topic) quite enjoyable and (more importantly) fun to learn. I hope other teachers discover your site and learn from your example....keep up the great work!"*

Go to <http://www.youtube.com/user/IsleBeeBach> to see a collection of Marco's videos

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## Wagga Graduation



On the 14th of April, twenty-one of our Masters students and their families made the trip to Wagga Wagga to graduate at Charles Sturt University's annual graduation ceremony. The ceremony was followed by a tasting of the University's famous wines and cheeses, with the acting Dean of the Faculty of Business – Associate Professor Ken Dillon – presenting Graduates with their IT Masters graduation jackets.

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# IT Research @CSU

The most prolific researcher I have met is the Lecturer who runs our industry Digital Forensics Subjects – [Dr Craig Wright](#). In addition to running his own business, delivering weekly Webinars to our Digital Forensics students and studying for his second Doctorate, Craig has presented submissions to deliver papers at the following conferences over the next 12 months:

- [GC10 Globecomm 2010](#) (USA)
- [SCN Conference on Security and Cryptography for Networks 12](#) (Italy)
- [NSS International Conference on network and System Security](#) (Melbourne)
- [ACM CCS ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security](#) (USA)
- [ProvSec International Conference on Provable Security](#) (Malaysia)
- [IWSEC International Workshop on Security](#) (Japan)
- [ICIS International Conference on Information Systems](#) (USA)
- [ISSRE International Symposium on Software Reliability Engineering](#) (USA)
- [HICSS Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences](#) (USA)

Some of topics of Craig's submissions include:

- Software, Vendors and Reputation: an analysis of the dilemma in creating secure software.
- Current issues and liability facing Internet Intermediaries.
- Rationally opting for the insecure alternative: Negative externalities and the selection of security controls
- Cybercrime Specialisation as a Corollary of Rational Choice
- Modelling System Audit as a Sequential test with Discovery as a Failure Time Endpoint
- A quantitative analysis into the economics of testing software bugs

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## The Virtual Classroom delivering on the hype

In our last Newsletter, I reported that James Conroy had achieved 100% in his ITIL exam. Our latest group of ITIL students went 'two' better: every single student passed the ITIL® V3 Service Capability – Release, Control & Validation industry certification exam and two students received a perfect score in the exam. The current international pass-rate for this exam is 82% and the performance of the students has again demonstrated the potential of the virtual classroom to match, and even exceed, the traditional face to face classroom.

If you would like to get a feel for how we deliver industry subjects in the virtual classroom, click here:



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## PMI Scholarship Winners

Congratulations to Todd Charge and Gary Cross for winning the 2010 Project Management Institute Scholarships. The Scholarships are awarded annually by the Sydney Chapter for students undertaking studies in Project Management at Charles Sturt University.

Garry and Todd were awarded with their Scholarships by the President of the PMI Sydney Chapter – Ms Leigh Moyle - in front of 160 Project Managers at the Sydney Chapter Event on the 28th April.

We would like to thank the PMI Sydney Chapter for their invaluable support in getting our PM courses established. PM is currently our fastest growing enrolment area; the level of student interest has allowed us to gradually expand our offerings and we now include a full [Master of Project Management](#).



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