

# STUDENT FEEDBACK



'I love the beauty industry but without the qualifications was stuck in jobs I didn't particularly enjoy to pay the bills. This course was not only affordable but was also achievable for me due to it's flexibility.' **D.Meyers, Beauty Therapy**

'I enjoyed the challenge of having to study at my own pace and I really enjoyed the content of editing and proofreading.' **R.Woodward, Editing & Proofreading**

'This was an extremely organised and efficient study experience for me. I have studied through other correspondence schools in the past and I will definitely be using Lifestyle Learning again. I have done, and will continue to, sing your praises.' **C.Lucas, Beauty Therapy.**

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## Student Details

Don't forget to incorporate your name and student number on any correspondence or payments you send to Lifestyle Learning Direct, including the "Reference" section when completing a direct money deposit either over-the-counter at the bank or via the Internet.

## Submission Deadlines

The submission deadline for the next (March) issue of our newsletter is 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Please address all correspondence to Student Services, *The Knowledge Tree*, PO Box 6944, Gold Coast MC, Qld, 9726, or email info@lifestylelearningdirect.com.

## Your News

Do you have a funny or interesting success story to share with us as a result of your course, or perhaps there's a special reason why you started your course in the first place? We'll publish our favourites in the "Stories to Inspire" or new "Where are they now" section in the next edition of *The Knowledge Tree*. We'll even include a photo if you'd like to send us one.

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# The Knowledge Tree

## STORIES TO INSPIRE

### DREAMS DO COME TRUE!

by *Claudia Bouma*

'A poor person is not one without a penny but one who is without a dream.'

My childhood dream was to become a published writer but it ended up in the-too-hard-box. Yes, other people had writing success but not me, a simple everyday girl from the Netherlands who didn't have anything exciting to share.

I still remember doing the Comprehensive Writing Course as if it was yesterday. It took me more than four years to complete (finished in 2007) and apart from a short article in the *Kindness of Strangers* section of *Reader's Digest* I had no writing success. I felt like a failure...

Then my husband and I decided to fulfil a dream we had shared since we met. We loaded our three young kids in the car and went on the trip-of-a-lifetime, around Oz for two years. During this adventure I pulled my writing dream out of the-too-hard-box and with my husband's encouragement started contacting editors of travel magazines. With shaking hands I sent off my first travel article to the magazine *4x4 Australia*. To my surprise the editor accepted my submission and he was interested in more!

To date I've written 37 articles for *4x4 Australia* and I've also had articles published in *Caravan World*, *Camper Trailer Touring*, *Australian Traveller* and *Camper Trailer Australia*. Recently I was excited to see my first newspaper article in print. The magazine *Practical Parenting* will be publishing a story about my travel with kids in October this year.

I'm now at the stage where I write full-time and I love it! But it took a lot of perseverance, determination and time. I discovered one important thing: dreams exist for a reason, so don't be scared to pursue yours. Just remember, 'a poor person is not one without a penny but one who is without a dream'.



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Just thought I would let you know that I have just self published my first novel.

*No More Secrets, No More Lies* is a cozy crime novel and is published under my nom de plume, Gina Amos. I'd like to acknowledge my tutors from Lifestyle Learning, Fiona Atherton and Michael Pyne for their encouragement and advice.

I have just begun writing a sequel!

**Heather Trussell**



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## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the following two recipients who have been awarded full scholarships:

**Mrs Angela Woolcott** – Poetry Writing

**Ms Crystyl Johnson** – Interior Design & Decoration

Their entries were picked from hundreds of applications as being the people who would benefit most from the full scholarship offer. We wish these new students best of luck with their studies.

## FEEDBACK FROM THE KNOWLEDGE TREE

*The Knowledge Tree* is a good publication to provide a link between the academy and other students.

**April Edwards**

