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2009 Skills Tasmania Conference Launceston Country Club, Prospect 18 & 19 May

When you have a couple of hundred people in a room that work in the same field something good has got to come out of it. Discussion can be the trigger for innovation. Attending our conference will give you the opportunity to contribute to the critical skills development in a resilient economy. Our conference will give you up to the minute information and ideas to improve your operation.

The 2009 conference offers a great range of excellent speakers and workshops and plenty of opportunity for delegates to interact.

Speakers and panel members include:

- Philip Bullock, Chair Skills Australia
- Megan Lilly, Associate Director - Education and Training, Australian Industry Group
- Nicola Morris, General Manager, Van Diemen's Land Company
- Dr Richard Smart, Smart Viticulture
- Dr Reg Allen, CEO, Tasmanian Qualifications Authority
- Dr Tom Karmel, Managing Director, NCVET
- Percy Knight, Chief Executive, Wiradjuri Corporation
- Professor David Adams, Professor of Management and Innovation, UTAS
- Malcolm White, CEO, Tasmanian Skills Institute
- Belinda McLennan, CEO, Tasmanian Polytechnic
- Janelle Allison, Acting Director, Cradle Coast Campus, UTAS
- Mark Callaghan, CEO WorldSkills Australia
- Nikolas Platon, Industrylink Training
- Ricky Langford, Healthy Business Tasmania

Along with *talking heads* there will be interactive workshops with topics from Elearning for your Business, a TCE Practical Workshop and Volunteering Overseas as Part of a Learning Program and as a Graduation Pathway.

Our conference dinner will be an informal gourmet buffet – with special guest Mark Callaghan from WorldSkills Australia

Dates for your Diary

19 Mar	What to expect from an AQTF audit (Devonport)
20 Mar	What to expect from an AQTF audit (Launceston)
20 Mar	2009 Productivity Places Program – request for tender closing
23 Mar	AQTF info session (Hobart)
24 Mar	AQTF info session (Launceston)
26 Mar	Tasmanian Private Provider Network – first meeting (Hobart)
2 Apr	Trainer & Assessor Professional Development workshop (Hobart) – date to be confirmed
20 Apr	What to expect from an AQTF audit (Hobart)
18-19 May	Skills Tasmania Conference 2009 (Launceston)
2 Jun	edna workshop (Launceston)
9 Jun	Trade Training Centres in Schools Program – applications for Round Two close

(www.worldskills.org.au). Hear and see the WorldSkills program in action; how successful Tasmania is on the national stage and Australia on the world stage.

Last year's breakfast was such a success that we thought we'd get you out of bed early for breakfast with Ricky Langford – one of Australia's leading health and wellbeing presenters and performance consultant to the Australian Cricket Team. **Not to be missed - he will re-energise you for the day ahead!**

Conference fees:

\$330 two-day conference, \$80 dinner, \$30 breakfast or \$400 all in.

Special accommodation rates are available at the Country Club and Country Club Villas.

Country Club: \$168

Villas: one bed \$122, two bed \$160 and three bed \$182

All above are room only rates. Phone 1800 139 760 and quote Business block # 269664 at Country Club or block # 269669 at Country Club Villas.

For more information telephone Jacqui Maclaine on (03) 6233 3194 or visit <http://www.skills.tas.gov.au/conference> (please note that this site will not be updated with 2009 information until 19 March).

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Tasmania
Explore the possibilities

Funding for five Tasmanian Trade Training Centres

Premier and Minister for Education and Skills, David Bartlett, last week welcomed the Australian Government's announcement that it will fund five Trade Training Centres in Tasmania as part of the Commonwealth Trade Training Centres in Schools Program initiative.

Trade Training Centres are being established to help increase the proportion of students achieving Year 12 or an equivalent qualification, as well as address skill shortages in traditional trades and emerging industries. Schools will have an opportunity to apply for funding to build new, or upgrade, existing trade or vocational education and training facilities.

In 2008 there were two phases of funding. The successful schools of Round One (Phase Two) of the Trade Training Centres in Schools Program were announced on 5 March 2009. The successful trade training centres in Tasmania are:

- **Bridgewater Regional Trade Training Centre** (lead organisation: Tasmanian Polytechnic – Claremont Campus, and Bridgewater High, Campania District High, Glenora District High, New Norfolk High, Oatlands District High).
- **Dorset Trade Training Centre** (lead organisation: Tasmanian Polytechnic – Newstead Campus, and Scottsdale High, Winnaleah District High).
- **George Town Trade Training Centre** (lead organisation: Tasmanian Polytechnic – Thynes campus, and Port Dalrymple School, Star of the Sea College).
- **Southern Tasmanian Catholic Colleges' Trade Training Centre** (lead organisation: Guildford Young College, and Dominic College, Mackillop College, Mount Carmel College, Sacred Heart College, St James' College, St Mary's College, St Virgil's College).
- **North-West Hair and Beauty Trade Training Centre** (lead organisation: St Brendan Shaw College).

Mr Bartlett said the Tasmanian centres would receive funding of up to \$20.8 million under the program.

"These centres are an important element of the Australian Government's Education Revolution and will provide training and help address skills shortages across a range of areas including building and construction trades, automotive, electrical, metal trades, rural, hairdressing, and forestry," Mr Bartlett said.

"The five centres are the result of collaboration between local schools, the Tasmanian Polytechnic and Skills Tasmania with support from industry, communities and Local Government.

"I want our local communities to be connected to each other and to Government services.

"That's why the State Government has committed to building five new Learning and Information Network Centres around Tasmania and up to 30 Child and Family Centres."

Mr Bartlett said the Tasmanian Polytechnic and Tasmanian Academy were giving young people access to a range of quality education and training pathways.

"These Trade Training Centres will ensure that the range of pathways will be extended, providing greater opportunities for our young people, no matter where they live," Mr Bartlett said.

Applications for Round Two of the Trade Training Centres in Schools Program opened Friday 6 March 2009 and will close on **9 June 2009**. In order to submit an Application Form for Round Two you must have first submitted an Expression of Interest between 31 October 2008 and 12 December 2008.

For more information about the Program visit www.deewr.gov.au/Schooling/TradeTrainingCentres/.

2009 edna workshops tour

edna is Australia's leading online resource collection and collaborative network for the education and training community.

There are lots of new technologies transforming the use of the Internet for education professionals and learners. The upcoming edna workshop in Launceston will provide practical, hands-on professional learning and networking for all sectors of education and training. Sessions cover use of ICT in learning through Moodle (edna Groups and OzProjects), social networking (me.edu.au), web conferencing, e-portfolios, RSS, early childhood education, indigenous education and global education.

Come along and hear our very own Toolbox Champion, Peter Shanks, who will be providing an introduction to rapid course development using locally produced tools and resources. This session will demonstrate how you can quickly assemble and customise a subject outline and curriculum using training packages, trainingo2.net, toolbox objects and flickrCC - ready to import into your moodle learning management system or wiki.

This edna mini-conference will provide educators an exciting opportunity to learn more about these technologies and how to use them. Details are as follows:

Tuesday, 2 June 2009

The University of Tasmania – Launceston Campus

Registration is essential – cost of full day is \$66 per person to cover catering. For further information about the Launceston workshop and to register visit

www.edna.edu.au/edna/go/events/workshops/TAS.

