

# TTA Fast Facts



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## THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

**When your mind is closed and you are not learning, someone somewhere else is and when you meet, if they know more than you, they will win!**

## VETnetwork AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN 2008

Connections, Capacity and Collaboration VETnetwork Australia is the peak body supporting vocational education in schools. The 2008 Conference will bring together VET practitioners from senior secondary schools and colleges, career and enterprise educators, training organisations, university academics, researchers, policy developers, consultants, community programs and industry. The theme for the 2008 conference is Connections, Capacity and Collaboration. The focus will be on pedagogy, strategies for real life learning, case studies and partnerships. The two and a half day national conference is designed to inform and inspire a critical mass of people within the vocational education and training environment to embrace change, explore innovation, achieve success and celebrate enterprise.

A program of optional extras is organised for the afternoon of Thursday 2 October. To register log onto: [www.vetnetwork.org.au](http://www.vetnetwork.org.au)

## GREEN PAPER / CARBON POLLUTION / TRAINING DIRECTION / SUMMARY

The Federal Government has released proposals for a new plan to tackle climate change by reducing carbon pollution. The Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme is a response to climate change that is economically responsible, supports families and prepares Australia for our future challenges.

Senator Penny Wong as Minister for Climate Change and Water has indicated that the Green Paper sets out options and identifies the Government's disposition and preferred on emissions trading and the support proposed to help households and businesses adjust to this economic transformation. At the heart of the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme is emissions trading, in which the Government sets a limit on how much carbon pollution industry can produce, and then the Government sells permits up to that limit, creating an incentive to look for cleaner energy options.

TTA has commenced working with a range of agencies to map out the training implications for tourism and hospitality.

## PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE EVENTS INDUSTRY – TASMANIA

Two training initiatives are helping achieve Tourism Tasmania's goals of emphasising partnerships and creating joint opportunities. The Business Case Approach: Level 1 workshops were the first in a series of industry development activities, which were being presented by Events Tasmania during the next twelve months. The Business Case Approach was developed by the Australia Business Arts Foundation and is a system, which enables organisations to communicate the value of their event to business confidently, and to present powerful business cases.

The ABAF aimed to connect the arts with business, volunteers with projects, and people with knowledge and these workshops are an excellent introduction on how to build such mutually beneficial relationships. Presented in both Launceston and Hobart, the workshops introduce the business case approach and give participants tools to craft their events' specific approach to business.

Events Tasmania is also sponsoring a bursary for a Tasmanian event organiser to attend the Australian Centre for Event Management's Executive Certificate in Event Management 2008 program.

Further information may be found at [www.acem.uts.edu.au/](http://www.acem.uts.edu.au/) or by contacting Events Tasmania on 6233 5946

## EMPLOYMENT SERVICES REVIEW BACKGROUND

As part of its Social Inclusion Agenda, the Australian Government undertook to review employment services, including the Job Network and Disability Employment Network.

The review was guided by the following principles: Early intervention to minimise the number of long-term welfare dependent Australians of working age, starting with a review of the Job Seeker Classification Instrument;

Providing services that are relevant to the circumstances and needs of the job seeker; Ensuring job seekers who are struggling the most get the most intensive assistance; Providing meaningful incentives for training which will improve the employability of job seekers; Ensuring there are means for job seekers who are in need of training to get that training; Providing the greatest rewards when Job Network providers find sustainable jobs for job seekers as fast as possible; Ensuring there is a performance management and tendering system that properly accounts for quality performance; Minimising the amount of time and money spent on administration.

In January 2008, the Hon Brendan O'Connor MP, Minister for Employment Participation, wrote to employment services providers, employers, welfare organisations and other stakeholders, seeking their views on the future direction of employment services. The Minister asked stakeholders for suggestions on how to improve assistance to the unemployed. Through a range of meetings and further consultation, the Minister sought the views of employment services providers, employers and employer associations, Unions, State and Federal Parliamentarians and program participants. Job seeker satisfaction surveys, program evaluations and reports of the Auditor-General have also informed the review.

This process has informed the development of a new employment services system. For more information log onto [www.workplace.gov.au/](http://www.workplace.gov.au/)

October 2008. The strategy will feed into the Australian Government 2009 / 2010 budget cycle and the National Tourism Strategy also announced by the Minister.

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## TTA Diary

Oct 08 6.00 PM

**Young guns**  
Four Seasons Hotel, Sydney

Oct 28 7.00 PM

**John Thorpe AM – Farewell**  
Four Seasons Hotel, Sydney

Oct 29 12.15 PM

**Pub Show NSW**  
Darling Harbour, Sydney

Nov 08 12.15 PM

**Industry Leaders No 5**  
Swissôtel, Sydney

Nov 13 7.00 PM

**President's Dinner**  
Four Seasons Hotel, Sydney

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