



# Aligning Participants, Policy and Pedagogy: Traction and Tensions in VET Research

## AVETRA 2009

12th Annual Conference

Crowne Plaza Hotel, Coogee Beach, Sydney

Thursday, 16 April – Friday, 17 April 2009

*A Welcome Reception will be held on Wednesday evening 15 April 2009, and optional research workshops will be offered on Wednesday afternoon. Details will be available later on the web site.*

### CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

The Australian Vocational Education and Training Research Association (AVETRA) aims to promote quality VET research, build capacity to undertake VET research and evaluation, and provide opportunities to exchange information and ideas. VET research may be on a small or large scale, for policy development, to improve teaching and assessment practices or to discover which partnerships, programs and services best meet the needs of the individuals, communities and enterprises. AVETRA members include TAFE and university-based researchers, training managers, industry-based trainers and managers, and VET decision-makers. The annual conference aims to be informative, challenging and practical and assist people to build networks.

The conference is calling for papers to discuss this year's theme: "Aligning Participants, Policy and Pedagogy: Traction and Tension in VET Research".

The 2009 AVETRA conference seeks to explore the ways in which VET research can inform the extent to which the alignment of participants, policy and pedagogy is a reality, a myth, or an area of contest and debate. The conference will address the following contexts:

- Participation / Participants
- Pedagogy and Practice
- Policy
- Tension and Traction
- New Researchers

## Papers and presentations

AVETRA accepts only research-based conference papers. For this purpose, research is taken to mean any systematic investigation into a subject or topic with the aim of creating new knowledge or revising existing knowledge.

### Papers

Individual paper presentations must be no longer than 25 minutes, which will allow for at least 15 minutes for questions and discussion (and 5 minutes changeover between papers). Authors who want their papers peer reviewed must submit them by the due date as stated on the website.

### Interactive Sessions

The conference aims to provide practical assistance to VET researchers and practitioners and to those new to VET research. Submissions for a 90 minute session which involves and challenges a small group of participants are requested. These may be workshops, symposia, roundtable or panel discussions but the proposal must identify the target audience and expected outcomes of the session and clearly identify the agreement of all presenters.

## Abstract and submission dates

Abstracts are required for both papers and interactive sessions and **must be lodged via the website [www.aveutra.org.au](http://www.aveutra.org.au)**

### All speakers must register for the conference.

For further information and to lodge an abstract go to [www.aveutra.org.au](http://www.aveutra.org.au)

<b>Last date for submissions of abstracts</b>	<b>Friday, 28 November 2008</b>
<b>Notification of abstracts accepted</b>	<b>Monday, 8 December 2008</b>
<b>Last date for submission of papers for refereeing</b>	<b>Friday, 06 February 2009</b>
<b>Last date for submission of non-refereed papers</b>	<b>Friday, 06 March 2009</b>
<b>Last date for submission of power point presentations</b>	<b>Friday, 03 April 2009</b>

## Abstract submission instructions

- Abstracts must be no longer than 300 words
- Indicate if your abstract is for a paper presentation or an interactive session (symposium, workshop, roundtable or panel discussion)
- Indicate whether your full paper is to be peer reviewed
- All abstracts need to be lodged via the website [www.aveutra.org.au](http://www.aveutra.org.au)