

# 2010 : TAFE IN THE YEAR OF THE TIGER

Crown Promenade Hotel Melbourne · 13-14 September

## Conference Program



THE TIGER:

COURAGEOUS

ACTIVE

SELF-ASSURED

INDEPENDENT

SENSITIVE

CAPABLE OF GREAT SYMPATHY

GIVEN TO DEEP THINKING

UNPREDICTABLE



**TAFEDirectors**  
AUSTRALIA

**Day 1**

9.00am

**Registration opens**

9.30am

**TAFE Rural & Regional discussion**

**Chair:** Denise Janek, Managing Director TAFE SA Regional, Chair Regional Advisory Group to TDA Board

***The Tiger as collaborator rather than competitor: Strengthening the connections between employment service providers and TAFE***

**Presentation:** Sally Sinclair, CEO, National Employment Services Association

*All delegates welcome*

**Australian TAFE International Network**

***Spotlight on China in the Year of the Tiger***

**Presentation:** Mr Liu Jiantong, Deputy-Director Department of Vocational and Adult Education, Ministry of Education, Peoples Republic of China

**Discussant:** Colin Walters, Group Manager, Australian Education International (AEI), DEEWR

*All delegates welcome*

10.30am

**PRE-CONFERENCE OPENING COFFEE AND FOYER CONVERSATIONS**

**OFFICIAL CONFERENCE OPENING**

**MC:** Jo Pearson, Media Strategies Pty Ltd

11.00am

**WELCOME to Country** Aunty Joy Wandin Murphy, The Senior Elder of the Wurunjderi People  
**to the TDA Conference:** the Chair of TDA, Brue Mackenzie, CEO, Holmesglen Institute

11.10am

**Ministerial Address**

The Hon Simon Crean MP, Minister for Education, Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, Minister for Social Inclusion (invited)

11.30am

**Contribution of VET to a productive Australia** (tba)

Terry Moran, Secretary, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (invited)

11.50am

**TAFE in the Year of the Tiger – panel session**

Scene setting - 4 eight-minute presentations designed to be raw, open, provocative and challenge the status quo.

- **The ferocious tiger: What should quality mean for a 21st century TAFE institute?**  
Robin Shreeve, CEO, Skills Australia
- **The toothless tiger: Are competency-based qualifications relevant in a 21st century knowledge society?** Associate Professor Leesa Wheelahan, L H Martin Institute, Melbourne University
- **Tiger or pussycat: What's in a name? TAFE by any other name.**  
Angela Hutson, CEO, East Gippsland Institute of TAFE
- **Tiger stripes: What should performance benchmarks look like?**  
Dr Tom Karmel, CEO, National Centre for Vocational Education Research

*Questions and discussion*

12.40pm

**Hot Spot 1: Sponsor Presentation**

Andrew Templer, Vice President Asia-Pacific, SunGard Higher Education

12.45pm

**The hybrid tiger: One connected tertiary education sector**

- *How would students benefit from a new, connected 'tertiary education sector'?*
- *How do universities and TAFE institutes best meet students' needs?*
- *Would industry and the community be satisfied?*

A conversation between Bruce Mackenzie, Chief Executive Holmesglen Institute and Professor Greg Craven, Vice-Chancellor, Australian Catholic University

1.10pm

**LUNCH**



**Day 1**

2.10pm

*continued***Riding the tiger: Education and skilled migration****The impact of changing migration scenarios on TAFE international student recruitment**

- *How well is Australia performing in the global competition for skilled workers? How important are international students in this larger context?*
- *Can Australia remain competitive in the international student market?*
- *What are the implications for TAFE in this area?*

**Keynote speaker:** Professor Lesleyanne Hawthorne, Associate Dean International, University of Melbourne

**Decoupling education and migration**

- *How are we managing the relationship between migration and education?*
- *How are we managing the impact of recent changes to Government policy on students/providers?*
- *Decoupling education and migration: What are the right settings?*

**Keynote speaker:** Dr Mark Cully, Chief Economist, Department of Immigration and Citizenship

*Questions and discussion*

3.00pm

**AFTERNOON TEA**

3.30pm

**Facilitated discussion session**

This session provides an opportunity for delegates to respond to the major themes of the Conference introduced by the speakers above.

*Victorian TAFE students (Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE) conduct video interviews with sample of delegates.*

*A group of TDA's 'emerging leaders' will act as table hosts to facilitate discussion groups.*

**Key theme: Success and quality for a 21st century TAFE**

This session involves a structured discussion, using a 'World Café' process with a series of 'prompt' questions at each table.

*World Café is a highly structured form of table-group discussion. Each table has a specific question to address. Participants choose to join a table group to discuss the question. After a set period, a bell is rung, and all participants are encouraged to move on to another table (and another question). The method encourages high energy, high interaction and gives a lot of choice to participants. After two or three rounds of discussion, the results are reported by table hosts.*

Some of these themes will be incorporated in the *Beyond the Election* discussion on Day 2

**Facilitator:** Ian Colley, Director, Make Stuff Happen

4.40pm

**Opposition address:** Senator Mathias Cormann, Shadow Minister for Employment Participation, Apprenticeships and Training

5.00pm

**CLOSE DAY 1 PROCEEDINGS****... TDA10 GALA DINNER ...****The Melbourne Aquarium****6.30pm for 7.30pm****... MC ...**

Jo Pearson, Media Strategies Pty Ltd

Guests include delegates, corporate sponsors, affiliates *Tigers and Sacred Cows*

**... Special Guest Speaker ...**Don Watson, author of *Weasel Words*

**Day 2**

**MC:** Jo Pearson, Media Strategies Pty Ltd

8.30am

**Early Prey**

**The technology tiger: 21st century technology for VET**

- *What is happening, how we are dealing with it, and what can still shock us...*
- *What goes wrong when TAFE is on Facebook?*
- *How can TAFE access “the cloud” via eg qTracker?*

Kevin Harris, Institute Director TAFE NSW – Northern Sydney (confirmed) in conversation with Leslie Moore, General Council of the professional service firm of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu in Australia  
Paul Houghton, Director, KT Studio, Polytechnic West.

*Coffee is available with this session*

9.00am

**Welcome to Victoria**

The Hon Bronwyn Pike MP, Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development

9.10am

**The roar of the tiger: International speaker (UK)**

**Entrepreneurship and organisational growth**

*Dame Jackie Fisher DBE has managed impressive growth and award-winning quality provision in a highly competitive training sector, in areas of high disadvantage. Dame Jackie will give insight into the critical success factors and approaches of the Newcastle College Group.*

Robin Shreeve, CEO, Skills Australia introduces  
Dame Jackie Fisher DBE, Chief Executive, Newcastle College Group, UK

9.50am

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS: TBA**

- *Is the VET sector moving in the right direction in terms of quality/flexibility?*

The Hon John Dawkins AO, Chair, TVET Australia Board, National Quality Council

*Questions & discussion*

10.20am

**The Year of the Tiger: Leaders' perspectives**

- *What are the implications of the government priority drive towards higher qualifications for the broader workforce?*
- *How are the NSW and Victorian TAFE sectors currently responding in moves towards higher qualifications?*

**The Leaders:**

Ged Kearney President, Australian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU)  
Pam Christie, Deputy Director-General TAFE and Community Education NSW Dept of Education and Training  
Kym Peake, Deputy Secretary, Skills Victoria - Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development

11.10am

**MORNING TEA**

11.40am

**Prowling the jungle in a post-Bradley world**

- *Does the new landscape (e.g. competitive funding, student entitlements) enable more efficient/effective TAFE institute operations?*
- *What does industry see as the defining characteristics of innovative and high performing TAFE Institutes?*
- *Will the new regulatory arrangements raise the quality of VET?*
- *Will the new regulatory arrangements be ‘game changing’ for VET in the 21st century?*
- *What would be the benchmarks for TAFE institutes?*

**Competitive VET, a case study:** David Williams, Executive Director, Victorian TAFE Associations

**Measuring success:** Neil Edwards, CEO, TVET Australia

**What does industry see as the defining characteristics of innovative and high performing TAFE**

**Institutes?** Jeanette Allen, CEO, Service Skills Australia

*Questions & discussion*



**Day 2**

*continued*

12.20pm

**Hot Spot 2: Sponsor presentation**

**It's a jungle out there. How technology can help you avoid becoming Tiger prey!**

*There are new rules in the jungle. The rains are not as plentiful, and sustenance is becoming scarcer. New tigers are circling, seeking to claim your territory. Brad Smith will provide a brief introduction to how one vendor is evolving its technology solutions to help you protect and maintain your kingdom.*

**Presentation:** Brad Smith, Solutions Manager (Education), TechnologyOne

12.30pm

**TAFE with its claws out. Member input: TDA Beyond the Election Statement**

Table group discussion to ratify themes for the Statement

Table group discussion and report backs or use World Café again with 6-7 key questions

1.15pm

**LUNCH**

2.00pm

**Panel: Post-election analysis: Education and training, a number 1 priority?**

- *How important is/was VET in the education debate?*
- *What do politicians want from it? How are they handling it?*
- *Where are we travelling with the politics around skilled migration ?*

Andrew Trounson, Education journalist, *The Australian*

John Ross, *Campus Review*

Peter Mares, *Radio National*

*Questions and discussion*

3.45pm

**STREAM 1**

**A Tale of the Domestic Tiger: Skills for the resources sector - a challenge for VET**

- *Is there a sustainable skills strategy for the resources sector for the 21st century?*
- *How do we train existing workers at remote fly in fly out sites?*
- *How do we ensure that the training offered to people (including Indigenous Australians and young people) living in remote and regional Australia leads to sustainable jobs in the resources sector?*

**Keynote speaker:** The Hon Gary Gray AO MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Western and Northern Australia, Chair National Resources Sector Employment Taskforce (invited)

**Perspectives from:**

Chris Fraser, Executive Director, Victoria and Director, Education and Training, Minerals Council of Australia

Ray Barker, Chair, SkillsDMC

Jim Barron, CEO, Group Training Australia Limited

*Questions and discussion*

3.45pm

**CONFERENCE WRAP**

Key messages for TDA beyond the election: Statement

4.00pm

**CONFERENCE CLOSE**

**STREAM 2**

**A Tale of the Global Tiger: What do we mean by a sustainable international education sector?**

- *Future trends: What would be a sustainable number of international students?*
- *What is necessary to support a sustainable market?*
- *How do bi-lateral and multilateral relationships play their part in internationalizing TAFE?*
- *Where does engagement with industry fit into our model of international education?*
- *What kind of coordination is necessary between the key players to manage this area more effectively?*

**Keynote speaker:** Colin Walters, Group Manager, Australian Education International (AEI), DEEWR

**Perspectives from:**

Professor Stephen Connelly, President, International Education Association of Australia

David Riordan, Institute Director TAFE - NSW Sydney Institute

Mike Moignard, GM Industry Group, Export and Investment Services, Austrade (tbc)

*Questions and discussion*

