TDA Annual Conference 2010

**TAFE in the Year of the Tiger**

_The Tiger:_

_Courageous, active, self-assured, independent._

_Sensitive, given to deep thinking, capable of great sympathy._

_Unpredictable._

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<td>9.00am</td>
<td>Registration Opens</td>
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<td><strong>TAFE Rural and Regional discussion</strong></td>
<td><strong>Australian TAFE International Network Meeting</strong></td>
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<td>Chair: Denise Janek</td>
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<td><strong>Presentation:</strong> Sally Sinclair, CEO, National Employment Services Association (confirmed)</td>
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<td>Meeting of rural and regional TDA members</td>
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<td>(All delegates welcome)</td>
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<td>11.00 am</td>
<td><strong>OFFICIAL CONFERENCE OPENING</strong></td>
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<td>• to Melbourne from the Lord Mayor of Melbourne Robert Doyle ???</td>
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<td>• to the TDA Conference from the Chair of TDA Bruce Mackenzie</td>
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<td><strong>Master of Ceremonies:</strong> Jo Pearson Media Strategies Pty Ltd (confirmed)</td>
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<td>11.10 am</td>
<td><strong>Ministerial Address</strong></td>
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<td>Hon Simon Crean MP, Minister for Education, Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations, Minister for Social Inclusion (invited)</td>
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<td>11.40 am</td>
<td><strong>TAFE in the Year of the Tiger - Panel Session</strong></td>
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<td>Scene setting - 4 x 8 minute presentations designed to be raw, open, provocative and challenge the status quo including:</td>
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<td>• <strong>The ferocious tiger; What should quality mean for a 21st century TAFE institute?</strong> Robin Shreeve, CEO, Skills Australia (confirmed)</td>
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**1.00 pm**  
**Lunch**

**2.00pm**  
**The impact of changing migration scenarios on TAFE international student recruitment**  
**Keynote speaker:**  
Professor Lesleyanne Hawthorne, Associate Dean International, University of Melbourne (confirmed)  
**Questions & discussion**

**2.30 pm**  
**Decoupling migration and education**  
**Keynote speaker:**  
Dr Mark Cully Chief Economist, Department of Immigration and Citizenship (confirmed)  
**Discussants:**  
- Pat Evans, Executive Director, Head of Education Taskforce Austrade (confirmed)  
- Di Weddell, Branch Manager, International Strategy Branch, DEEWR  
**Questions & discussion**

**3.10pm**  
**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 (NMIT) conduct video interviews with participants*  
*Emerging leaders to facilitate discussion groups*  

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- **The toothless tiger; Are competency based qualifications relevant in a 21st century knowledge society?** Associate Professor Leesa Wheelahan, L H Martin Institute, Melbourne University (confirmed)  
- **Tiger or pussy cat; what do we really want for TAFE in an election year? What is our attitude and approach?** Angela Hutson, Chief Executive Officer, East Gippsland Institute of TAFE (confirmed)  
- **Tiger stripes: What should performance benchmarks look like?** Dr Tom Karmel, CEO, National Centre for Vocational Education Research (confirmed)

**Questions & discussion**
### 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. A number of tables have specific questions assigned to them. Participants join a table group on a question they are interested in contributing to. 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 three or four rounds of discussion, the results are reported to the whole room.*

*Note that this process could also involve a group of TDA ‘emerging leaders’ as Table Hosts and Reporters for this session.*

Some of these themes will then be incorporated in the “Beyond the Election” discussion on Day 2

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<td>4.30 pm</td>
<td><strong>Senator Matthias Cormann, Shadow Minister for Employment Participation, Apprenticeships and Training (confirmed)</strong></td>
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<td>5.00 pm</td>
<td><strong>Close Day 1 Proceedings</strong></td>
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<td>7.00 pm</td>
<td><strong>TDA10 Gala Dinner</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Guests including delegates, corporate sponsors, affiliates “Tigers and Sacred Cows”</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Special Guest Speaker: Don Watson Author Of Weasel Words (confirmed)</strong></td>
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## DAY 2

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| 8.30am | **Early Prey**  
*The technology tiger – 21st Century technology for VET*  
Leslie Moore, Partner, Deloitte (confirmed) in conversation with  
Kevin Harris – Institute Director TAFE NSW – Northern Sydney (confirmed)  
*What is happening, how we are dealing with it, and what can still shock us....*  
*Coffee is available with this session* |
| 9.00am | **Welcome to Victoria**  
The Hon Bronwyn Pike MP, Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development (confirmed) |
| 9.10am | **International Speaker (UK) – The roar of the tiger: Entrepreneurship and organisational growth**  
Robin Shreeve, CEO Skills Australia (confirmed) introduces:  
*Dame Jackie Fisher DBE, Chief Executive, Newcastle College Group, UK (confirmed)* |
| 9.50am | **International Speaker (China)**  
Dr Weiping Shi, Professor of Education, Director Institute of Vocational & Adult Education East China Normal University, Shanghai (invited) |
| 10.20am| **Keynote address: TBA**  
John Dawkins AO Chair TVET Board, National Quality Council (confirmed)  
*Questions & discussion* |
| 10.50am| **Morning Tea** |
| 11.20am| **Prowling the jungle**  
*The VET Road Map;* Robin Shreeve, CEO, Skills Australia (confirmed)  
*Competitive VET, a case study;* David Williams, CEO, Victorian TAFE Association (confirmed)  
*Measuring success;* Neil Edwards, CEO TVET (confirmed)  
*Questions & discussion* |
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| 12.10pm| “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                                                                 |
| 1.00pm | Lunch                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 1.45pm | Panel: Election analysis: Education and Training Number 1 priority?      | • Andrew Trounson, Education journalist, ‘The Australian’ (confirmed)  
• John Ross Campus Review (invited)  
• Peter Mares, Radio National (confirmed)  
*Questions & discussion*                                                                 |
| 2.30pm | STREAM 1                                                                | **A Tale of the Domestic Tiger**  
Skills for the resources sector- a prism for VET  
Keynote speaker: The Hon Gary Gray AO MP  
Parliamentary Secretary for Western and Northern Australia and Chair National Resources Sector Employment Taskforce (invited)  
*Perspectives from:*  
• Chris Fraser Executive Director, Victoria and Director, Education and Training, Minerals Council of Australia (confirmed)  
• Ray Barker, Chair SkillsDMC (confirmed)  
• Jim Barron, CEO, GTA (confirmed)  
*Questions & discussion* |
|        | STREAM 2                                                                | **A Tale of the Global Tiger**  
What do we mean by a sustainable international education sector?  
Keynote speaker: Colin Walters Group Manager, DEEWR (confirmed)  
*Perspectives from:*  
• Professor Stephen Connelly, President, International Education Association of Australia (confirmed)  
• David Riordan, Institute Director TAFE- NSW Sydney Institute (confirmed)  
• TBA  
*Questions & discussion* |
| 3.30pm | Conference Wrap-up                                                     | **Key messages for beyond election: Statement.**                                                                                           |
| 4.00pm | Conference Close                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |