
In this Disability Education and Employment News, we have information on National Listservs in the Australian Disability Education and Employment Sectors, the Australian Employers’ Network on Disability (AEND) Disability Confidence For Hr Professionals and the More than Gadgets: Assistive Technology Tools for Access and Learning forum. Plus time is running out for you to register for the Accessing the Future: Assistive Technology in Education and Employment Forums, Sydney Wednesday 19th August & Newcastle 21st August as registrations close on 6 August.

Plus further information on other Resources, Conferences and Workshops, News articles and other information for the Disability Education, Training and Employment Sectors.

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Jobs for People with a Disability:
ANZ Abilities Program: Target to recruit 35 people with a disability by September 30 2009
ANZ are committed to building and maintaining an inclusive and diverse workforce. ANZ believe it is important to understand their customers, and as over 20% of the Australian population currently have a disability, they are striving to reflect the makeup of the communities in which they operate.

As part of ANZ’s broader diversity initiatives that centres on an inclusive workforce, they have put in place some measurable targets to ensure that hiring people with a disability forms part of the overarching plan. ANZ plans to recruit 35 people with a disability into their organisation by 30 September 2009 and are well on their way to achieving this target.
ANZ appreciate that there are exceptionally talented people within their chosen profession who may have experienced barriers to employment due to accessibility. With a Disability Action Plan in place, Accessibility Managers who ensure work tools such as technology are accessible to everyone and a Disability Network that brings people together from all over Australia, ANZ are well equipped to support the hiring of people with a disability into their organisation.

ANZ would love to hear from people with a disability who have an interest in working for their organisation. For a confidential discussion about the Abilities Program, what it's about and to discuss current professional opportunities that are available, please contact:

Joel Kilgour  
The ANZ Abilities Program Manager  
Phone: 03 8685 5368  
Email: Joel.Kilgour@anz.com

National Listservs in the Australian Disability Education and Employment Sectors:

AusTED Listserv  
The ausTED listserv is an initiative of the Australian Tertiary Education Network on Disability (ATEND). It aims to facilitate discussion and information sharing primarily amongst disability support services personnel and teachers in tertiary education and training. austed-list will also contain information and ideas of interest to students with disabilities, their families and members of the general community.

Subscribing  
If interested people wish to subscribe to austed-list they should send a message to majordomo@postoffice.utas.edu.au leaving the subject line blank and turning off any automatic signature file then entering in the body of the message: subscribe austed-list

Unsubscribing  
If subscribers wish to remove themselves from the list, they should send a message to majordomo@postoffice.utas.edu.au leaving the subject line blank and turning off any automatic signature file then entering in the body of the message: unsubscribe austed-list

For more information go to http://www.adcet.edu.au/view.aspx?id=4365

Australasian Network of Students With Disabilities (ANSWD)  
ANSWD is a student organisation, advocating, promoting, lobbying and campaigning on disability issues. Seeking to achieve equality, access, and representation of students with disabilities in the tertiary education sector.

If you are a student with a disability whom is either studying at TAFE or University, or you are a potential tertiary student with a disability, who plans to commence tertiary studies in the following year you are strongly encourage to join the ANSWD discussion list.

To subscribe to the ANSWD discussion list  
Send an e-mail to majordomo@postoffice.utas.edu.au  
   • leaving the subject line blank  
   • In the body of the message type the command: subscribe answd-list

To unsubscribe from the ANSWD discussion list  
Send a message to majordomo@postoffice.utas.edu.au  
   • leaving the subject line blank  
   • In the body of the message type the command: unsubscribe answd-list

For more information go to http://www.answd.org/discussion.html

Australian Adapted Technology User Group (AATUG)  
AATUG aims to facilitate the use of adapted technology in the education and employment environments. It's a discussion list for disseminating and promoting information about the use of adapted technology by people with a disability.

How to join the AATUG discussion list:
To subscribe to the list, send a message to:
aatug-list-subscribe@answd.org
To remove your address from the list, just send a message:
aatug-list-unsubscribe@answd.org
For more information go to http://www.aatug.answd.org/discussion.html

Australian Learning Disability Discussion List -- AusLD-list
The AusLD-list is a discussion list for discussing issues regarding Learning Disability, and related neurological disorders in schools, TAFE, Universities and Employment across Australia.
The AusLD-list aims to promote:
• the discussion of issues related to LD
• answer people’s inquiries regarding LD
• and disseminate news and events related to LD in Australia
The discussion list is open to anybody wishing to discuss LD in Australia.
To subscribe to the AusLD-list go to
http://mailman.med.usyd.edu.au/mailman/listinfo/ausld-list and follow the instructions at the bottom of the page.

Disability Employment Policy-List (DEP-List)
The DEP-List is a dissemination and discussion list on the employment of people with a disability, set up for those who have an interest in the employment of people with a disability in Australia and/or Internationally.
DEP-List is a resource, a network to enable the sharing of information and ideas, to improve communications between those interested in the employment of people with a disability, to assist in discuss possible solutions and develop strategies.
There is no DEP-List membership fee.
You can subscribe and unsubscribe by going to the following webpage
http://mailman.med.usyd.edu.au/mailman/listinfo/dep-list
For further information regarding the DEP-List go to http://www.cdds.med.usyd.edu.au/ndco/DEP-List.htm

OZAdvocacy
OZADVOCACY is an information dissemination and discussion list for the Australian disability rights movement.
To subscribe
Send an email to OZAdvocacy-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
For more information go to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/OZAdvocacy/

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Education News:
Qualifications soon to apply to all universities
Gavin Moodie | July 08, 2009
Article from: The Australian
LOCAL universities soon will have to comply with the Australian qualifications framework.
Hitherto, their privilege of self-accreditation and their practically permanent legislated university status have allowed them to ignore the qualifications framework for all but international education. The weakness of the framework in education may be one of the reasons for its relative, if modest, success.
But tighter regulation of universities' qualifications and standards has become necessary because of the considerable expansion of the higher education market over the past 15 years and the explosion of domestic private higher education by public universities since the introduction of the postgraduate education loans scheme in 2002, and by private providers since its extension as FEE-HELP in 2005.
Australia was part of the first generation of national qualifications frameworks, with New Zealand, South Africa, Scotland and separate frameworks in the rest of Britain.
While the Australian qualifications framework was formally introduced in 1995, it incorporated qualifications structures and agreements that had been developed separately for senior secondary certificates, vocational education and higher education over the previous two decades.

For the rest of the article go to

Higher fees slug for TAFEs Miki Perkins
July 8, 2009
While figures show demand for vocational education has increased, enrolling Victorian TAFE students will be slugged with higher fees when they begin study next week.
Victorian students who enrol in a diploma or advanced diploma course who are already qualified at that level or higher — such as someone with a social work degree who wants to do a diploma in youth work — will now be charged full fees, which could be as high as $10,000 a year.
For government-subsidised students, who can defer their fees, the cost of diplomas and advanced diplomas are up from $877 to $1500, and will rise to $2500 by 2012.
For the rest of the article go to

National Union of Students moves to woo foreign students
Andrew Trounson | July 01, 2009
Article from: The Australian
THE National Union of Students, as part of its ongoing battle with the National Liaison Committee, has taken the first step towards creating what it says will be a new democratic body to represent international students.
About 50 international student delegates at a NUS conference in Melbourne yesterday agreed to form an advisory committee to guide the union during the next six months. The body will consider changes to the NUS constitution and the creation of an international student office.
The office effectively would replace the NLC, which carried out that role before it split from the NUS last year.
The new advisory committee is expected to work with the NUS and other international student bodies, and will seek a place at the federal government's round table.
But the student delegates from 25 universities chose not to directly challenge the NLC at this stage and may seek a separate briefing from the body.
Previously the NUS had floated the option of resurrecting the old NLC with the intention of launching a legal challenge to the present incarnation. The present body is headed by Master Shang, a Chinese businessman whose aggressive stance has alienated many.
For the rest of the article go to

MLC sued over autistic girl
25th June 2009, 6:00 WST
The father of an autistic girl is suing one of Perth’s top private schools, claiming it discriminated against her by failing to meet her educational needs.
Andrew Mason launched action against Methodist Ladies College in the Federal Magistrate’s Court this month on behalf of his five-year-old daughter and himself. He says it discriminated against her when it sacked her educational assistant and failed to find a suitable replacement.
Court documents filed by lawyers for Mr Mason state his daughter was forced to leave the school’s kindergarten midway through last year because she could not attend without an educational assistant.
The documents, believed to be the first legal test of national standards guarding against disability discrimination in education, claim MLC’s failure to provide a suitable aide for the girl came despite the family having paid fees for the year and ruined plans for her to begin Year 1 this year and continue at the college in future.
Mr Mason’s case claims the school’s actions were discriminatory against his daughter on the basis of her disability.
For the rest of the article go to
Welfare News:
Youth allowance unfair: Turnbull
Posted Mon Jul 6, 2009 5:48pm AEST
The Federal Opposition Leader Malcolm Turnbull is calling for equal access to education for country students after parents and students in Western Australia's South West expressed concerns about changes to the Youth Allowance Scheme.
The proposed changes will make it more difficult for regional and rural students to qualify for the Youth Allowance and accommodation scholarships.
Mr Turnbull attended a Youth Allowance forum in Bunbury today.
He says the Opposition is seeking equitable access to education.
"I don't think that there is anything more important than ensuring there is equitable access to education at every level," he said.
For the rest of the article go to http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/07/06/2618341.htm

International News:
Record Unemployment Reported For People With Disabilities In June
By Michelle Diament
July 2, 2009 Unemployment among people with disabilities reached its highest rate in June since the government began tracking such data, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.
The rate of unemployment grew to 14.3 percent in June for people with disabilities. That's the highest unemployment rate since the government began keeping disability specific employment records in October 2008. The highest rate previously seen was 14 percent in February. However, in May, unemployment was at 13.7 percent for this population.
For the rest of the article go to http://www.disabilityscoop.com/2009/07/02/june-employment-report/3944/

Conferences and Workshops:
DISABILITY CONFIDENCE FOR HR PROFESSIONALS
Half Day Training Session
The Grace Hotel, 77 York St Sydney
Wed 5th August 2009, 9:00am - 12:30pm
Over 16% of the working age population has a disability
Mastering the skills, tools and techniques to effectively interview and select talented candidates with disability can ensure Human Resource professionals provide their internal and external clients with the best possible candidates for all available roles.
THIS INTERACTIVE HALF DAY SESSION WILL COVER:
- The business case for employing people with disability
- Understanding disability types
- Legal obligations
- Reasonable adjustments
- Interviewing skills
Coaching skills for managers of employees with disability
Support systems for HR Professionals and employees.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
- HR Professionals
- Recruitment Specialists
- Managers
- Diversity Practitioners

EVENT DETAILS
When: 9:00am - 12:30pm Wed 5th Aug 2009
Where: The Grace Hotel, 77 York St Sydney
Cost: Members $225 + GST / Non-members $275 + GST
RSVP: By Wed 29th July 2009 to events@aend.org.au or phone (02) 9261 3922.

DOWNLOAD A REGISTRATION FORM IN WORD / PDF

Please advise of any specific dietary or accessibility requirements when registering.

The Australian Employers’ Network on Disability
Employers Making a Difference
PO Box 203 QVB Post Office Sydney NSW 1230
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The Why, What and How of Inclusive Practice Forum: An initiative of Macquarie University Diversity Week

http://www.wanau.org

Sponsored by Macquarie University Accessibility Services in conjunction with Web Accessibility Network for Australian Universities (WANAU)

7th August 2009 at Macquarie University
A three fold approach to inclusive practice covering:
Legal perspective and obligations
Practical strategies for teaching and support staff wanting to implement inclusive practice
A technical perspective including demonstrations of assistive technologies, developing accessible PDFs and understanding the WCAG 2.0 standards set by W3C.

Cost
This is a recession busting forum with no registration fee being charged, however registration will be essential and delegates will be responsible for supplying their own lunch. (Morning and afternoon tea will be provided and take-away food facilities are available in the venue building.)

Program and Registration
Register Now

View the Program http://www.mq.edu.au/learningandteachingcentre/forum09program.htm
Download the PDF (136k) http://www.mq.edu.au/learningandteachingcentre/pdfs/026_Inclusive_Practice_Forum.pdf

Getting to Macquarie University
Macquarie University now has its own Train Station, so getting there is quite easy. The forum will be held on Level 3 of the U@MQ building (Building C10A), located on the north side of the Central Courtyard. Maps and information about parking are available at the Office of Facilities Management web site http://www.bgo.mq.edu.au/maps_campus.htm .

Certificate of Attendance
A Certificate of Attendance will be provided via email to delegates requesting one on the day.

Enquiries
Sharon Kerr
Email: sharon.kerr@mq.edu.au
Phone: 02 98501480

More Information
Find out more about Macquarie University Accessibility Services
Accessing the Future: Assistive Technology in Education and Employment Forums
Sydney Wednesday 19th August | Newcastle 21st August
www.newcastle.edu.au/ndco/atforums
Registration strictly closes on Wed 5th August

Hi Everyone

Registration is now open to our 2009 Accessing the Future Forums. The Program includes a range of practical information about the types of assistive technology available for use in the education and employment sectors, and will focus on presentations by staff who are using assistive technology in their sector, and by people with a disability using the technology themselves to participate in education, training and employment. There are many valuable journeys to listen to and technologies to see.

There is also an Assistive Technology and related services Expo which provides even more value to the day. Go to the above website for more information....

Everything you need to know about the Forums - venue directions, parking, accommodation and so on can be found on the above website.

Registration Fee
Registration is only $70 for a full day's program, which includes:

- 4 GB flash drive pre-loaded with AccessApps and Forum resources
- a Forum bag with additional resources
- coffee and tea on arrival, morning tea, lunch, and afternoon tea

There are no half day rates as the Forum fee is already subsidised by the NDCO Program to ensure that the day is accessible to all who would like to participate. Go to the Forum Registration page for more information on the cancellation policy.

Special Requirements
If you require any special requirements, please register by 29th July to ensure that these can be put in place for you.

Online registration
Our online registration and payment system is easy and secure. Once you have completed your registration (you can register up to 2 people at once, and pay via credit card or cheque), a confirmation and itinerary will be automatically emailed to you.

Please consult the Session overview or Program pages on the Forum website before you go to registration. It will be helpful to choose which sessions you would like to register for before you start the process.

Register for Sydney Forum
Register for Newcastle Forum

Queries?
Go to the Contact page for information on how to contact the Convenors - Kay Dean kay.dean@newcastle.edu.au, Timothy Hart thart@med.usyd.edu.au, and Debi Toman d.toman@uws.edu.au, National Disability Co-ordination Officers (NDCOs).

More than Gadgets: Assistive Technology Tools for Access and Learning
24 - 25 August 2009 Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, Western Australia
There are many tools and technologies that can be used to support students. Some of these integrate accommodations and Universal Design features while others are highly specialised and designed for a specific purpose. More than
gadgets, these tools should be carefully matched to the student, their environment and the task to ensure success. As with all technology there is a need to remain informed of change and new developments.

Key disability, education and government agencies have collaborated in planning the More than Gadgets - Assistive Technology Tools for Access and Learning Conference to host international, national and local speakers and a trade display of innovative technology. This, the inaugural conference in Western Australia, will provide opportunities locally for participants to

- access state of the art information on what assistive technology and methods are available to support education;
- broaden their knowledge and skills in the use of assistive technology in learning contexts to support students with disabilities, learning difficulties and medical conditions; and
- increase their understanding of the background of Assistive Technology in the areas of policy, funding and Universal Design for Learning.

Keynote presentations and workshops presented by:
Kelly Fonner
Educational & Assistive Technology Consultant and associate lecturer at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, USA
and by
Commissioner Graeme Innes AM

For more information and registration visit http://www.morethangadgets.com

CHERI Conference: "Mental Health and Well-being of Students: Keeping it Strong"
3rd & 4th September 2009, Westmead Hospital
The Children's Hospital Education Research Institute (CHERI) is holding its annual conference on the mental health and well-being of students on the 3rd and 4th September 2009.

This conference provides an overview of a range of mental health problems commonly experienced by school aged students; as well as the identification and management of these problems, particularly in a school setting. Information on a range of resources, on-line services and interventions will also be presented. The conference will be of interest to teachers, special educators, school executives and allied health professionals such as school counsellors and psychologists.

Keynote speakers include:
* Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, Psychologist
* Professor Gordon Parker, Executive Director, Black Dog Institute
* Clinical Professor David Bennett, NSW Centre for the Advancement of Adolescent Health
* Michael Durrant, Psychologist & Director, Brief Therapy Institute of Sydney

Early bird registration available till 31st July 2009!!
To view program outline and register on-line visit the CHERI website: www.cheri.com.au/conferences.html

EOPHEA Conference 2009 - Excellence for All: Social Inclusion in Higher Education
Tuesday 1 – Thursday 3 December 2009, Sydney, Australia

Important Dates
Call for Papers: 1 Jul – 7 Aug 09
Early bird registration: 22 Jul – 25 Sept 09
Notification and Comments to Authors: 25 Sept 09
Submission of PowerPoint Presentation: 4 Nov 09
Close of Registration: 13 Nov 09

CALL FOR PAPERS NOW OPEN!
We are delighted to announce the Call for Papers for the EOPHEA Conference 2009 is now open and provide you with an updated Program and the current list of key speakers.

The theme for the conference is “Excellence for All: Social Inclusion in Higher Education”.

The Organising Committee is inviting abstracts for 20 minute presentations or 1 hour workshops in the following categories:
1. SOCIAL INCLUSION AND HIGHER EDUCATION
2. BUILDING ALLIANCES FOR CHANGE: MODELS OF PRACTICE
3. EXCELLENCE FOR ALL: UNIVERSITY WIDE EQUITY INITIATIVES
For guidelines and to submit an abstract online go to  http://www.iceaustralia.com/eophea2009/call.html

REGISTRATIONS OPENING SOON
Early bird registrations will commence shortly. Complete an expression of interest form today, to make sure you don’t miss out on the official notification.
Visit the conference website
www.iceaustralia.com/eophea2009

The Australia and New Zealand Student Services Association | 2009 Conference
What in the world is happening in student support and development services?
6–9 December | QUT Gardens Point campus
The Australia and New Zealand Student Services Association (ANZSSA) is a professional association for people with an interest in the provision of support services to students in post-secondary education in Australia and New Zealand. By attending our ANZSSA 2009 biennial conference you will find out how student services contribute to education for global citizenship, student engagement and long-term sustainability. Come along and share the challenges, initiatives and successes you have experienced in your work in student services or in other roles with students—ANSZZA members and non-members all welcome.
The conference will be held in beautiful Brisbane, at QUT’s Gardens Point campus and Griffith University’s Queensland College of Art. The conference dinner takes place in heritage-listed Customs House, on the banks of the Brisbane River. Special accommodation rates have been negotiated for delegates of the conference; you can take advantage of these via our website.
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL FOR PAPERS AND TO REGISTER NOW,
PLEASE VISIT THE CONFERENCE WEBSITE www.anzssa.qut.edu.au
Hosted by QUT in conjunction with Griffith University and The University of Queensland

For a list of all current national and international conferences and workshops click here.

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NSW Events:
After school—what then?
A workshop about navigating the post school system for families of school students in years 11 or 12 or planning ahead!
The day is for families of school students with disability planning for life after year 12. Your child could be in years 9,10,11 or 12 in 2009.
FORESTVILLE -Tuesday 28 July
PENRITH -Wednesday 29 July
CAMPBELLTOWN -Thursday 30 July
FAIRFIELD -Friday 31 July
REGISTRATION: 9 am—9:30 am
WORKSHOP: 9:30 am—2:30 pm
Family Advocacy will be holding workshops across Sydney to speak with parents, adult brothers and sisters, aunts, uncles and friends of students with developmental disability* about:
What happens when a young person with disability leaves school?
The presenters at this workshop are themselves parents, family members and allies of people with developmental disability.
This is an important workshop if a person with developmental disability in your family: is leaving school (year 12) in 2009 or is in years 9, 10 or 11 and you are planning for life after year 12.
*Developmental disability covers: autism, intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, spina bifida and multiple disability.
Cost to attend: $10.00 per person (GST inclusive and covers morning tea, lunch and materials)
Please phone to register before Thursday 16 July 2009 9869 0866 or 1800 620 588 (NSW non metro callers)
POST SCHOOL OPTIONS EXPO
For Students with Disabilities
3 August 4.00 – 7.00pm, Crestwood HS - Chapel Lane Baulkham Hills
11 August 4.00 – 7.00pm, Nepean HS

You are invited to “Pathways to Your Future” SCHOOL LEAVER EXPO 2009
Is your son, daughter or student with a disability in years 9 – 12 and you are planning for post school?
Come along with your son or daughter to meet and greet service providers for post school opportunities. Research the appropriate service which may be available after the completion of high school.
Wednesday 5th August, 2009
Visit anytime between 3pm and 6pm
Sydney Secondary College, Balmain Campus, Support Unit,
Enter Via Bayville Street, Rozelle. (off Terry Street) (parking available in Teachers’ Carpark) Wheelchair accessible parking and access at entry further down Bayville Street, past teachers’ carpark
This expo is free
Disability Employment Agencies (Open Employment and Supported Employment), Transition to Work (TTW) and Community Participation (CP) service providers, TAFE and Centrelink will be available for you to talk with and make appointments for future meetings.
Service Providers from the eastern suburbs, city, inner west and surrounding areas will be attending this EXPO. It will give parents, carers and teachers the opportunity to learn about possible available options post school.
For Further information contact:
Department of Education, Sydney Region Support Teachers Transition:
Jennifer Dash 9555-4152 or Sue Tomasetti 9300 9579
Catholic Education: Transition Officer: Fran McBride 0408 258 469

North Sydney Post School Expo
Date: Thursday 6 August 2009
Time: 3.00pm - 5.45pm
Venue: Dougherty Community Centre 7 Victor St, Chatswood
Find Out About
• Transition to Work
• Community Participation
• Open Employment Options
• Australian Disability Enterprises
For more information contact:
Sue Werner on 9413 3400
Eileen Lyons on 9416 1087
Timothy Hart on 8878 0514

Planning for now, tomorrow and the future
WHERE: Ryde/Eastwood Leagues Club, 117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde.
On-site undercover parking is available, including parking for people using a wheel chair. The venue is short walk from West Ryde Station
WHEN: Saturday 8 August 2009
TIME: Registration 9.30 am for start at 10 am — 3.30 pm Tea and coffee on arrival. Lunch and morning tea will be provided.
PLEASE REGISTER (INCLUDING PAYMENT) BY THURSDAY 30 July 2009.
Phone: 02 9869 0866 Free call: 1800 620 588 (NSW non-metro callers)
School to Tertiary Forums
What pathways are available once you have finished school?
Friday 14th August 2009, 9:30am to 2:30pm, Freshwater School Hall, Harbord Rd, Freshwater
For Students who require Additional Support.
Presentations will include
• Steps to University Study
• TAFE NSW – Overview of services
• Accessing Apprenticeships/Traineeships
• Disability Employment Network
As Numbers are limited and for catering registration is required.
Registration Closes Thursday 6th August.
To register and further details go to http://www.cdds.med.usyd.edu.au/ndco/
You must register online.
For enquiries contact Timothy Hart thart@med.usyd.edu.au
8878 0514
Refreshments and Drinks will be provided
These information sessions are open to all Students from year 10, 11 and 12 with additional learning needs in the North Sydney Region and their Parents, Carers, Teachers, Support Teachers Learning Assistance, School Welfare, Counsellors and Career Advisers.

Access & Support Forum: Post School Options for People with a Disability
26 August 2009, 6:00 - 8:00 pm Ryedale Room, Ryde Eastwood Leagues Club
117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde
Parents, Students, Career Advisers
"My child has had excellent support while at school – what supports are available after he/she leaves the school environment and wants employment?"
North West BEN is hosting an information evening for parents and educators outlining the types of programs, resources and supports available to school leavers with mild to moderate special needs or a physical or intellectual disability, to help them access education and find employment.
Topics will range from the programs available through The Department of Ageing, Disability and Home Care, to TAFE and University options, the role of disability employment network providers and incentives offered to employers to hire apprentices with a disability.
The evening will begin with refreshments and presentations by members of a panel, and will follow with an opportunity for parents to ask questions regarding post school access to education and employment.
This is a FREE event.
Please register with Daniela Anderson by 19 August on 9488 7505 or email Daniela.anderson@northwestben.com.au

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Publication:
VET student numbers show continued growth in 2008
Student numbers continued to grow in Australia's vocational education and training (VET) system during 2008, with 1.7 million enrolments, up 1.9% from 2007.
Released by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER), Australian vocational education and training statistics, Students and courses, 2008 provides a snapshot of the training system.
Student numbers increased in most states and territories with growth above the national average occurring in Tasmania (5.4% increase), Western Australia (4.8% increase), Victoria (3.6% increase) and the Australian Capital Territory (2.9% increase).

Dr Tom Karmel, Managing Director, NCVER said 2008 was a year of mixed economic conditions. 'While the number of trade apprentices has dropped, the overall number of students has increased,' Dr Karmel said. The number of enrolments in higher level qualifications increased in 2008, while fewer students undertook lower level qualifications. For example, the amount of students undertaking a Certificate III qualification rose by 8.9% since 2007 and the number of enrolments in Certificate I fell by 8.7%.

Since 2007, the number of students enrolling in courses run by private training providers in receipt of public funding increased by 14.1%.
The number of international students undertaking VET courses in Australia increased with enrolments up by 14.7% since 2007.

For more information please download a copy of Australian vocational education and training statistics, Students and courses, 2008

Understanding vocational education and training, productivity and workforce participation
This issues paper reports on the first year of a three year research program. The aim of the research was to investigate how, if at all, vocational education and training can make a difference in improving productivity and workforce participation. The research involves analysis of two industry groups, early childhood education and meat processing.

Vet in Schools 2006
Statistics about school students who undertook vocational education and training as part of their senior secondary certificate in 2006 are presented in this report. It includes information on participation, students, courses and qualifications, and subjects while comparing students aged 15 to 19 years enrolled in the public VET system.

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**Media Releases:**

**TITLE:** Media release from Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio
**PORTFOLIO:** Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
**SNIPPET:** The Minister for Education, Julia Gillard today released a student income support estimator to help students plan their future study. Under the proposed system students that live away from home to study will be entitled to receive student income support at higher family income levels than students who stay at home. University students on student income support payments will also be entitled to new scholarships.

**TITLE:** Media release from Education, Employment and Workplace Relations Portfolio
**PORTFOLIO:** Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
**SNIPPET:** The new Australian Government employment service, Job Services Australia, starts today, heralding a simpler, more personalised service for job seekers during tough economic times. The new Job Services Australia provides a one-stop-shop for employment services to save job seekers from running door to door. The roll out of Job Services Australia is the biggest change to Australian Government employment services since the changes to Job Network in 2003, with 2,000 sites across Australia providing access to improved services for more than 700,000 job seekers.
From today, a temporary Training Supplement will be available to Newstart and Parenting Payment recipients without a year 12 or equivalent qualification who undertake training. The Training Supplement will be available to people without a Year 12 or equivalent qualification or those who need to undertake training at the Certificate II level or higher to re-skill for the future. The payment will be available for people commencing approved training between the period.

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