

From the Executive

Hi all

The year has certainly come to an end quickly and we hope that you had a rewarding year.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

We hope that for those members who will be on end of year leave that you have a wonderful holiday and look forward to welcoming you back next year.

2007 will be a busy year with the endorsement of the Tourism, Hospitality and Events Training Package and of course the ATTHEA conference on the Sunshine Coast.

The Executive

Diary Events

Date	Event
March	Newsletter – Get your stories in by 15 February
3&4 May 2007	ATTHEA Conference – Sunshine Coast Queensland

THE ATTHEA FORUM

If you are a financial member don't forget to sign up for the ATTHEA Forum. Members this is your forum enabling you to post information and seek advice from your colleagues.

To register go to:

http://www.atthea.com.au/forum_2.0.21/login.php

REMINDER – ATTHEA Teacher Fellowship

Visit the website www.atthea.com.au for details of the ATTHEA Teacher Fellowship and start working on your application.

Closing date **01 March 2007**

Developing Tourism Leaders Awards

Service Skills Victoria, November 20th 2006

The 2006 Melbourne Airport Developing Tourism Leaders Awards Program concluded on Monday the 13th of November with the award winners announced by Minister John Pandazopoulos in front of entrants, trainers and industry guests.

The awards are an innovative employment development exercise for final year tourism, hospitality and culinary arts tertiary students to create innovative small business concepts and business plans. The business plans are judged by a panel of industry representatives based on the feasibility of the business, product innovation and knowledge of the tourism industry.

Ian Nicolson, the Chief Executive Officer of Service Skills Victoria explained that Service Skills Victoria established the Melbourne Airport "Developing Tourism Leaders" Awards under the auspice of Tourism Victoria and The Department of Victorian Communities in 2004. The awards are aimed at final year tertiary students studying tourism and hospitality in Victoria.

"The awards aim to hone student's business skills, establish an opportunity to showcase their business ideas to industry and create employment opportunities", he said.

The Overall Winner for 2006 was Melissa Tabuteau from Victoria University for her submission "Melbourne Attractions Card". Melissa is the recipient of a \$2500 Flight Centre travel voucher, a membership to the Young Tourism Network and has the chance to apply for one of the nine industry work placements available to the winners.

"I think the DTL Awards program is a great opportunity for final year hospitality and tourism students to take advantage of, and I recommend it to everyone", Melissa said. When asked how she felt when announced as the 2006 Overall Winner, Melissa said that she was surprised but very excited.

On reflection, Melissa stated "as it wasn't a competition of chance, it was a competition where my skills and knowledge were utilised, it makes me feel extremely proud of myself to have won". Melissa is now undertaking a Masters in Marketing and hopes to be successful in gaining the Tourism Victoria work placement to further her ambition of working within tourism marketing.

In addition to the Overall Winner, three Award Finalists, three Highly Commended awards and 15 Merit Awards were presented. One of the award finalists, Kathy Thomas from the University of Ballarat said that the awards process was challenging but worth all the hard work. Kathy stated that "the whole experience of preparing the plan, entering, attending the presentation evening, and receiving the award, has increased confidence in myself and given me a great sense of achievement".

The awards are supported by the Naming Rights Sponsor Melbourne Airport, Premium Sponsor William Angliss Institute, Major Sponsors Tourism Victoria, International Special Events Society (ISES) and the City of Melbourne, Supporting and Prize sponsors Tourism Alliance Victoria, ACCOR, VTIC, Johanna Seaside Cottages, Yering Station, Melbourne Aquarium, Absolute Outdoors Australia, Watson's Mountain Country Trail Rides Mansfield and Phillip Island Nature Park.

All results from the 2006 Melbourne Airport Developing Tourism Leaders Awards are available on the Developing Tourism Leaders website www.dtlawards.com or by contacting Lucy Hooper, Project Officer, Service Skills Victoria on (03) 9621 1777.

Links:

www.ssv.org.au

www.dtlawards.com

www.youngtourismnetwork.com

www.melbourneairport.com

Story courtesy of Kerrie Anne Mcphee from Victoria University and Service Skills Victoria

TAFE Queensland delivering Healthy School Tuckshop programs

TAFE institutes in Queensland are presently conducting workshops to assist in the implementation of a state government initiative entitled "*Smart Choices Healthy Food and Drink Strategy for Queensland Schools*". The strategy is aimed at confronting childhood obesity and general health issues by improving the nutritional quality of products available in school tuckshops/canteens.

Queensland Health and Education Queensland jointly launched the Smart Choices campaign in mid-2005 and are working towards a mandatory compliance date of 1 January 2007 whereby all state schools (primary and secondary) must adopt certain principles which ban or limit the supply of nutritionally poor or harmful foods and drinks in tuckshops and at other school-related activities such as camps, excursions and sports days. Private schools have been encouraged to adopt the same principles.

In 2004, TAFE NSW assisted its Health and Education Departments in implementing that state's comparable similar "Fresh Tastes" strategy via the delivery of one day workshops for school tuckshop conveners and volunteer staff. A similar approach has been adopted in Queensland with institutes offering workshops to the school sector state wide. TAFE NSW provided assistance to TAFE QLD in the development of the workshop materials, since the two states' nutritional strategies were markedly similar.

The program content not only addresses nutritional aspects but also provides participants with skills and knowledge in operating a canteen effectively, designing menus, modifying recipes, food presentation and packaging, costing menu items and promotion of food products.

For further information contact David Reed of TAFE Queensland

Reframing the Future RPL Done Well Forum

Forums were held around Australia during 2006, and the key objective was to consider the RPL process and identify strategies for improving practice. The approach included identification of working parties in each state/territory to undertake activity on recommendations arising from the forums, and to present the outcomes at the Reframing the Future Conference conducted in Sydney 28-29 November 2006. Resources from the RPL Done Well Forums and the conference are to be made available on the Reframing the Future website. The resources from the forums can be used by Registered Training Organisations (RTOs) or individuals to conduct training and professional development in RPL practices. http://www.reframingthefuture.net/RPL_Done_Well_Aug06.htm

Courtesy of Kerrie Anne McPhee- Victoria University

Licensing Line News

A new website has been developed as a one-stop-shop for vocational education and training, industry and regulatory stakeholders affected by occupational licensing. The website features the latest news plus tools to help make sense of the issues and jargon, and is available at www.licensinglinenews.com

Courtesy of Kerrie Anne McPhee- Victoria University

SPECIAL AWARD

The Newsletter contributors Award for 2006 goes to Kerrie-Anne McPhee from Victoria University. Many thanks Kerrie-Anne for all you news items which were much appreciated. Thanks also to all others who contributed in 2006.

Membership Fees for 2007 now Due

Revised fees for 2007:

Individual Membership:	\$35.00
Corporate Membership (for individual colleges/campuses)	
▪ Up to 25 members	\$250.00
▪ 26 members and over	\$500.00

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New South Wales Tourism Awards

TAFE NSW had two finalists in the New South Wales Tourism Awards:

- TAFE NSW, North Coast Institute - The International School of Hotel, Catering and Tourism Management, Mid North Coast and Northern Rivers
- Travel 2153 – Western Sydney Institute , Baulkham Hills Campus

And the WINNER was Travel 2153 – Western Sydney Institute, TAFE NSW, Baulkham Hills, Sydney

Congratulations on a great effort and against some very strong competition. Good luck at the Nationals in February

ATTHEA National Conference 2007

03–04 May 2007

Mooloolaba-Sunshine Coast,
Queensland

Be there to:

- get the 'Big Picture'
- network with national TAFE colleagues
- get ideas that improve your training activities.

Go to www.athea.com.au for more details

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