

From the Executive

Hi all

Welcome to the spring edition.

From what I hear we are all working frantically and still waiting for the endorsement of the Tourism, Hospitality and Events Training Package.

The latest news is that it should be endorsed by mid October.

Reg Edwards
President

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.

When you register please also send an email to Reg Edwards to advising your college and contact details.

15 Melbourne Graduation

The first group of 15 Melbourne cookery trainees completed their 18-month program in September, and having finished their stint at 15 Melbourne will move onto permanent employment in a variety of restaurants in Melbourne. Many of the students have secured employment in leading restaurants such as Taxi, Rockpool, Scusami and the Press Club. The young trainees have overcome many setbacks and difficulties and to see them develop their skills and knowledge has a great privilege for everyone involved in the program. The Foundation started a new group of students in late May and they are currently working in placement before hitting the tools in the restaurant at the end of this month. The first group will return to 15 Melbourne in the future to provide mentoring and support to their new colleagues and help them achieve their goals.

Story courtesy of Anthony Bailey - Box Hill TAFE

Venetian Hotel Resort Opening

The Venetian Hotel Resort, one of the largest gaming and hotel operations in the world, opened on the Cotai Strip in Macau on Tuesday 28 August. Over 20 Australian TAFE hospitality educators and

managers have been working with Venetian management during the simulation and pre-opening phase of the hotel. TAFE trainers provided assistance in housekeeping, front office, food and beverage and the exclusive Paiza Club. There was also training required for the 70 taxi drivers required to manage the fleet of private taxis available for Venetian guests.

The property will be one of a number on the COTAI Strip, a piece of land created by filling in the sea between Taipa and Coloane Islands off the coast of Macau, which is being promoted as Asia's Las Vegas. Visit the web page at

www.venetianmacao.com



Venetian Hotel Resort

Story and photo courtesy of Anthony Bailey - Box Hill TAFE

Congratulations

Congratulations go to Kangan Batman TAFE

Kangan Batman TAFE is officially Victoria's number one TAFE, after winning the prestigious Training Provider of the Year (Large) accolade in the 2007 Victorian Training Awards on Monday 20 August.

Kangan Batman and Whittlesea Secondary College have jointly won the 2007 Victorian Training Awards' VET in Schools Excellence accolade on Monday 20 August.

Kangan Batman TAFE was awarded in two major categories at the recent Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Incorporated (VAEAI) Wurreker Awards.

- Training Provider 'TAFE Institute Award' for its Broadmeadows based Gunung-William-Balluk Learning Centre,
- Linc Yow Yeh won the 'Teacher/ Trainer Award.'

Story courtesy of Christine Pontin - Kangan Batman TAFE

An Educational Event Experience

As educational experiences go, combining over 300 guests, 150 horses, 500 head of cattle and teams of drovers and volunteers along 214 kilometres is a case study that event educators only dream about.

The Tourism and Events team at TAFE SA Adelaide City Campus therefore jumped at the chance of involving Diploma of Event Management students in both the planning and delivery of this hallmark event. The department has an ethos of combining experiential and classroom based learning and students regularly work on events as an integral part of their studies towards this award, but rarely do they have a work based education opportunity of this complexity – or fun.

Students worked as ‘hosts’ on the Cattle Drive, leaving friends and family behind for up to 10 days to live and work in the South Australian Outback supporting guests as they ‘drove’ cattle along the Oodnadatta Track from William Creek to Marree. Their duties were varied and different, from managing the lunch service – a 4 hour task involving packing up 4-wheel drives and transporting food, drinks, tables and chairs across the outback to taking the role of event organiser arranging other activities and tours for those guests a little too saddle sore to ride each day.

Feedback from guests and students alike in terms of the experience has ranged from the positive to the positively ecstatic. The Cattle Drive featured in a recent edition of The Weekend Australian where the TAFE students happy attitude and skills were acknowledged for their ability to provide a ‘happy spirit’; but perhaps the final words should go to Fiona Gurd, who says “the team and I had a good system in place and I learnt many new skills and have many wonderful memories”.

The Great Australian Cattle Drive is a bi-annual event owned and managed by Events South Australia, the events division of the South Australian Tourism Commission.

See www.cattledrive.com.au



Media Release and photo provided by Jenice Wheeler - Adelaide City TAFE

Wanderings

Paul Lennard from Drysdale Institute in Hobart has left for Europe taking up his International Specialist Skills Institute Fellowship in Austria, Slovenia, Northern Italy, and Alsace focussing on Value-adding to Cool Climate Food and Wine. He will be away for 7 weeks.

We look forward to reading about his adventures on his return.

Membership

The National Executive has agreed to change the membership year to align to the calendar year instead of renewals in August. The benefit to you is that you can now renew your membership and receive Membership of ATTHEA until the end of 2008.

Why become a member?

ATTHEA facilitates networking of tourism and hospitality teachers across the country

- Provides a professional development opportunity to member teachers by way of the ATTHEA Teachers Fellowship Award (see www.atthea.com.au for details)
- Represents the interest of ATTHEA to industry, government and community eg representation on the Tourism and Hospitality Training Package Steering Group Committee
- You receive news and information on issues affecting tourism and hospitality education in TAFE via the website including a forum facility and newsletter
- A national conference providing a platform for discussion and presentation of current issues in relation to tourism and hospitality.

Membership and fees:

Corporate Membership- Available to all INDIVIDUAL TAFE campuses/colleges of tourism and hospitality (Note you MUST advise the names of all staff covered by the corporate membership)

Fees per annum

Up to 25 staff members	\$250
26+ staff members	\$500

Individual membership - Available for those who are not covered by corporate campus/college membership

Fees per annum

Individual membership	\$35
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To renew your membership or to become a new member please complete the attached membership form and return with your payment. For further information you may also like to visit

www.atthea.com.au

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