



VETnetwork

Vocational Learning - Enterprise - Transitions

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

CONNECTION, CAPACITY & COLLABORATION

1-3 October 2008
Sydney Convention Centre,
Darling Harbour



VETnetwork AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN 2008 Connections, Capacity and Collaboration

VETnetwork Australia is the peak body supporting vocational education in schools. The 2008 Conference will bring together VET practitioners from senior secondary schools and colleges, career and enterprise educators, training organisations, university academics, researchers, policy developers, consultants, community programs and industry. The theme for the 2008 conference is *Connections, Capacity and Collaboration*. The focus will be on pedagogy, strategies for real life learning, case studies and partnerships.

The two and a half day national conference is designed to inform and inspire a critical mass of people within the vocational education and training environment to embrace change, explore innovation, achieve success and celebrate enterprise. A program of *optional extras* is organised for the afternoon of Thursday 2 October. The conference dinner on Wednesday 1 October is a **party** no one will want to miss...



CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

DAY 1

Keynote Speakers Matt Church and Michael McQueen

Matt Church is a great speaker, and a stimulating educator. Matt has been voted as one of Australia's leading conference speakers in almost every industry way possible. He is a fabulous high energy, content rich, *dynamic speaker*.

Michael McQueen has been engaged in training and conference speaking for the past seven years. In September 2007, Michael released his first book *The New Rules of Engagement*, which is packed full with information and ideas to help parents and teachers better understand and engage Generation Y.

- **Communities of interest**
- **Youth panel**
- **Conference dinner**

DAY 2

Keynote Industry Speakers

To highlight the skills needs and debate strategies to engage our future workforce.

- **Industry panels** representing major industry groups.

In the afternoon optional activities include:

- **Out and About in Sydney - Tours with an education/ industry focus**
- **Short TAFE 'Taster' Courses**
- **Research Forum-Education and Industry in conversation**

DAY 3

Keynote Speaker: Dr Jim Bright

Jim Bright is Appointed Professor of Career Education and Development at ACU National. This role complements Bright & Associates as an International Career Development Consultancy providing a wide range of career counselling, coaching, and assessments services.

- **Concurrent workshop sessions:**
 1. State and Federal Policies and Strategies
 2. Training Packages in practice
 3. Experience from the field...



CONFERENCE COSTS

EARLY BIRD MEMBERS **\$660**

EARLY BIRD NON MEMBERS **\$850**

Conference Dinner, Tours, TAFE Courses and Research Forum costs are optional and are listed on the website.

Full details: Please go to www.vetnetwork.org.au

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Registration will be via the VETnetwork Australia website:

www.vetnetwork.org.au

Members will be advised of all registration details via their registered email address.

If you are not a member and you would like to be advised of conference updates please forward your email address via the *contact us* on the website: www.vetnetwork.org.au

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