



Higher Education Symposium

Putting Reforms into Practice

With a broad ranging menu of reforms announced by the Australian Government it must be recognised that the 'DEVIL LIES IN THE DETAIL' and care will have to be taken in their development and implementation to ensure that the spirit of the reforms is translated into appropriate actions, decisions and processes.

A MAJOR OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL STAKEHOLDERS TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF THE REFORMS

SPECIAL FEATURE

Awards Dinner - 25th November

Keynote address by the Hon Peter McGauran MP,
Minister for Science

Sponsored by the Department of Employment, Science & Training

PROGRAM and REGISTRATION

**Melbourne, Tuesday 25 &
Wednesday 26 November 2003
Sheraton Towers Southgate,
Southbank**

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

There is much in the reforms which needs to be fleshed out
There are alternative scenarios which need to be explored
There are funding models which need to be evaluated and refined
There are policies which need to be questioned
There are assumptions which need to be validated
There are conclusions which need to be tested
There are conflicts which need to be resolved

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Leaders & senior executives from government
Leaders, senior academics & senior executives from universities
Leaders & senior executives from TAFE
Leaders & senior executives from vocational education & training
Leaders & senior executives from public research organizations
Leaders & senior executives from the professions, business & industry
All those interested in improving the quality of higher education in Australia
Policy Makers

WHY?

With policy and structural issues having been determined, there still remains much to be done to transform the planned outcomes into successful reality. Now there is a need to identify and articulate the issues and aspects which need to be addressed in the detailed implementation of the reforms.

Implementation of many of the reforms could be impacted by any changes that the Senate forces in the enabling legislation. The Senate Standing Committee on Employment, Workplace Relations and Education has several extant inquiries –

1. Inquiry into the higher education funding and regulatory legislation
Due to report: 30 October 2003
2. Inquiry into current and future skill needs
Due to report: 28 October 2003
3. Inquiry into university finances
Due to report: 15 October 2003

The Labor Party has now released a Higher Education policy.

State and Territory Governments have released a commissioned report which, in the words of one State Minister for Education, "...increased revenue will not provide a significantly improved opportunity for Australian citizens to study at university."

There is not only the opportunity but the need to argue alternative scenarios to convince those who do not recognise the importance of the changes that have to be made.



Australian Government
**Department of Education,
Science and Training**

The Annual B-HERT Awards Dinner (black tie)

for Outstanding Achievement in Collaboration in Education and Training will be held at the same venue on the evening of Tuesday 25th at which the Keynote address and presentation of awards will be made by the Hon Peter McGauran MP, Minister for Science. All delegates are welcome to attend.

Peter McGauran has been a member of Federal Parliament since March 1983 representing the seat of Gippsland (Vic). Peter graduated from Melbourne University with a Laws/Arts degree.

Peter worked as a Barrister and Solicitor for a Gippsland law firm. He has served on various Parliamentary committees including those dealing with the Australian Securities Intelligence Organisation and the National Crime Authority. Peter has also served as Shadow Minister for Science and Technology and Shadow Minister for Resources and Energy.

Following the Coalition's election win in 1996 he was the Minister for Science and Technology and after the 1998 election Peter was the Minister for the Arts and the Centenary of Federation and Deputy Leader of the House of Representatives. Following the 2001 election Peter has become the Minister for Science.

Tuesday November 25

PROGRAM DAY 1

- 8.20am **REGISTRATION**
- 8.45am **OPENING** – Professor Ashley Goldsworthy, AO OBE, Executive Director, Business/Higher Education Round Table
- 8.50am **WELCOME** – Dr Mark Toner, President, Business/Higher Education Round Table
- 8.55am **UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE: GOVERNING WHAT** – Professor Denise Bradley AO, Vice-Chancellor & President, University of South Australia
- 9.20am **AFFORDABLE & ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION -** Professor Ruth Dunkin, Vice-Chancellor, RMIT University
- 9.45am **INTERNATIONALISATION, GLOBALISATION & UNIVERSITIES** – Professor Michael Osborne, Vice-Chancellor & President, La Trobe University
- 10.10am **THE 1st DEGREE SHOULDN'T COST A 2nd MORTGAGE** – Senator Leonard Harris
- 10.45am **MORNING TEA**
- 11.10am **COOPERATION BETWEEN HIGHER EDUCATION & VET** – Professor Millicent Poole, Vice-Chancellor, Edith Cowan University
- 11.35am **ENHANCING THE LEVEL OF INVESTMENT** – Dr Carolyn Allport, President, National Tertiary Education Union
- 12.00pm **LABOR'S VISION FOR RESEARCH & INNOVATION; LESSONS FROM THE CURRENT HIGHER EDUCATION DEBATE** — Senator Kim Carr Shadow Minister for Science & Research, Industry & Innovation, for the Public Service; Chair – Inquiry into Higher Education Funding and Regulatory Legislation
- 12.30pm **LUNCH**
- 1.30pm **POLICY UNDERPINNINGS** – Dr Jeff Harmer, Secretary Department of Education, Science & Training
- 2.00pm **WHAT IS THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF NATIONAL INVESTMENT IN HIGHER EDUCATION & WHO SHOULD PAY?** – Professor Frank Larkins AM Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), University of Melbourne
- 2.30pm **AFTERNOON TEA**
- 3.00pm **THE NATURE & VALUE OF BUSINESS/INDUSTRY RELATIONS** – Kean Selway CEO, Deakin Prime
- 3.30pm **SOCIAL ENGINEERING THROUGH FUNDING? A DISCIPLINE LEVEL PERSPECTIVE** – Professor Paul Redmond, Professor of Law, University of New South Wales
- 4.00pm **CLOSE**

Wednesday November 26

PROGRAM DAY 2

- 8.30am **REGISTRATION**
- 8.55am **DAY 2 SCHEDULE** – Professor Ashley Goldsworthy, AO OBE, Executive Director, Business/Higher Education Round Table
- 9.00am **HIGHER EDUCATION & TAFE: SIMILARITIES & DIFFERENCES** - Professor Kerry Cox, Vice-Chancellor, University of Ballarat
- 9.30am **INTERNATIONALISATION** - Professor Helen Garnett, CEO, Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation and Vice-Chancellor elect, Charles Darwin University
- 10.00am **A PRIVATE PROVIDER** – Judy Howard, General Manager, Woolworths Academy
- 10.30am **MORNING TEA**
- 11.00am **THE HUMANITIES: THE RESEARCH & EDUCATION AGENDA** – John Byron, Executive Director, Academy of Humanities
- 11.30am **AFFORDABLE & ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION: A YEAR 12 PERSPECTIVE** – Dr Jane Munro, Principal & CEO, Firbank Grammar School
- 12.00pm **REFORMS FOR ENGINEERING EDUCATION** – Professor Andrew Downing, National Vice President – Education Assessment, The Institute of Engineers, Australia
- 12.30pm **EDUCATION & SCHOOLS: AN ACS PERSPECTIVE** – Richard Hogg, President, Australian Computer Society
- 1.00pm **LUNCH**
- 1.45pm **BUSINESS/INDUSTRY RELATIONS: OPPORTUNITIES & EXPECTATIONS** Peter Hendy, National President, Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry
- 2.10pm **LESSONS FROM THE VET SECTOR IN PUTTING REFORMS INTO PRACTICE – THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING INDUSTRY AND CLIENTS AT THE CENTRE** Janina Gawler, CEO, Australian National Training Authority
- 2.40pm **A BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP** Maria Tarrant, Director – Policy, Business Council of Australia
- 3.10pm **PERSPECTIVE - FINAL SESSION FOR PARTICIPANTS** Q & A
- 4.00pm **CLOSE**

About B-HERT

B-HERT, established in 1990 as a not-for-profit organisation, is the only body where leaders of Australia's business, research, professional and academic communities regularly come together to address important issues of common concern, to improve the interaction between Australian business and higher education institutions, and to guide the future directions of higher education.

Its Mission is to pursue initiatives that will advance the goals and improve the performance of both business and higher education for the benefit of Australian society.

Membership comprises, by invitation at the Chairman/CEO/Vice-Chancellor level, Australian corporations, professional firms, the major public research

organisations (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation; Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation; and Defence Science and Technology Organisation), the Australian National Training Authority, Australian universities, and business related professional societies (engineering, accounting, law, information technology).

B-HERT plays an important role in helping to shape Australia's higher education system by developing practical, workable policies and strategies for addressing issues in which business and universities have a shared interest.

In pursuing this mission B-HERT aims to influence public opinion and both government and non-government policy on selected issues of importance.

B-HERT Awards

In 1998 B-HERT initiated a program of annual prestigious awards to recognise outstanding achievements in collaboration between business and higher education in the field of Education & Training. The objective of the program is to highlight at a national level the benefits of such collaboration, and enhance links between industry and universities.

The awards are made to programs or projects involving a collaborative partnership between business and higher education. Therefore, the collaborating organisations nominated for the award must come from business and from higher education. At least one of the collaborating organisations must be a Member of B-HERT.

Awards are made and presented at the B-HERT Awards dinner in November each year.

This year's Awards are for (a) new initiatives, ie. projects or programs in train from 18 months – 5 years and for (b) established initiatives, ie. projects or programs that have been in train for more than five years. These categories are further divided into projects or programs which involve small-medium sized companies and large companies. Small-medium sized companies are less than \$100m in sales or less than 500 employees. This provides four Awards.

In addition there will be an Award for a project or program with a regional focus. This Award will be chosen on the same criteria as the other Awards but without any reference to the categories mentioned above.



The University of Sydney



Best Entrepreneurial Educator of the Year

In addition, each year there is an award for the Best Entrepreneurial Educator of the Year to recognise the importance of education in the process of developing and nurturing entrepreneurs; and to showcase best practice in entrepreneurial education. Educators of students beyond the age of compulsion from final years of schooling, vocational education, training institutions, universities, employment programs to adult education programs are eligible.

The Award is made annually and presented at the B-HERT Awards dinner each year.

The award includes a QANTAS voucher to the value of \$3000, valid for 12 months, which is intended to be used by the winner to visit some appropriate overseas institution.

Australian Technology Network

FIVE UNIVERSITIES: ONE VISION



Curtin University of Technology



UniSA
University of South Australia



RMIT University



University of Technology Sydney



Queensland University of Technology



Putting Reforms into Practice Symposium & Awards Dinner

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please copy for additional delegates)

Registration Closes Fri November 21

Tax Invoice

This document will be a tax invoice when payment is made.

COST

2 Day Symposium Registration

Putting Reforms into Practice

November 25 & 26 2003

\$545.00 (GST incl) including morning /afternoon teas & lunch

Awards Dinner incl. pre-dinner drinks

Tuesday Nov 25 2003

(7.00pm for 7.30pm Dinner)

Outstanding Achievement in Collaboration in Education & Training

\$145.00 (GST incl)

NB: You may register for the Awards Dinner only

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The Putting Reforms into Practice Symposium on Tue Nov 25 & Wed Nov 26, 2003 at the Sheraton Towers Southgate, Southbank Melbourne including the Awards Dinner on Tue Nov 25 at the same venue.

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I will be attending the 2 day **Putting Reforms into Practice Symposium** on Nov 25 & 26, 2003 (\$545.00 GST incl)

I will be attending the 2 day **Putting Reforms into Practice Symposium** on Nov 25 & 26, 2003 & the Awards Dinner on Nov 25, 2003 (\$690.00 GST incl)

I will be attending the **Awards Dinner ONLY** on Nov 25, 2003 (\$145.00 GST incl)

Amount Payable: \$.....

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We regret no refunds will be made, however substitute delegates are welcome.

Registrations will only be accepted on an official registration form. One per delegate is required and should reach B-HERT by no later than Friday November 21. Notification of substitute delegates must be received by Monday November 24. A special discount rate for accommodation at the Sheraton Towers is available upon request. For reservations call 03 8696 8888.

The personal information on this registration form will be held in the strictest confidence. It will be added to our database and will be used for information alerts about upcoming B-HERT events and initiatives. Periodically we may share information with other professional associations to promote relevant matters of interest. Attendee lists may be listed under our event page on our website. If you DO NOT WANT to be alerted to upcoming events or listed please indicate below.

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