



# POST-COMPULSORY EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM

## Bridging the Gap

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***Post-compulsory education is an arena which  
warrants more coherent consideration***

### ***SYMPOSIUM***

Wednesday 18 May 2005  
RMIT Storey Hall, Melbourne

***KEYNOTE ADDRESSES INCLUDE THE HON. GARY HARDGRAVE, MP, MINISTER FOR  
VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL EDUCATION; AND THE HON. LYNNE KOSKY, MP, MINISTER  
FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING, VICTORIA***

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# The Programme

**DATE: Wednesday 18 May 2005**

**VENUE: RMIT Storey Hall**

8.30am **REGISTRATION**

8.55am **OPENING** — Professor Ashley Goldsworthy, AO OBE, Executive Director, Business/Higher Education Round Table

9.00am **WELCOME** — Rob Stewart, President, Business/Higher Education Round Table

9.05am **INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP ACROSS POST COMPULSORY EDUCATION** — Steve Balzary, Director, Employment & Training, Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry

9.30am **A CASE FOR TRIPARTITE LEADERSHIP OF THE VET SECTOR** — Barry Peddle, Chair, TAFE Directors Australia

10.00am **KEYNOTE ADDRESS** — The Hon Gary Hardgrave, MP, Minister for Vocational & Technical Education

10.30am **MORNING TEA**

10.55am **KEYNOTE ADDRESS** — The Hon Lynne Kosky, MP, Minister for Education & Training, Victoria

11.20am **THE INSTITUTIONAL EXPERIENCE** — Professor Ian Young, Vice-Chancellor & President, Swinburne University of Technology

11.45pm **BRIDGING THE GAP - Which side to build from?** — Paul Byrne, CEO, ANTA

12.10am **CASE STUDIES** — Photonics, Chisholm Institute

1.00pm **LUNCH**

1.45pm **CASE STUDIES** — Challenger TAFE, Gippsland Education Precinct (Monash University)

2.30pm **DISCUSSION PAPER - Taskforce on Post-compulsory Education: Bridging the Gap** — Allan Ballagh, Director, TAFE, RMIT University

2.50pm **AFTERNOON TEA**

3.15pm **BRIDGING THE GAP: The private provider way** — Tim Smith, National Executive Officer, Australian Council for Private Education and Training

3.40pm **WHERE TO FROM HERE?- Discussion of Policy Initiatives** (including Task Force paper) Chair- Professor Margaret Gardner, Vice-Chancellor, RMIT University

4:30pm **CLOSE**

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

More effective integration between providers in the post-compulsory education sector

More effective alignment between universities and VET

More focus on broader collaboration rather than competition

More focus on the problems of regional, rural & remote areas

More effective linkage between programs

Better articulation, better sharing of resources across the whole sector

More effective servicing of regional, rural & remote areas

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

CEO's & Senior Management from business and industry

Vice-Chancellors, Administrators and Academics from universities

CEO's, Senior Executives, and Teaching Staff from VET

Trade union representatives

Senior Officers and Policy Makers from all levels of government

Senior Officers and Policy Makers from professional associations

Secondary School Principals, Teachers and Administrators

Leaders from the community

Employer representatives

Students

## WHY?

One of the issues the Business/Higher Education Round Table (B-HERT) sees as important is the need for more effective integration between providers in the post-compulsory education sector.

The Federal Government has put vocational education and training at the top of its education and training agenda.

One of its initiatives is the creation of a separate ministerial portfolio for Vocational and Technical Education.

We are fortunate to have the Minister delivering the keynote address at this symposium. One of the problems Australia faces in many arenas is the lack of critical mass. In such circumstances drawing lines in the sand to separate activities is often counterproductive.

In the education arena we too often talk of "higher education" or "vocational education and training" rather than "post-secondary" or "post-compulsory education".

There are many issues on which universities and VET warrant separate consideration. But at a time when we are urging collaboration rather than competition, when problems in regional, rural and remote areas need to be addressed, there is an even greater need to focus on the broader area of post-compulsory education.

There needs to be a better integration or linking of programmes, better articulation, better sharing of resources (including money), better servicing of regional, rural and remote areas, broader collaboration, a better skilled workforce, and if we saw the pool of resources and the challenges as the broader tapestry of post-compulsory education we would not be as constrained in our solutions or our thinking.

B-HERT, in its response to the Nelson reforms, drew attention to the need for a change in attitude and thinking to break out of the box and see post-compulsory education as an arena which warrants more coherent consideration.

B-HERT has a Task Force working in this area to develop appropriate policy responses. As part of that exercise we are holding this symposium as an opportunity to canvass policy options and we hope that the outcome will be some concrete proposals for implementation.

# SPEAKERS

## **THE HON GARY HARDGRAVE, MP, Minister for Vocational & Technical Education**

Parliamentary Service: Elected to the House of Representatives for Moreton, Queensland, 1996, 1998, 2001 and 2004.

Ministerial Appointments: Minister for Vocational and Technical Education from 26.10.04; Minister Assisting the Prime Minister from 07.10.03; Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs from 26.11.01 to 26.10.04

Qualifications and Occupation before entering Federal Parliament: BComm (Griffith), DipMR; Radio broadcaster 1977-82; Television presenter and journalist 1980-89; Radio news director 1989; Media adviser to A Innes, MLA (Qld) 1989; Media adviser to Senator DJ MacGibbon 1989-96.

## **THE HON LYNNE KOSKY, MP, Minister for Education & Training, Victoria**

Parliamentary Service: Labor MP for Altona since 1996.

Ministerial Appointments: As Minister for Education and Training Ms Kosky oversees Victoria's 1625 government schools, 19 TAFE institutes, nine universities, more than 450 adult and community education centres and numerous registered training organisations.

Minister for Post Compulsory Education, Training and Employment: October 1999 - February 2002

Finance Minister: (May 2000 - February 2002)

Graduated from Melbourne University in 1980 with a Bachelor of Social Work. Before entering Parliament in 1996 Ms Kosky enjoyed a diverse career in community development, local government and social policy.

## **STEVE BALZARY, Director, Employment & Training, Australian Chamber of Commerce & Industry**

Steve has been with ACCI for over 10 years. His responsibilities include - development of policy for ACCI and its constituents on employment, education, training, skilled immigration and welfare reform matters including responsibility for consolidating ACCI input on mature aged and disability reform matters; representation and liaison with employer associations, employers, Governments, Federal and State/Territory Departments and other agencies; and management of a range of employment and training projects including National Industry Skills Initiative, the Business Education Partnership Advocates Project and the Indigenous Employment Project.

He chairs the ACCI Employment, Education and Training Committee which comprises senior representatives of ACCI members and is regularly attended by Ministers, heads of agencies and other leading figures in employment education and training fields.

## **BARRY PEDDLE, Chair, TAFE Directors Australia**

Barry Peddle has been the Institute Director of the TAFE NSW Illawarra Institute for over eight years and prior to that the inaugural Institute Director of the Riverina Institute of TAFE for seven years. He is the longest serving Institute Director in the NSW TAFE system.

Barry is a Ministerial appointment to the NSW Board of Adult and Community Education, the Vocational Education and Training Accreditation Board, the Illawarra Regional Development Board and the Commonwealth Illawarra Area Consultative Committee.

Barry was a founding executive Director of the Australian TAFE Directors Association and held the position of Deputy Chair until his appointment as Chair of the 2nd World Congress Planning Committee for the 2nd World Congress of Associations of Colleges and Polytechnics, and represents Australian Directors on the World Federation of that body today.

Barry's recent international experience includes project management for a Middle East military college tender and currently working with TAFE Global on restructuring the Thailand VET Institute system.

## **PROFESSOR IAN YOUNG, Vice-Chancellor & President, Swinburne University of Technology**

(BE (Hons), MEngSc, PhD, FIEAust, FTSE)

Ian Young was appointed Vice-Chancellor and President of Swinburne University of Technology in December 2003. Prior to his appointment, he held the dual positions of Executive Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences and Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) at the University of Adelaide. Ian Young has also held positions at the University of New South Wales, James Cook University and the Max Planck Institut for Meteorologie, Germany.

Professor Young is the author of more than 100 research papers and books and has been the recipient of numerous research grants. His research focus is on coastal and ocean engineering and particularly wind generated ocean waves. Professor Young has served as a consultant to the coastal and offshore industries (eg. oil & gas) in Australia, Europe, the United States and Asia.

## **PAUL BYRNE, CEO, ANTA**

Paul is a former general manager of ANTA who returned as interim CEO in August, 2004. He began his career as an electronics engineer, became a teacher and administrator in TAFE, and filled leading roles in the national TAFE teacher union movement before joining ANTA in 1996. Before his retirement as general manager of ANTA in February 2003, Paul was ANTA's key liaison point with industry and a driver of the VET reform process. Since leaving ANTA, Paul has become a member of the TAFE Tasmania Board and a director of the Innovation and Business Industry Skills Council.

Paul holds a Diploma in Engineering from RMIT, a teaching qualification from the Hawthorn Institute of Education, and is a graduate of the Institution of Engineers Australia.

## **ALLAN BALLAGH, Director, TAFE, RMIT University**

Allan Ballagh is Director RMIT TAFE, a position that he has held since November 2003. Allan is co-chair of the RMIT Academic Board and Board of Technical Studies and is member of the RMIT Council. Allan has a long career in the TAFE sector. Prior to moving to RMIT in 1998 as TAFE Projects Director in the Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor Teaching of Learning Allan held various leadership and senior management positions at Western Melbourne Institute of TAFE.

## **TIM SMITH, National Executive Officer, Australian Council for Private Education and Training**

Tim Smith is the National Executive Officer of the Australian Council for Private Education and Training. ACPET is the national industry association for private providers of post-compulsory education and training and has 700 members across Australia, of whom more than half operate in the international market. ACPET operates in all states and territories, with permanent officers in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne and Adelaide.

Tim was formerly an executive in the Victorian Education Department, with responsibility for managing the private higher education provider accreditation and approval process. Tim was Chief of Staff to Education Ministers in the Kennett Government.

## **PROFESSOR MARGARET GARDNER, Vice-Chancellor, RMIT University** BEcon (Hons), PhD Syd., FAIM GAICD

Professor Margaret Gardner was appointed Vice-Chancellor and President of RMIT University on 4 April 2005. Prior to commencing at RMIT, Professor Gardner was Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) at the University of Queensland from December 2000 to March 2005. From 1994 to 2000 Professor Gardner held the position of Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Business, Equity) at Griffith University. In 2001 Margaret Gardner chaired the *Review Of Pathways Articulation Through The Post-Compulsory Years At School to Future Education, Training And Labour Market Participation* commissioned by Education Queensland and the Department of Employment and Training in Queensland. Professor Gardner has also been an auditor with the Australian Universities Quality Agency since 2001.



# POST-COMPULSORY EDUCATION: Bridging the Gap REGISTRATION FORM

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