



RAPS

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2013

RAPS BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

RAPS is pleased to advise that the following Board Members were elected to the RAPS Board of Management at the Annual General Meeting (AGM), held on 9 October 2013:

- Martin Pritchard (Union) (Chair)
- Jim Boyd (Retail)
- Anthony McAnuff (Community Pharmacy)
- Joanne Pendleton (Funeral)
- Aldo Muia (Hairdressing)
- Andrew Vitolins (Union)
- Peta Longman (Floristry)
- Ross Kelly (Ex-Officio) – Department of Training and Workforce Development
- Keith Spence (Ex-Officio) – State Training Board

RAPS would like to welcome Joanne, Jim and Peta on board and thank existing and past Board Members for their continued support.

CORRECTIVE SERVICES

RAPS recently met with the team from the Department of Corrective Services to discuss opportunities that could assist in employment for offenders.

HAIRDRESSING PRE-APPRENTICESHIP WORK PLACEMENT GUIDES AVAILABLE

With the Hairdressing Pre-Apprenticeship program scheduled to commence in January 2014, WestOne Services, in consultation with RAPS, has developed a work placement guide for students and industry mentors. These guides are now available to order through the [WestOne Services website](#).

BEAUTY TRAINING PACKAGE REVIEW CONSULTATIONS

The SIB10 Beauty Training Package Review Consultation Workshop held on 4 November 2013 was well attended by RTOs who provided advice and information on existing and newly developed Beauty Training Package components.

Feedback on draft qualifications and units of competency has now closed but details can still be viewed at Service Skills Australia's online feedback register.

Please click [here](#) to access the online feedback register.

STUDENT EDGE VIDEOS

Student Edge have a total of 25 videos that promote occupations across industries and a further 19 videos that are in development. Amongst other occupations, there is a video relating to the occupation of a hairdresser.

To view this video and many others please visit the [Student Edge website](#).

STATE NEWS

VET SECTOR IN WA TO BE REVIEWED

Training and Workforce Development Minister, Hon. Terry Redman MLA, has initiated a Review of the State's Vocational Education and Training Sector, appointing respected Emeritus Margaret Seares to undertake the Review.

The Review will look at strategies and make recommendations to support the future growth of State training providers and create a plan for streamlined information flows between industry, the Sector and the State Government.

The Inquiry shall present its report and recommendations to the Minister by 30 April 2014. A dedicated e-mail address has been established for making contact with the Review secretariat. The Review office can be contacted at ministerial.review@dtwd.wa.gov.au.

To read the media statement announcing the review please click [here](#).

PROPOSED BUSSELTON CAMPUS OF THE SOUTH WEST INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

The Department of Training and Workforce Development (DTWD) has engaged VSA Property to undertake an independent Site Feasibility Study for a proposed new Busselton campus for the South West Institute of Technology (SWIT).

The aim of the Site Feasibility Study is to assess possible options within Busselton and the surrounding suburbs to identify the preferred site.

As a part of the public consultation process, comments and submissions regarding the report are welcome, by e-mail to SWITsubmissions@dtwd.wa.gov.au. The comment and submission period closes 20 December 2013.

To view the Site Feasibility Study Report please visit the Department of Training and Workforce Development [website](#).

TRAINING PROVIDERS FORUM 2014

The 2014 Training Providers Forum will be held on 19 and 20 May 2014 at Crown Perth. The Forum will feature a range of keynote speakers, workshops and exhibitors, providing the latest updates on training and workforce development.

If you would like to become an exhibitor or sponsor please contact diane.mclaren@dtwd.wa.gov.au.

KIMBERLEY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PLAN RELEASED

The Kimberley Workforce Development Plan 2014-2017 was launched by Training and Workforce Development Minister, Hon. Terry Redman MLA, on 5 November 2013.

The new four-year plan outlines strategies to improve the delivery of training for apprentices and increase employment opportunities for Aboriginal people. The plan will be used to help build, attract and retain skilled workers in the region.

To access the Kimberley Workforce Development Plan please click [here](#).

NATIONAL NEWS

RETAILERS PREPARE FOR BIGGEST ONLINE SHOPPING DAY – SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER 2013

Peak retail industry body, the Australian Retailers Association (ARA), said online retailers were looking forward to Sunday December 8 – the day eBay and PayPal have announced as the biggest mobile shopping day ever, with more mobile purchases predicted from Australian websites on this day than ever before.

ARA Executive Director, Russell Zimmerman, said approximately 2.3 million Australians will visit eBay on this day alone of which a record 1.28 million will come via a mobile device – 30% more than the busiest online shopping day in 2012 (December 9).

“Online retailers are in for a busy few weeks, with a record 140,000 items forecast to be sold and \$5 million worth of goods traded via a mobile on this day – 40% more than in 2012”.

SHOP SMALL AUSTRALIA CAMPAIGN

The Shop Small Australia Campaign is a nationwide movement that brought together support from the business community, governments and consumers, encouraging them to support small business in their communities.

This campaign was run in an effort to have a month dedicated to supporting “small businesses that do big things for us”.

To pledge your support for the movement and your local shops, use the Twitter hash tag #ShopSmallAU.

For more information on the Shop Small Campaign please click [here](#).

RETAILERS FOCUS OF NEW CAMPAIGN IN WA, SA AND NT

The Fair Work Ombudsman is writing to almost 3,000 retailers across Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory as part of a new campaign.

The Fair Work Ombudsman is promoting the free, specialised tools and resources available for retailers at www.fairwork.gov.au/retailcampaign to help them comply with their obligations under workplace laws.

PERTH TO HOST 2014 WORLDSKILLS AUSTRALIA NATIONAL COMPETITION

The 2014 WorldSkills Australia National Competition will be held in Perth at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre, from 18 – 20 September 2014.

The three day event will see over 500 of Australia's most talented students, trainees and apprentices from 30 regions compete in their chosen skill or trade, with 50 categories, ranging from hairdressing, beauty and floristry to mechatronics and web design.

For more information please visit the [WorldSkills Australia website](#).

2014 WORLDSKILLS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WorldSkills Australia invites applications for the voluntary role of National Judge for the 2014 WorldSkills Australia National Competition.

For further details on the role and to submit your online application please visit the [Expression of Interest to Judge](#) page on the WorldSkills Website.

In order to be successful, applicants must meet all essential criteria and submit an online Expression of Interest by 13 January 2014.

For further information please contact Michelle Hardy on mhardy@worldskills.org.au .

FEDERAL INDIGENOUS JOBS AND TRAINING REVIEW

Prime Minister Tony Abbott has announced a review of Indigenous training and employment.

The review will provide recommendations to ensure Indigenous training and employment services can be better targeted and focused on connecting unemployed Indigenous people with genuine and sustainable jobs.

Mr Andrew Forrest will chair the review, with policy and administrative support from the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, and will also work closely with the Government's Indigenous Advisory Council. The report will be presented to the Prime Minister by 7 April 2014.

Written submissions, which consider the issues identified in the Review's Terms of Reference have been invited and can be submitted online at <http://www.indigenousjobsandtrainingreview.dpmc.gov.au/get-involved/online-submissions>

2014 SERVICE SKILLS AUSTRALIA CONFERENCE

Registrations have opened for Service Skills Australia's 2014 Conference, to be held at the Sheraton on the Park, Sydney from 3-4 March 2014.

The Conference will bring together over 250 employers, employees, industry bodies, training organisations and government representatives from the service sectors, to discuss strategies for working collaboratively to increase the productivity and participation of the workforce in the service industries.

For more information on the Conference please click [here](#).

2013 AUSTRALIAN TRAINING AWARDS

The Australian Training Awards presentation dinner was held at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on 22 November 2013.

This year, the Australian Training Awards marked 20 years of rewarding outstanding excellence in vocational education and training (VET).

RAPS would like to congratulate the following West Australian individuals and organisation for their achievement:

- ❖ Jacky Cheng (Kimberley Training Institute) – Winner of the VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year Award
- ❖ Henry Kemp – Runner Up for the Australian School-based Apprentice of the Year Award
- ❖ Ryan D'Souza – Runner Up for the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year Award
- ❖ Joshua Antunovich – Runner Up for the Australian Apprentice (Trainee) of the Year Award
- ❖ Taylorweir International School of Hairdressing – Finalist in the category of Small Training Provider of the Year

All 2013 winners can be viewed on the [Australian Training Awards website](#).

RAPS Board of Management and Staff would like to thank everyone for their support over the year, and wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!



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