

## AVETRA Mentoring Project with NCVET New Researchers

The new NCVET Community of Practice researchers have been selected for 2013. There are eight new researchers and our mentors for this year are: Bobby Harreveld, Steven Hodge, Kira Clarke, Keiko Yasukawa, Ian Robertson, Francesca Beddie, John Mitchell and Sarojni Choy.

Mentors are chosen on the following basis: location and needs of the new researcher. They need to be members of AVETRA. It appeared that we had a reasonably healthy Register of Mentors, but many were not current financial members of AVETRA. Consequently we called for EOIs. Doug sent out twice in April (see below). We now have an up-to-date list of those who responded of 15 mentors. We obviously need more. The mentors are not spread over the country. The requirement of the supervising Higher Degree research students and/or have a track record of managing VET research projects for NCVET, cuts out a lot of our current members.

Suggestions as to what we can do:

- \* change criteria for the requirement for being a mentor that will include more people
- \* target particular people who meet the requirements but are not currently members to suggest that they may like to be on the Register but need to join/renew membership
- \* include as part of a more general membership drive, along with the Expert Researchers

I am sure there are other things, but we need to undertake further work before next year.

Linda Simon

*AVETRA is seeking Expressions of Interest from members to be put on the Research Mentoring Register. This is a reminder to those who haven't yet responded.*

*This enables AVETRA to have a list of members with expertise willing to act as mentors for other researchers, mainly for the Community of Practice new researchers.*

*If you are already on the register, we would appreciate you indicating your interest in continuing to be there.*

*To be placed on the Register, members will have experience in supervising Higher Degree research students and/or have a track record of managing VET research projects for NCVET. The location of the mentor and the needs of the new researcher will be the primary criteria for mentor selection each year.*

*The mentoring of a new researcher through their project for NCVET generally lasts around a year, and involves a couple of face-to-face meetings and other appropriate support. The details of the program can be found on the AVETRA website under AVETRA Initiatives - <http://avetra.org.au/avetra-initiatives/mentoring-project>. Please find attached the Mentors Briefing Manual.*

*Please send your details including:*

- \* workplace, \* areas of expertise, \* contact details*