



The Value and Voice of VET Research for individuals, industry, community and the nation

AVETRA 2012

15th Annual Conference

Rydges Capital Hill, Canberra

Thursday, 12 April – Friday, 13 April 2012

Pre-Conference Workshops & Welcome Reception: Wednesday, 11 April 2012

Key Note Speakers

- **Professor Anne-Marie Bathmaker**, *Bristol Centre for Research in Lifelong Learning and Education, UWE Bristol*. Anne Marie will challenge the delegates to reflect on how policy is experienced, formed and reformed at the micro levels of practice.
- **Dr Tom Karmel**, *NCVER Adelaide*. Tom from a national vantage point will indicate where he believes VET research is going and what we as research need to do to an instrumental part of that journey.
- **Dr Salim Akoojee**, *University of the Witwatersrand*. Salim has extensive experience of both managing and researching VET in South Africa and Africa. He will take us on journey to discover how our systems compare with those he is associated with and what challenges unite us in the future.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

The Conference will be held over two full days (approximately from 0800 – 1700 hours each day) on Thursday, 12 and Friday, 13 April 2012 with additional pre-conference workshops on Wednesday, 11 April 2012, from 1200 – 1700 hours and two social events.

Social Events

The Welcome Reception will be hosted by the Canberra Institute of Technology on Wednesday, 11 April 2012
The Conference Dinner (not included in registration fees) will be held on Thursday, 12 April 2012 at the Australian National University in the Great Hall.

INVITATION TO ATTEND

The Australian Vocational Education and Training Research Association (AVETRA) aims to promote quality VET research, build capacity to undertake VET research and evaluation, and provide opportunities to exchange information and ideas. VET research may be on a small or large scale, for policy development, to improve teaching and assessment practices or to discover which partnerships, programs and services best meet the needs of the individuals, communities and enterprises. AVETRA members include TAFE and university-based researchers, training managers, industry-based trainers and managers, and VET decision-makers. The annual conference aims to be informative, challenging and practical and assist people to build networks.

VET research in Australia has traditionally focussed on the challenges of the present. For the 2011 conference, researchers have been asked to address the lessons of history and challenges of the future as well as the pressing concerns of the present. Conference themes include pedagogies and pathways, learning from our VET past, the work of VET and its workforce, issues around learner success and skilling for sustainable future.

CONFERENCE VENUE

The AVETRA 2012 Conference will be held at:



Rydges Capital Hill, Canberra

Cnr. National Circuit & Canberra Avenue
Forrest ACT 2600 Australia
Phone: +61 2 6295 3144

Rydges Capital Hill is the ideal Canberra hotel from which to base your stay in the Nation's Capital. Whether you are visiting for leisure or business, you'll find everything you need within close proximity at one of the best Canberra accommodation providers.

This Canberra hotel is 500 metres from Parliament House, surrounded by the busy business districts of Barton and parks - walking distance to Manuka and Kingston, and close to most of Canberra's national attractions. The city is a 5 minute drive.

CONFERENCE ORGANISING COMMITTEE

- **Sharon Ahern**, Charles Sturt University
- **Llandis Barrett-Pugh** - President of AVETRA - Associate Professor Edith Cowan University
- **Roslin Brennan Kemmis AM**, AVETRA 2012 Conference Convenor ,Head of School, School of Education, Wagga Wagga
- **Sarojni Choy**,
- **Berwyn Clayton**, , Director, Work-Based Education Research Centre, Victoria University, Footscray, VIC
- **Barbara Cram**, Project Manager Regional Engagement, Student Equity and Support Unit, University of Canberra
- **Kevin Heyes**, Faculty Director, Vocational Access Faculty
- **Martha Kinsman**, VET Researcher
- **Damien Pearce**, Fulbright Scholar, MEd Lead, GradDip TT&Learn, VGradCert Man
- **Sarah Sutcliffe**, Skills Australia
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- **Anita Wesley**,

CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT

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KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

The AVETRA 2012 Conference Organising Committee are pleased to welcome the participation of the following keynote speakers confirmed to date:

Professor Anne-Marie Bathmaker, Bristol Centre for Research in Lifelong Learning and Education, UWE Bristol Frenchay Campus

Dr Tom Karmel, NCVET Adelaide

Dr Salim Akoojee, University of the Witwatersrand

For provisional program details, please log onto the AVETRA website www.avetra.org.au.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Six workshops will be held prior to the conference at Canberra Institute of Technology.

Details TBA.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has been reserved at two different properties, one being the conference venue itself – Rydges Capital Hill, Canberra and the other Rydges Lakeside, Canberra.

Please note that each rate given is per **room** per night and includes the GST – however only bookings through the AVETRA 2012 Conference Secretariat will obtain these rates. To secure your booking, credit card details must be provided with the registration form and these will be passed onto the Hotel to secure your booking.

Hotels Information

- Hotel room types:
 - Single - one bed in room
 - Double - one large bed in room
 - Twin - two separate beds in room
- Rates do not include breakfast
- Check in: 1400 hours
- Check out: 1100 hours

Rydges Capital Hill, Canberra

(Conference Venue)

Cnr. National Circuit & Canberra Avenue
Forrest Canberra ACT 2600 Australia
Tel: +61 2 6295 3144

Single, double or twin: **\$169.00 per room per night**

Rydges Hotel Lakeside

(15 minute drive from Conference Venue)

1 London Circuit
Canberra ACT 2601 Australia
Tel: +61 2 6247 6244

Single, double or twin: **\$169.00 per room per night**

Complimentary car parking for delegates during day

Overnight parking is \$10 per person

Complimentary Shuttle service from Rydges Lakeside to Rydges Capital Hill (Conference Venue) will be provided on Thursday and Friday mornings and afternoons.

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- Accommodation will only be confirmed once credit card details have been received.
- All alterations and cancellations to accommodation bookings must be made in writing to the AVETRA 2012 Conference Secretariat.
- All guests are to settle their individual room accounts upon departure.
- All major credit cards are accepted. If you are settling your account at the hotel/resort with any credit card, please note that a credit card transaction fee may be charged.
- Rates given are per room per night and include GST. You must request a tax invoice at the accommodation venue at check out for GST purposes.

Cancellation Fees:

Cancellation within 30 days (including no shows): Guests will be required to pay 100% of the total accommodation charges.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Welcome Reception

Room: TBA

Venue: Canberra Institute of Technology

Date: Wednesday, 11 April 2012

Time: 1800 – 2000 hours

Cost: Included in Full and One Day Registration Fee

It is hoped all delegates and partners will be able to attend this evening as this is a great opportunity for networking.

Conference Dinner

Room: The Great Hall

Venue: The Australian National University - Canberra

Date: Thursday, 12 April 2012

Time: 1900 - 2300 hours

Cost: \$100.00 per person

We hope all delegates and their guests will join us on this occasion to make it a memorable evening of the event. This is an occasion to catch up with friends, colleagues and acquaintances and meet with new people. Great food, wine, and entertainment has been planned to ensure a great time is had by all. Coaches have been arranged to transfer all delegates from the Rydges Hotel's to the Australian National University and return.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration Desk – the registration desk will be open as follows:

Wednesday, 11 April 2012	1100 – 1930 hours	Canberra Institute of Technology
Thursday, 12 April 2012	0730 – 1700 hours	Rydges Hotel, Capital Hill
Friday, 13 April 2012	0800 – 1600 hours	Rydges Hotel, Capital Hill

Staff at the registration desk will be happy to help with any queries.

Name Badges – all delegates will be given a name badge at registration. This badge will be the official pass to Conference sessions, teas, lunches and official social functions. It is necessary for delegates to wear their name badges at all times when on-site.

Messages – a message board will be located next to the registration desk throughout the Conference.

Smoking Policy – the Conference policy is that there will be “no smoking” inside the hotel – smoking is only permitted in the outdoor areas.

Credit Cards – credit cards accepted at the registration desk are Visa, MasterCard and American Express. Please note that Diners is **NOT** accepted. The majority of hotels, restaurants and shops will accept all major credit cards.

Goods & Services Tax (GST) – please note that all prices quoted throughout this information (registration fees, social events, etc) are inclusive of GST. On the conference tax invoice receipt, accommodation costs do not show GST as the AVETRA 2011 Conference Secretariat operates as an agent. For a tax invoice on accommodation showing GST, please request one from the hotel upon departure.

Insurance – Registration fees do not include insurance of any kind. It is strongly recommended that you take out an insurance policy of your choice when booking your travel arrangements.

Disclaimer of Liability – the Organising Committee, including the AVETRA 2012 Conference Secretariat and AVETRA, will not accept liability for damages of any nature sustained by participants or their accompanying persons or loss of or damage to their personal property as a result of the Conference or related events.

AIR TRAVEL

For the best airfares to Canberra please book online at the following websites:

- www.virginaustralia.com
- www.qantas.com.au
- www.jetstar.com

The airport is approx. a 15-20 minute drive to Rydges Capital Hill, Canberra by taxi

REGISTRATION FEES

Your registration fee includes:

All Full Delegates

- Entry to all Conference sessions
- Welcome tea and coffee, morning/afternoon teas and lunches during the Conference
- Welcome Reception
- Satchel
- Final Program & Abstract Book

One Day Delegates

- Entry to all Conference sessions on the day of registration
- Welcome tea and coffee, morning/afternoon tea and lunch on that day
- Welcome Reception
- Satchel
- Final Program and Abstract Book

The Welcome Reception is offered to all delegates and guests. The Welcome Reception is kindly hosted by the Canberra Institute of Technology.

Tickets for the Conference Dinner are available for all delegates to purchase at the rate of \$100.00 per person.

Fees

	Before or On 02 March 2012	On or After 03 March 2012
Full Conference		
AVETRA members	\$600.00	\$780.00
Non members~	\$780.00	\$980.00
Students*	\$195.00	\$245.00
One day		
AVETRA members	\$365.00	\$440.00
Non members~	\$465.00	\$540.00
Students*	\$140.00	\$160.00
Workshop 1	\$50.00	\$70.00
Workshop 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6	\$80.00	\$100.00

**Student registrations are for full time students only. A copy of the student identification is required with the completed registration form.*

~To become a member or renew your membership and benefit from the AVETRA member rate, please log on to the membership section of the AVETRA website www.avetra.org.au or fill in the membership form inserted in this brochure.

Acknowledgement

Registrations will be acknowledged via email with confirmation of your requirements according to your registration form, together with a tax invoice receipt. **Bookings will only be confirmed when payment is received.**

Method of Payment

- Payment of fees must accompany all registration forms.
- All cheques, international bank drafts, money orders must be made payable to “AVETRA Conference”.
- Bank cheques and drafts must be drawn on a major branch of an Australian Bank in Australian dollars.
- Register online at www.avetra.org.au/annual-conference if you are paying by credit card.
- Credit cards accepted are **Visa, MasterCard and American Express** and (Diners is **NOT** accepted).

CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations or alterations should be put in writing to the AVETRA 2012 Conference Secretariat.

Conference Cancellation:

- Before 17 February 2012 - \$100.00 cancellation fee will apply.
- Before 9 March 2012 - 50% of monies paid.
- From 10 March 2012 - no refund of monies paid.

Accommodation Cancellation:

- Cancellation within 30 days (including no shows): Guests will be required to pay 100% of the total accommodation charges.
- Amendments within 30 days: Any room night cancelled will lose the deposit payment made.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

AVETRA ABN 48 818 499 031

Office use only
Received: _____

- New Membership
- Renewal Membership

ALL FIGURES ARE IN AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS AND INCLUDE GST

By becoming a member to the Australian Vocational Education and Training Research Association (AVETRA), you will benefit from:

- ~ Member rate when registering to the 2012 Conference
- ~ Subscription to Research Today
- ~ Subscription to the International Journal of Training Research

I wish to:

- Join AVETRA and become a Member
- Renew my Membership – I joined AVETRA first in *(insert year)* _____

Standard Membership Fee **\$ 160.00**
 Students~ and NCVET rates **\$ 80.00**

~ Any full or part time student who does not have a fulltime income can benefit from the Students Membership Rate. Please join a copy of your student card.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Title: _____ Given Name: _____ Surname: _____
 Position: _____
 Organisation: _____
 Organisation Address: _____
 Suburb: _____ State: _____ Country: _____ Postcode: _____
 Telephone: () _____ Facsimile: () _____
 Email: _____

Please tick the box:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> TAFE | <input type="checkbox"/> RTO | <input type="checkbox"/> University | <input type="checkbox"/> Employer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private Trainer | <input type="checkbox"/> NCVET | <input type="checkbox"/> Consultant | <input type="checkbox"/> International |

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Payment by cheque - Please make cheque payable to "AVETRA" and post it to the below address
- Payment by credit card – Please provide credit card details below

MasterCard Visa American Express

Cardholder Name: _____ Expiry Date: ____ / ____

Credit Card Number: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

TOTAL PAYMENT \$ _____

Please complete and return to:
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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Reg No. _____

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A tax invoice/receipt will be emailed to you once payment has been processed

DELEGATE

AVETRA Membership No: _____

Surname: _____ Title: _____ Given Name: _____

Organisation: _____

Position: _____

Organisation Postal Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____ Country: _____ Postcode: _____

Telephone: () _____ Facsimile: () _____

Email: _____

(Required for your confirmation details)

Food Allergies: _____

(i.e. gluten free, lactose intolerant, etc. Food preferences will not be catered for)

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Full Conference			
AVETRA Member	\$600.00	\$780.00	\$ _____
Non-Member	\$780.00	\$980.00	\$ _____
Student~	\$195.00	\$245.00	\$ _____
Additional Exhibitor	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$ _____
One day			
AVETRA Member One Day**	\$365.00	\$440.00	\$ _____
Non-Member One Day**	\$465.00	\$540.00	\$ _____
Student One Day~	\$140.00	\$160.00	\$ _____
**Please tick (✓) day of attendance for one day delegates	<input type="checkbox"/> Thur, 12 April 2012 <input type="checkbox"/> Fri, 13 April 2012		

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TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES \$ _____

PRE- CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Please note that places at the workshops are limited. We advise you to book early to avoid disappointment. All workshops will be held at Canberra Institute of Technology. If attending a workshop on Wednesday, 11 April 2012, please tick below:

- Workshop 1 - TBA
- Workshop 2 - TBA
- Workshop 3 - TBA
- Workshop 4 - TBA
- Workshop 5 - TBA
- Workshop 6 - TBA

	Before or on 02 March 2012	On or after 03 March 2012	Payment
Workshop 1	\$50.00	\$70.00	\$ _____
Wednesday, 11 April 2012 from 1130 – 1230 hours			
Workshop 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$ _____
Wednesday, 11 April 2012 from 1330 – 1700 hours			

TOTAL PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS \$ _____

