

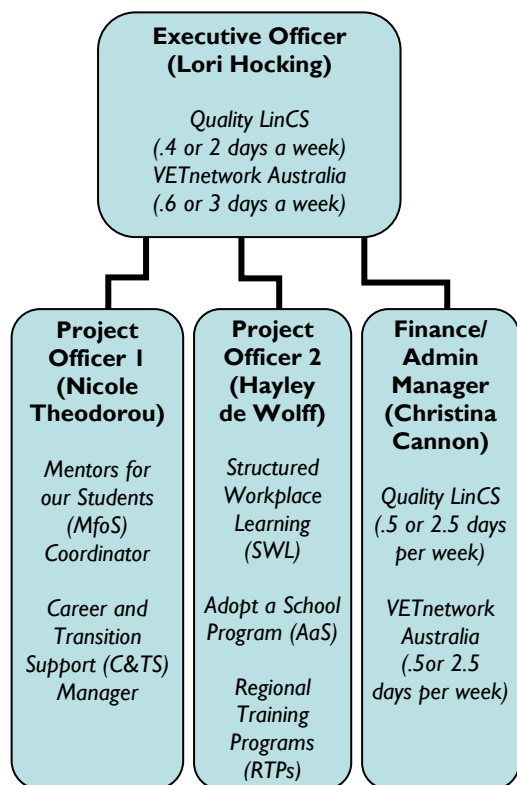
VETnetwork and Quality LinCS

VETnetwork Australia (Vocational Education and Training Network Australia Incorporated) is a national professional association dedicated to the advancement and improvement of high quality vocational education and training across Australia. VETnetwork members include teachers, trainers, career advisers, program coordinators, administrative and support personnel committed to vocational learning and youth transition.

In January 2009, VETnetwork advertised widely across Australia in an attempt to attract the best candidate for the Executive Officer's position which becomes vacant on June 1st, 2009. Quality LinCS tendered to provide the Executive Officer (EO) services to VETnetwork Australia – Lori Hocking was interviewed for the position and we were subsequently advised that Quality LinCS was successful in obtaining the contract.

This new relationship simply means that Quality LinCS has diversified its business and now has another contract with VETnetwork Australia to run the organisation with the support of a National Executive. The Quality LinCS office will now house VETnetwork and Lori Hocking and Christina Cannon will be employed to provide Executive Officer services and secretariat support to VETnetwork Australia.

These changes obviously mean there is an impact on staff – the diagram below best illustrates the roles and responsibilities of Quality LinCS staff. This contract has allowed us to reemploy Hayley de Wolff full time and we welcome her back!



If you have any questions please contact Lori Hocking (8372 6945).

Quality LinCS Board 2009

Quality LinCS hosted its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday April 30th, 2009. The AGM provided an opportunity for the Board to reflect on its work in 2008 and in particular the completion of a new Strategic Plan, 2008-2010. The final plan was endorsed by the Board in March 2009 and includes our new vision and mission statements and five key priorities for action – these are:

Vision Statement: *Quality LinCS is the pre-eminent organisation in career education and learning pathways linking industry, educators, and government agencies, for the benefit of students and the community.*

Mission Statement: *At Quality LinCS we actively promote, research, support, and develop innovative activities to enable our community to acquire skills to succeed in a rapidly changing global environment.*

The Priorities (not in order) include:

1. **Monitoring the social, economic, political and geographic landscape (broadest interpretation possible).**
2. **Increasing and maintaining strong governance.**
3. **Diversify business, Business growth and Business sustainability (including financial, innovation and excellence).**
4. **Increase political initiatives (lobbying) and political patronage (including schools).**
5. **Broaden and strengthen industry / schools / government agencies / community ties.**

The complete final copy of the Quality LinCS 2008-2010 Strategic Plan is available on the Quality LinCS website: www.qualitylincs.com.au

We also need to formally recognize the new Board and thanks them for their commitment:

- Mr Allan Andersen – Co Chair, Sims Refrigeration**
- Mr Russell Atwell – DECS**
- Mr Peter Dawson – SAGE Didactic**
- Mr Graeme Gatley – DECS**
- Mr Dean Low, Pasadena High School**
- Mrs Margie Luttrell – Cabra Dominican College**
- Mr Peter Mader – Co Chair, Hamilton Secondary College**
- Mrs Anne Millard – DECS**
- Mrs Bridget Ransome – Treasurer, City of Marion**
- Ms Evonne Stevenson – Workskil**
- Mr Andrew Thomas – Tabor Christian College**

We still have three positions vacant: one for a business / industry representative, one for a young person (must be aged 18-24 years) and one for a representative of a Registered Training Organisation (RTO). If you are aware of a suitable match for any of these positions, please contact Lori Hocking (8372 6945).

National Career Development Week

On Wednesday May 20th, VETnetwork, with the support of Quality LinCS, hosted a breakfast as part of National Career Development Week at the Adelaide Convention Centre. The event attracted over 100 delegates – the key note speaker Mr Ross Clennett focused his presentation on:

- the major recent changes to the Australian employment market, predictions for the next 5-10 years, skills in demand and the opportunities for job seekers outside of Australia.
- how organizations recruit their employees and how this has changed over the past 10 years and the role of organizations in developing their employees.
- how to present yourself as a job seeker in the most advantageous way in application and interview.
- how recruitment agencies work and, as a job seeker, how to best gain employment through an agency.
- how to take responsibility for your own career and skill development (as a job seeker/employee).

Ross briefed those in attendance on the new ways recruiters and companies are sourcing employees - using social networking tools such as Facebook and Twitter. The feedback from the event felt that this in particular was of most interest to Careers Counsellors and career support staff who work with young people. For more information or to view Ross's presentation visit – www.rossclennett.com.

Indigenous School Based Traineeships

Australia Post has announced it will offer 100 school-to-work traineeships for Indigenous Australians over the next twelve months nation wide.

Post's MD Graeme John said this year had seen the 4,000th indigenous employee hired since 1990 when the Corporation began a program to employ Indigenous Australians. The traineeships build on a successful trial involving 30 students which ran in Qld, NSW and Victoria last year.

"Our school to work program provides an opportunity to work with Australia Post one day a week during the final two years of school," he said. "They then have the opportunity to join Post on a permanent basis or continue studying while working part-time. The trainees study certificate courses relative to their employment, such as transport, warehouse distribution, retail management and postal management", Aust Post said. At the end of the traineeship, they are ready to move into entry-level positions that align with their traineeship.

In the Southern Adelaide, the S.A. Department of Education is working with Australia Post to increase the level of awareness by Aboriginal students of these opportunities within Australia Post.

For further information, contact Australia Post's, Manager Diversity, Diane Hart diane.hart@auspost.com.au or DECS Southern Adelaide Region Transition Broker, Peter Leolkes peter.leolkes@urrbraehs.sa.edu.au

Aboriginal students tour of Australia Post

On the Wednesday 13th May a group of Aboriginal students in Yr. 10, 11 and 12 from Southern Adelaide Schools found out what career opportunities are available for them at Australia Post by taking a tour of the Somerton Park Delivery Centre and The Adelaide Mail Centre.

They discovered that there is a lot more to Australia Post than what the general public sees.

Australia Post generously provided morning tea and lunch. Thanks to Di Hart from Australia Post and the managers and workers at the centres for accommodating and enlightening us.



Key Term 2 Dates

Targeted Intervention Action Team (TIAT) Meeting

Week 5 – Wednesday 27th May, 4:15pm – 5:30pm.

Career & Transition Action Team (CTAT) Meeting

Week 6 – Wednesday 3rd June, 4:15pm – 5:30pm.

DECS Inner South Youth Engagement Network (YEN) Meeting

Week 6 – Thursday 4th June, 8:00am – 9:30am.

Indigenous School Based Traineeships

An important curriculum development in vocational education for senior secondary schooling is Industry Pathways Programs.

DECS Southern Adelaide Region Transition Brokers, Peter Leolkes and Graeme Harris have state-wide responsibilities in these developments. Peter leads the team that is developing contextualised numeracy and mathematics within the Industry Pathways Programs streams. Graeme is managing the team that is focussing on a Primary Industries - Industry Pathways Program.

Industries currently being developed, through a partnership between DECS and the Office of the Future SACE, are:

Automotive

Electro-tech

Allied Health

Business Services

Community Services

Primary Industries

An Industry Pathways Program is a secondary school vocational program that;

- provides credit towards some or all of the following components of the New SACE: literacy; numeracy; Personal Learning Plan (PLP); Research Project (RP); subjects and courses;
- provides credit towards a recognised qualification within the Australian Qualifications and Training Framework (at Certificate III level or above);
- comprises an industry endorsed set of learning strategies, career resources and nationally accredited VET competencies and/or qualification(s) that articulate into apprenticeships, traineeships, further education or training, and direct employment.

The new programs are being developed collaboratively by project schools, training providers and key industry personnel.

The effective implementation of these programs requires an appropriate middle school curriculum to be in place so that students are prepared in knowledge and foundation skills to commence their industry focussed studies. Additionally, it is imperative that students undertaking Industry Pathways Programs can articulate into further learning and/or employment, including apprenticeships.

Industry Pathways Programs will result the delivery of consistent and quality assured programs that articulate into pathways based on industry skills needs. This curriculum underpins the Trade Training Centre and Trade School for the Future initiatives available to secondary schools. It is anticipated that each secondary school will focus on specialising in at least one Industry Pathway Program stream.

Peter Leolkes (8372 6950) and Graeme Harris (8207 3797).

INVITATION "PARENTS AS CAREER PARTNERS"

Department of Education and Childrens Services (DECS)
Southern Adelaide Region & Quality LinCS

Invite you to "PARENTS AS CAREER PARTNERS"

An event for parents and teachers of young people with a disability.

In the current economic climate, learn how to prepare your son / daughter to be job ready!

Young people face new challenges in the world of work and parents are crucial for skilling young people for the future. This is an event you cannot miss!

Date: Thursday 4th June

Time: 6:00pm – 8.30pm

Venue: Fullarton Park Centre

Parkview Room

411 Fullarton Road

Fullarton SA 5062

Drinks & Nibbles will be provided.

Presentations by:

Danny Slater

Tafe SA Regional

Leadership, Organisational Renewal & Career Development

Panel including:

Monica Leahy—National Disability Coordination Officer

Emmanuel Baker—Apprentice, Metro Holden

Suresh Millar—Employer, Metro Holden

Liz Sutherland—Passionate Parent

NUMBERS ARE LIMITED—please confirm your attendance ASAP.

RSVP by 29th May 2009 to Suzette Griffiths

Phone: 8277 6504 or

Email: griffiths.suzette@saugov.sa.gov.au

Thanks for Mitcham Council for sponsoring this event!



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Mentors for our Students' Pilot Program Update

The DEEWR funded 'Mentors for our Students' (MfoS) pilot program has provided an exciting opportunity for young people and schools in the QL region. The program aims to engage young people with recently retired or semi-retired tradespeople, professionals and paraprofessionals as Mentors to encourage young people to seek out careers experiencing skill shortages and enhance their job and industry knowledge.

So far the program has attracted Mentors from many career & employment backgrounds. In total there are 28 mentors (as of end of May). Many of whom will likely commence mentoring at the beginning of term 3. Some of the career backgrounds that Mentors have excellent experience in include;

- Real Estate
- School teaching
- Construction & Project Management
- Medicine
- Nursing
- Administrative
- Marketing
- Accounting
- Politics
- Plumbing
- Disability worker

The level of commitment from Mentors had been very impressive. Many bring not only a vast amount of Career and Industry knowledge but also fabulous life experience. A majority of Mentors attended the Training on Friday 22nd May and will join us for a second day of Training on Friday 29th May. The feedback from mentors has been excellent. Thanks to Kieran Nolan from Service to Youth Council (SYC) for delivering the training.

Many schools are still in the process of sending in their student 'Registration of interest' forms. Thanks to those schools that have returned their student paperwork. As of the end of May, 17 students had expressed an interest in receiving Mentor support. Key school personnel are encouraged to promote the program to students in year 10, 11 and 12. The Mentor Coordinator will be meeting with students, addressing classes and speaking with teachers to promote the program further and encourage students to participate in the 'MfoS' program.

If any student, parent or teacher is interested and would like a Registration of Interest form or more information please contact Nicole Theodorou on: 8372 6951 mobile: 0407 393 708 or email: quality.lincs@urrbraehs.sa.edu.au



Mentor Induction Training 22nd May 2009

Regional Training Programs – Semester 2

Reminder that the deadline for the Quality LinCS Regional Training Programs for Semester 2 is Friday 5th June, 2009. Please send in any applications ASAP via email, fax or post.

Courses available in:

- Aquaculture
- Automotive
- Beauty
- Child Care
- Engineering
- Fashion Design
- Forklift
- Furnishing
- Horse Racing
- Hospitality
- Interviews
- Massage
- Music
- Photography
- Retail
- Screen Printing
- Sport & Recreation
- Tourism

Any questions or for the booklet and application form please contact Hayley on 8372 6882, 0438 223707 or hayley.dewolff@urrbraehs.sa.edu.au

Student Mock Interviews

Do you have students in need of Mock Interviews? We have volunteers ready & waiting to help! Contact Hayley to arrange.

Thank you to;

Andrea Cameron
Heather Kilsby
Nicole Theodorou
Sheila Evans
Stephen Baker

for their help with the recent Urrbrae Agricultural High School Year 12 students.

Structured Workplacements

Structured Workplacements can be organised for teachers, students and businesses. We have a database of local employers in Aged Care, Automotive, Building and Construction, Child Care, Retail, Engineering and Hospitality.

We would like to thank:

Kevin Riley - Arentz Engineering Pty Ltd
Shaun Gallagher - Best & Less Marion
Pauline May - Foodland Mitchell Park
Jean Francois - Grimaldis, The Lunch Club
Tony Muravito - Happy Valley Video
Sheryl Dykes - K-Mart Marion

for their recent placements and continued support.

To arrange placements please email Hayley at the QL office – hayley.dewolff@urrbraehs.sa.edu.au and ask for the appropriate forms.