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NAFEA NEWS



Upcoming Events

NAFEA Conference 12 – 14 July 2017
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News from our State Chapters

Victorian/Tasmania: We held our second meeting for 2017 on 18th May at Melbourne University, 26 members from 12 Universities attended, which is the highest number for a long time. We spent some time discussing strategies for promoting NAFEA among other faculties at our institutions, a topic we will revisit at the conference. Dean Cooley from Federation University provided a very engaging overview of the functions and support that Australian Volunteers International can provide for Universities, their staff and students who are undertaking overseas placements. Ricky Tunny provided a very thorough outline of the latest news and exciting developments from the National Executive. The meeting concluded with small group discussion of the successes and concerns members are currently experiencing at their own institutions. Thanks very much to Clare Richards from Melbourne Uni for organising the venue and the delicious lunch and beverages.

Queensland: On the 17th May, the QLD Chapter met for the second time. A common theme that came out of the discussions was the difficulties that education placement officers were experiencing with placing their students. Health placement officers noted the nationwide shortage of Hepatitis B vaccinations and the potential challenges related to ensuring that students are compliant with healthcare facility requirements. Some difficulties in facilitating WIL research projects within QLD Health was also noted as a challenge for health disciplines. Discussions on these topics will be explored further at the conference.

A message from the President



In April, NAFEA hosted the first webinar and online AGM. Thanks to those who attended. The webinar showcased the NAFEA Health and Well-being project. The initial results from the first survey collection highlighted some interesting findings. It confirmed what we all know – there is an incredible amount of stress involved in administering WIL programs!

I encourage those involved in the project to continue on with the second survey. This data is crucial for us to be able to advocate for change and additional resources.

The annual conference is fast approaching and the Conference Committee have been working hard to bring everything together. The program for the conference includes many relevant and current topics for members to explore, particularly around how we can bridge the gap between different stakeholder expectations. I hope that many of you will be able to attend. It's shaping up to be bigger and better. You can find further information about the conference on our website. Register before 26 June 2017 to secure your place. Ensure that you are financial members to qualify for the discounted rates.

NAFEA has recently released a number of funding programs as part of the Association's 3 year strategic plan: Outstanding Awards, Professional Development and Project Grant Programs. The NAFEA Outstanding Awards nominations close 30 June 2017. Don't miss this opportunity to nominate and recognise the contributions of our members.

Spotlight on...



MANDY CAMPBELL
Placements Officer (Pharmacy
& Podiatry), QUT

Tell us how you first got involved in with Work Integrated Learning (WIL)? I had worked in the pharmacy sector for close to 30 years and in 2009 following my resignation from the Pharmaceutical Society of Australia, I was approached by QUT to take up a part time position as Rural Pharmacy Placements Officer, managing and sourcing pharmacy placements within rural and regional areas throughout Australia. In 2011 I was appointed the fulltime Pharmacy Placements Officer.

What was your first impression of NAFEA? NAFEA to me is an organisation that has always provided an avenue to connect with a group of people who share common issues and an avenue to discuss ways of overcoming these and enabling the sharing of workplace practices.

What do you wish other people knew about WIL? I wish that both students and placement providers had some insight into the amount of work and the intricacies involved in making placement arrangements for students across the many courses and disciplines that we work within.

What might (someone) be surprised to know about you? One item high on my bucket list is to take part in a singing flash mob someday!

What do you think will change about Work Integrated Learning over the next five years? I believe that we will continue to see major growth within this area and alternate means of sourcing and providing these types of real world experiences for students will need to be adopted.

How would (someone) describe you? A true Gemini possessing two different personalities. Very social, communicative and ready for fun, with a tendency to suddenly get serious, thoughtful and restless.

What would you say is the biggest achievement of your career to date? Being the recipient of two Vice Chancellor's Performance Awards.

Do you have a funny WIL story/anecdote? An email received from a student – "Preferences submitted! Thank you so much for your patience. Love your work. Have a great day gorgeous."

**"Teaching is more than
imparting knowledge;
it is inspiring change."**

William Arthur Ward

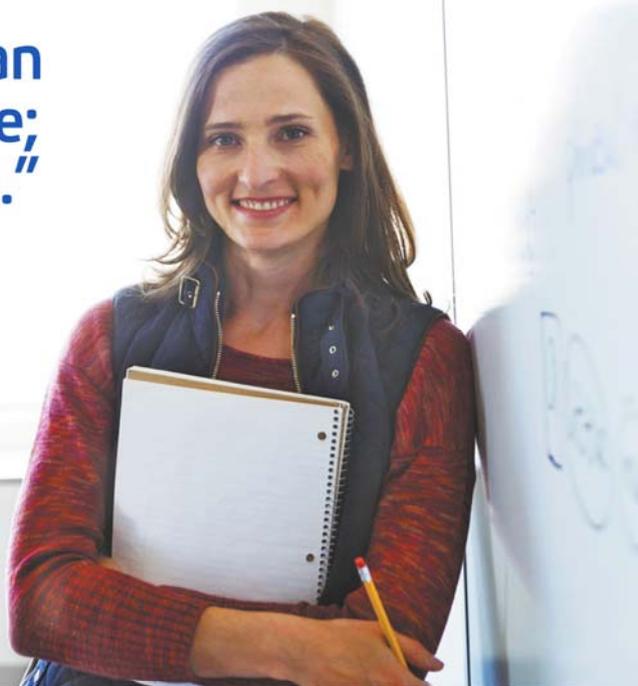
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