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Experience Administrators inc

NAFEA NEWS



Upcoming Events

5 April 2017
NAFEA AGM & WIL Wellness Project
Presentation, 13:00
12 – 14 July 2017
NAFEA Conference, Adelaide –
Registration now open.

News from our State Chapters

The Victorian/Tasmania Chapter had their fourth & final meeting for 2016 at Deakin University's city campus on Monday 21 November. We had 20 members from 9 universities in attendance. We had engaging discussions about the 2017 conference, development of the NAFEA strategic plan, listened to one another's institutional reports and then planned our meeting schedule for 2017. Most were able to stay for a very enjoyable and convivial luncheon at the Royal Melbourne Hotel



A message from the President

Welcome NAFEA members to our first newsletter for the association. We hope to bring you news related to NAFEA on a regular basis so that you remain connected.



NAFEA has been fortunate enough to secure the Victorian Teachers Mutual Bank (VTMB) as a sponsor of NAFEA for 2017.

We thank VTMB for their generous support of NAFEA and look forward to our collaboration.

This will be the year for implementing a number of the strategic programs including a scholarship program that supports students to undertake a rural and remote placement; the development of a PD Program and an Awards Program to promote the role of Field Experience administrators as well as the development of a Research/Projects Program that provides funds for projects or research into WIL administrative issues.

A reminder to all members that membership fees are due on 28 April 2017. I encourage you to discuss with your university about becoming an Unlimited Institutional Member. For a small amount, your institution will have access to resources and funding. I hope that your institution will become an Unlimited Institutional and that I see you online at the AGM in April and at the 2017 conference in July.

Regards,
Ricky



LAURA ZUBAIR
USQ
SENIOR ACADEMIC PROGRAM
SUPPORT OFFICER

Tell us how you first got involved in with Professional Experience Placements / Work Integrated Learning?
I came to work in the Professional Experience team for Education at USQ as their admin assistant/front of counter.

What was your first impression of NAFEA?
Was great to see that there was a forum and network for placement staff specifically.

What has surprised you most about working with Professional Experience Placements?
How specialised the work is. It is advertised as admin, but it is much more than that. We can all testify that you get personally involved with the job when seeking placement becomes 'impossible'.

If you could change one thing about Professional Experience Placements, what would it be?
Consistency across the country. Every state & territory has different requirements, bring on national registration, unions and expectations.

The interest in Professional Experience Placements / Work Integrated Learning seems to be growing. Why do you think that is?
What better way to find out if you really want to be a... teacher, nurse, etc. Go into the field and give it a go. A lot of students think that their new profession will be a certain way and then they get out there and it is completely different. Hands on experience is the maker or breaker.

How would (someone) describe you? What do you do when you aren't working?
A helpful and passionate person with a great analytic mind, who enjoys problem solving and getting the details right while talking very fast. I love exercise and try to get to the gym most times through the week to do some boxing, strength work and gymnastics. I also love all things food, exploring new places to eat and discovering new cuisines.

What would you say is the biggest achievement of your career to date?
Taking on the systems role at USQ to support InPlace. I love working with systems and find it so rewarding when you can get the system to make things better for the team.

"The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows."

Sydney J. Harris

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