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Upcoming Events

NAFEA Health and Wellbeing Project
Webinar 8 Nov 2017

Members can join from a PC, Mac, iOS or
Android: <https://qut.zoom.us/j/960102128>

News from our State Chapters

Victorian/Tasmania: The Victorian/Tasmanian Chapter is conducting its last 2018 meeting on 20 November at Victorian University's City Centre. A luncheon has been arranged following the meeting at a nearby city restaurant. Both Rob & Brooke will be standing down as Secretary and Chair of the Chapter so we are looking for others to now to take on these roles.

Queensland: The Queensland State Chapter met online on 18 October 2017. Discussion focused on University reports and current matters of interest as well as the format and direction of State Chapter meetings going forward.

NAFEA Membership

Unlimited Institutional Membership offer access to the NAFEA website; discounted conference registrations; funding for professional development opportunities; bursaries for students to undertake WIL in rural and remote areas and/or indigenous settings; funding opportunities to undertake research or projects that focus on WIL administrative issues.

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Individual Membership offer access to the NAFEA website that allows members to interact and exchange ideas etc. with other members; discounted conference registrations; funding for professional development opportunities.

Membership Enquiry? Contact treasurer@nafea.org.au or visit <http://nafea.org.au/membership/>

A message from the President



As we approach the end of the year, I am sure that everyone is busy (as always) and already planning for 2018. NAFEA has commenced planning for the 2018 conference, which will be hosted by the University of Queensland. Further details will be released in the near future. But in the interim, members will be able to join the online webinar being held in November to update them on the NAFEA Health and Well-being project. Hopefully members have continued to engage with the project by completing the surveys. The data from the project will be beneficial to members and will inform universities about the health and well-being of staff involved in the management and organisation of work-integrated learning activities.

Recently, the Student Scholarship Program closed and we received an overwhelming number of applications from students. Six scholarships have been offered to students to undertake a rural placement this year. Thanks to the NAFEA Sub-Committee members for their review and recommendations. It wasn't an easy task. A special thanks to Katie Theobald for managing the process.

The Project Grant Program, also recently closed and recommendations are currently being reviewed by the Executive Management Committee. An announcement about the funded projects will be made shortly. It was great to see the potential research and projects being proposed by our members. Universities are encouraged to take up unlimited NAFEA membership which gives their staff and students access to funding opportunities and many helpful resources.

I hope to see many of our financial members online for the NAFEA Health and Wellbeing Project webinar.

Spotlight on...



CHERYL HOUGH

Team Leader Professional Exp & OUA, Curtin University

Tell us how you first got involved in with Work Integrated Learning (WIL)? I was employed in the School of Education for 12 months in their research area and was offered a permanent position in the placement office, running the Administrative side of placements. The rest is history.

What was your first impression of NAFEA? A fantastic National networking opportunity to build relationships with fellow colleagues. Innovated projects being created by the committee is going from strength to strength, I take my hat off to them.

What do you find most challenging about WIL? The number of times you have to contact the same school for a placement. Partnerships are supposed to alleviate some of the placements issues, but at the end of the day, it's still the Schools decision on how many students they will take, if any!

How do you deal with the pressure that most WIL Officers experience on the job? Laughter and working with a great team of people in knowing that all students will be placed on time. We also have a swear jar in our workplace - funds lunch at the end of the year ☺

If you could change one thing about WIL, what would it be? Make the government more accountable in ensuring Schools must take professional experience students, after all they were all students once themselves. A National Working with Children Check.

What is the most interesting thing you have encountered since working in Professional Experience? I think through NAFEA, how common the issues are nationally and that we all battle with the exact same issues. You aren't alone!

What would you say is the biggest achievement of your career to date? Vice Chancellors Award for Excellence, 4 Professional Staff Awards and the 2017 NAFEA Outstanding Award.

What might (someone) be surprised to know about you? How would (someone) describe you? I have a twin and we look nothing alike. Witty, funny, guaranteed fun time ☺

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William Arthur Ward

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