



Adult education in the
community



CONVERSATIONS in ACE

Exploring issues of sustainability and innovation



The 2006
Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council
Of Adult Community & Further Education
Provider Conference

October 19th & 20th
The Cumberland Resort, Marysville

Day 1 Thursday 19th October 2006

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| 9.00am—10.00am | Conference registration |
| 10.00am—10.30am | Conference welcome and introductions |
| 10.30am—11.00am | Morning tea and getting to know each other |
| 11.00am—12.30pm | Conversations session 1 |
| 12.30pm—1.30pm | Lunch |
| 1.30pm—3.00pm | Conversations session 2 |
| 3.00pm—3.30pm | Afternoon tea |
| 3.30pm—5.30pm | Relaxation and networking time, walk, visit the spa, harp music |
| 5.30pm—6.30pm | Poster competition and wine tasting |
| 6.30pm—8.15pm | Dinner |
| 8.15pm—late | Relax in the lounge with music and chat. BYO favourite CDs. Visit the pool, self-sustainability with Cath Connelly |

Day 2 Friday 20th October 2006

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| 7.30am—9.00am | Breakfast |
| 9.30am—10.30am | Keynote speaker |
| 10.30am—11.00am | Morning tea |
| 11.00am—12.30pm | Conversations session 3 |
| 12.30pm—1.30pm | Lunch |
| 1.30pm—3.00pm | Conversations session 4 |
| 3.00pm—3.30pm | Reflection and farewell |
| 3.30pm—4.00pm | Afternoon tea |

Keynote speaker

Friday October 20th 9.30—10.30am

Rob Dungan, Director and Trainer for Thriving Youth Australia

Strategic thinking and community change

Over the past ten years Rod has spoken annually at Conferences in the UK, Ireland, Germany, Denmark, Canada, and the US on mentoring, community mapping, strategic planning and building community capacity, as well as community change. He will speak to us about the boundless possibilities that come with strategic thinking and embracing community change.

The Venue

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learning conversations

transferring knowledge, creating solutions, learning together

“The kind of talking needed to educate ourselves cannot rise spontaneously and unaided from just talking. It needs to be carefully planned and scaffolded.” *Joseph P. McDonald*

The following excerpt from “*Learning conversations in learning networks*” from the National college for School Leadership, gives some background information on the form and objectives of learning conversations....

“What happens when practitioners talk to each other? Do you sometimes wonder what it was that made a professional conversation so valuable and memorable? Or, do you wish you could ask difficult questions, but were afraid to offend? Do you find yourself wondering how what others have done can be made relevant to you, or why they appear not to have tackled basic or obvious questions? Do you want to know about what went wrong with a project, before it went right? And, do you want to know how to turn talk into action?”

Having a ‘learning conversation’ ensures that deep dialogue takes place. This is because it is planned conversation which allows you to reflect on your practice in a structured way...the dialogue is facilitated and follows certain agreed protocols to guarantee maximum learning for participants. It is a collaborative learning model which offers the isolated practitioner, attempting to improve her/his practice, a co-operative group of fellow professionals with whom to engage in order to challenge and assist their own and each other’s learning and development.

Conversations session 1

Conversation 1

With Allie Clemans, Monash University

Improving teaching practice with reflective practice, professional mentoring, coaching – how can we afford the luxury? How can we not?

Conversation 2

With Merial Clark, ANHLC

How to conduct a successful lobbying campaign. An essential tool for sustainability

Conversation 3

With Kerrin Pryor, Upper Yarra Community House

Integrating new literacies into classroom practice. Kerrin is co-ordinating a major project to validate and integrate new literacies (technology-based) into everyday practice.

Conversation 4

With Bernadette Van Lunenberg, adult educator and consultant

Leading up – strategies for the manager/co-ordinator supporting and resourcing the committee in their governance role



Conversations session 2

Conversation 1

With Jan Carr, Program & Training Consultant

The ANHLC ACFE Project for 2006 is to deliver training in 'Grant Applications and Funding Submissions' to ACE organisations. This workshop will present a step by step approach to funding submissions for the newcomer including: developing project outlines, identifying funding sources, understanding government speak, developing budgets and writing your submission. Participants will receive a resource guide.

Conversation 2

With Kay Vrieze, Narre Community Learning Centre

Fish philosophy. From the book; Fish! A Remarkable Way to Boost Morale and Improve Results by Stephen C. Lundin, Harry Paul and John Christensen The idea behind the technique is to transfer... enthusiasm to the business world by encouraging employees to adopt a playful attitude about work, and for workers to go to extra lengths to meet a customer's needs. Kay will discuss the concrete steps to apply those concepts to managing a community business.

The purpose built **heated indoor swimming pool** is 20 metres by 5 metres wide. The floor depth is 1.2 metres deep and there are 12 spa jets to enjoy at one end of the pool. The pool can be used for lap swimming, gentle water exercise or pure recreation. The pool will remain open late on Thursday evening.

Conversations session 2 cont...

Conversation 3

*With Debbie Whitehead, Adult Educator & Anne Burgoyne,
North Ringwood Neighbourhood House*

A passion for ACE – is it a poverty trap for tutors? How are some tutors attempting to make a viable/sustainable career out of ACE? What options are available, what can ACE employers realistically do to support tutors to continue to work in ACE? This will be a live conversation with participants in remote locations participating with us via Literacy Link.

Conversation 4

With Jan Simmons

Moving from networking to collaboration. Boost your organisation's sustainability by realising the full potential of the relationships you have established in your community. Often partnerships are the most effective way for ACE organisations to identify and reach target learner groups.

Artist in residence—Karen Scott

Back by popular demand!

Create a big mandala representing the journey taken during the conference. Each person would contribute whatever they felt most touched byyou may wish to make individual mandalas or begin the process of melding together the expressions (art pieces) of the group creating a big mandala. This creative activity would allow each person to give of their expertise. The finished product could be an emblem of ACE and be used for the coming year or displayed at different houses etc.

Conversations session 3

Conversation 1

With Cheryl Wilkinson

Future trends in ACE. No matter how small your Ace organisation, you can't operate successfully in the 21st century without being tuned into the bigger picture/the global environment. How environmentally aware are you? Cheryl will also share her insights of where she sees the strengths and 'edge' of ACE and where there may be room for improvement in the spirit of going ahead into a new future.

Conversation 2

With Cath Connelly

What are the fears that stop us from growing/changing as individuals and/or as organisations? How do we embrace change, take risks?

Conversation 3

With Kath Oakley, Knox City Council

Social marketing – a change enabling mechanism. Kath will lead a conversation on marketing for achieving social change. She will include our target learner groups and how appropriate marketing might increase their participation levels.

Conversation 4

With Japara / Glen Park and partners

Building partnerships between ACE and other agencies. What are some of the lessons from the Community Learning Partnerships? How can partnerships resource and support us to meet the special needs of target learner groups?

Conversations session 4

Conversation 1

With Sally Brennan, Upper Yarra Community House

Working with difficult clients. The rewards and the pitfalls of working with the most difficult clients. Sally will share strategies for making it work and why it is worth the effort.

Conversation 2

With Ruth Wood and Maureen McConnell

Partnering with local government. What is happening? What are the possibilities?

Conversation 3

With Barb Lorey, Morrison House and Debbie Whitehead, Coonara Community House

Pathways for learners – Barb & Debbie have been co-ordinating a project to pilot the new national model of careers guidance in local ACE organisations.

Conversation 4

With Karen Scott, Community artist

A hands-on workshop with Karen. You will make a box in which to store your “wishes” while you discuss living the dream.



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Bookings should be included on registration form. Payments will be taken at reception when registering for your room. Thursday afternoon and Friday morning reserved for delegates

POSTER COMPETITION ENTRY FORM

Showcase your most innovative ACE achievements and win money as well as fame and glory!

1st prize \$300 2nd prize \$100—voted by conference delegates.

Eastern ACFE providers are invited to present their organisation's most innovative ACE achievement of 2006. This could be a program, an event, the use of technology, anything that has improved your ACE provision. Prepare a poster, a PowerPoint presentation, a digital story or an oral presentation. What ever you wish!! Please complete the entry form and return to Coonara Community House, Conference Poster Competition, P.O. Box 7041 UPPER FERNTREE GULLY prior to Friday October 13th. Entrants should bring their poster/presentation with them and be prepared to present it to delegates on the Thursday evening wine tasting time.

Organisation name _____

Postal address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Type of presentation

- Poster
- Powerpoint
- Digital story
- Other (please describe) _____

We will need the following equipment

Contact person _____

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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council of Adult, Community & Further Education
ABN 27 656 707 150

Please note that this registration form is a tax invoice. Please keep a copy for your records

I wish to register for (please tick appropriate box)

- Full conference \$230 (includes all meals, workshops and accommodation)
- Thursday only \$130 (includes meals and workshops only)
- Friday only \$130 (includes meals and workshops only)
- Wednesday evening additional package \$110 (dinner, bed and breakfast)
- Friday evening additional package \$110 (dinner, bed and breakfast)

ALL CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO EASTERN METRO REGIONAL COUNCIL OF ACE AND POSTED TO THE ADDRESS ON THE BOTTOM OF THIS FORM.

Please reserve me a massage at the spa at the following time. I will pay on arrival.
(see conference booklet for prices and Cumberland website for further details of services)

- Thursday afternoon (after workshops)
- Friday morning (prior to workshops)
- Friday afternoon (as alternative to workshops)

Delegate's name

Organisation

Postal address

Email address

Daytime phone number

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Phone Leanne FitzGerald 97587081 for all enquiries.

WORKSHOP PREFERENCE & ATTENDANCE FORM

Delegate name _____

Please indicate your first and second preference for conversations in each session of the conference by placing either a 1 or a 2 in the box beside the relevant conversations. Thank you. See conference program booklet for details of content for relevant sessions.

| Session | Conversation no and topic | Please indicate 1 st & 2 nd preferences |
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| Session 1 Thursday 11am – 12.30 | Conversation 1 <i>With Allie Clemans</i> Reflective practice, professional mentoring / coaching | |
| | Conversation 2 <i>With Merial Clark ANHLC</i> Effective lobbying campaigns. | |
| | Conversation 3 <i>With Kerrin Pryor</i> Integrating new literacies into classroom practice | |
| | Conversation 4 <i>With Bernadette Van Lunenberg</i> Leading up | |
| Session 2 Thursday 1.30 – 3.00pm | Conversation 1 <i>With Jan Carr</i> Submission writing workshop | |
| | Conversation 2 <i>With Kay Vrieze</i> Fish philosophy | |
| | Conversation 3 <i>With Debbie Whitehead and Anne Burgoyne</i> A passion for ACE | |
| | Conversation 4 <i>With Jan Simmons</i> Moving from networking to collaboration | |

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| <p>Session 3 Friday 11am – 12.30pm</p> | <p>Conversation 1 <i>With Cheryl Wilkinson</i> Future trends in ACE</p> | |
| | <p>Conversation 2 <i>With Cath Connelly</i> What are our fears that stop us from growing/ changing</p> | |
| | <p>Conversation 3 <i>With Kath Oakley</i> Social marketing, and introduction</p> | |
| | <p>Conversation 4 <i>With Glen Park, Japara and partners</i> Building partnerships</p> | |
| <p>Session 4 Friday 1.30 – 3.00pm</p> | <p>Conversation 1 <i>With Sally Brennan</i> Working with difficult clients.</p> | |
| | <p>Conversation 2 <i>With Ruth Wood and Maureen McConnell</i> Partnering with local government</p> | |
| | <p>Conversation 3 <i>With Barb Lorey & Debbie Whitehead</i> Pathways for learners</p> | |
| | <p>Conversation 4 <i>With Karen Scott</i> WISH BOXES</p> | |

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