

# VETNETwork 2000 Biennial Conference

Wednesday 22 to Friday 24 November 2000  
Hilton on the Park, Melbourne

## A Reason to Learn Vocational Learning in Australia



## Conference Program





From the Department of Education,  
Employment and Training, Victoria

# Welcome

THE HON LYNNE KOSKY, MP  
Minister for Post-Compulsory Education,  
Training and Employment

## DEET SUPPORTS VETNETWORK CONFERENCE

I encourage you to attend this significant Conference on 22-24 November 2000. I trust that you will make the most of the real opportunities such a diverse program presents. I am pleased that DEET is assisting in its sponsorship.

The Conference could not come at a better time. By the time delegates meet, the Government, working with the Department and other sectors, will have determined the strategy for the next few years, as a result of its response to the Kirby Review on Post Compulsory Education and Training Pathways in Victoria.

As Minister, I have welcomed the Report and have been impressed by how much it has drawn on the energy, thought and commitment of teachers in schools/TAFE/ACE and employers, local government and the broader community to the issues we face.

We cannot escape the fact that by international standards, we are not providing a coherent and integrated system. We face a situation where the variations and outcomes for young people vary significantly across the State and together we must address that.

We must take every opportunity that we have to provide a broader set of meaningful choices and strive to ensure that no one falls through the cracks.

At the Conference, I will be clearly delineating the Government's objectives for 2000 and beyond and indicating how the Kirby Report has assisted us to move forward.

The challenges we face are very real. I am confident that with fresh approaches, new ways of linking together and setting goals that include all our young, that we can use the VETNET Conference as a significant milestone on the road to real gains for our young.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lynne Kosky'.

**Lynne Kosky, MP**  
*Minister for Post Compulsory Education,  
Training and Employment*

## From the Conference Hosts

**Ellen Fleming**  
President  
Career Education  
Association of Victoria



# An Invitation

VETNETwork and the Career Education Association of Victoria are proud to jointly host the forthcoming Biennial Conference – *A Reason To Learn: Vocational Learning in Australia*.

The Conference brings together a range of outstanding national speakers and provides the opportunity for delegates to network with leading-edge practitioners in VET in schools, career educators, the post compulsory education sector, policy makers and industry representatives.

While the 1998 VETNETwork National Conference held in Adelaide was deemed an outstanding success, we are determined that the 2000 event will be even more rewarding. With a program that offers challenging keynote addresses mixed with a powerful array of case-studies and workshop sessions, it will be an event not to be missed.

Since the 1998 Conference there has been major emphasis on the need for vocational learning and the importance of careers education to enhance the provision of VET in schools. Sessions will examine aspects of

work education and structured workplace learning in preparing young people for their post-secondary options.

The conference will showcase innovative and enterprising models of VET coordination and a range of successful industry and education partnerships will be presented. Most sessions will be conducted by school-based practitioners and representatives from key programs and projects in Australia that are trying to minimise the barriers and enhance the relationship between education and the world of work.

The 2000 VETNETwork Conference in Melbourne will allow an opportunity for reflection and future planning. It will also provide a forum for celebration as we continue to promote and advance vocational learning in Australia. Celebrating its 25th year, the CEAV can think of no better way to inspire, inform and enrich the debate on vocational learning.

We look forward to meeting with you both professionally and socially at the Conference.

## Conference Planning Committee

<b>Linda Baron</b>	CEAV
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**Jim Maguire**  
National Chair  
VETNETwork

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### REGISTRATION

Registration is now open! Please complete the registration form, including your concurrent session options and forward with payment to the conference secretariat National Curriculum Services. Cheques are to be made payable to National Curriculum Services and payment must accompany registration. Registrations are processed in order of receipt of payment and are expected to book out early.

### MEMBERS

Please note: The membership rate applies to CEAV or VETNETwork members only.

Full Conference Member Rate	\$420 plus \$42 GST	<b>TOTAL \$462</b>
Single Day Member Rate	\$220 plus \$22 GST	<b>Total \$242</b>

### NON MEMBERS

Full Conference Non Member Rate	\$470 plus \$47 GST	<b>Total \$517</b>
Single Day Non Member Rate	\$250 plus \$25 GST	<b>Total \$275</b>

### CONFERENCE OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Industry Tours (Members and Non members)	\$25 plus \$2.50 GST	<b>Total \$27.50</b>
Conference Dinner (Members and Non members)	\$80 plus \$8.00 GST	<b>Total \$88.00</b>

### CONCURRENT SESSIONS

The concurrent sessions offer a diverse range of presentations. Please indicate your first three preferences for each session. All participants will receive faxed confirmation of session preference details from National Curriculum Services. **Some sessions will quickly fill and it is recommended you forward your registration as soon as possible.**

### PARKING AND PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Limited parking is available under Hilton on the Park. The rate for conference participants is \$12 plus GST per day. Hilton on the Park can be easily accessed via public transport (train and tram).

### INQUIRIES

**Please direct all inquiries to the conference secretariat.**

National Curriculum Services  
PO Box 361  
Abbotsford, Vic 3067  
Ph: (03) 9417 3555  
Fax: (03) 9419 3517  
Email: [registration@vcta.asn.au](mailto:registration@vcta.asn.au)





### CONFERENCE DINNER – A CELEBRATION!

Join in the celebration of the excellent work of the VET sector by attending the Conference dinner on Thursday 23 November.

Regent Theatre (Plaza Ballroom)  
191 Collins street, Melbourne

Be entertained! The dinner speaker is comedian Paul Jennings, a master impersonator with a repertoire of public identities. Paul is an exceptional entertainer and consummate craftsman. Music is provided by the Northland Secondary College band *Spirits*.

Dinner will commence at 7.00pm. The fee of \$88 includes a three course meal, beverages and entertainment. If attending, please complete the details on the registration form. Payment must be made with your application. Limited places are available so get in early!

### ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation has been arranged for delegates at preferential rates at Hilton on the Park. Limited places are available and conference delegates are to book directly and must provide credit card details for payment. The rate is **\$190 including GST per night (room only)**. **It is recommended that you make your booking well in advance of the conference.** When booking accommodation you must state that you are attending the VETNetwork conference. The Hilton On the Park can be contacted on phone (03) 9412 3144, facsimile (03) 9412 3277.

For alternative accommodation, including a range of styles, prices and locations, please contact OnLine Events 1800 065 156. Options include the following:

**Metro Hotel and Suites ★★★★★**  
138 Jolimont Road  
*A 5 minute walk to the Hilton*

**Mercure Hotel ★★★★★**  
13 Spring St  
*On the Hilton edge of the city,  
5 minute walk to the Hilton  
through the Fitzroy Gardens.*

**All Seasons Crosley Hotel ★★★★★**  
51 Little Bourke St  
*In the heart of the city,  
a 5 minute tram ride to the Hilton*

**Oakford Gordon Place ★★★★★**  
24 Little Bourke St  
*On the Hilton edge of the city,  
a 10 minute walk through the Fitzroy  
Gardens to the Hilton.*

**For bookings please contact OnLine Events 1800 065 156**

### TRAVEL

A special conference fare has been negotiated with Qantas for conference delegates. A discount of up to 45% off the full economy airfare excluding taxes at the time of booking has been negotiated and is subject to seat availability. **When booking please quote the Association Profile Number which is 1162 931. Book through your travel agent or phone the Qantas Association Sales telephone number toll free 1800 684 880.**



### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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