










BUILDING RURAL AND REGIONAL COMMUNITIES THROUGH ADULT EDUCATION FORUM

EVENT PROGRAM

Friday, 5 July 2013

Time	Session	Speaker
10.00 – 10.30	Registration	
10.30 – 10.40	<i>Sally Thompson</i> CEO Adult Learning Australia	 Welcome.
10.40 – 11.00	Keynote speaker <i>Professor Barry Golding</i> School of education University of Ballarat President Adult Learning Australia	 Big picture: adult education in regional Australia Barry Golding's presentation will give a 'big picture' overview of the key issues that are impinging on the need for and opportunities of lifelong and lifewide learning beyond Australia's capital cities. It will particularly include consideration of how objective accessibility and remoteness (ARIA+), population ageing, socioeconomic disadvantage and Indigenous demographics complicate 'one size fits all', top down models of education and training provision. At the same time as we have a resources boom with skill shortages, we have significant numbers of Australians locked out of education and work by low literacies, negative attitudes towards formal learning and with increasingly limited, local ways of taking the first steps.
11.00 – 11.10	Questions and discussion	
11.10 – 11.25	<i>Morning tea</i>	
SESSION 1: INFORMAL LEARNING		
11.25 – 11.45	<i>Graham Curnow</i> President Queensland Men's Shed Association <i>Colin Matthews</i> Gracemere Men's Shed	 Graham will talk about the development of the Men's Shed movement in Australia and the current state of play nationally and in Queensland. This will include what Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) is able to do to support Men's Sheds and what kind of programs are being conducted in Men's Sheds.  Colin will discuss Men's Sheds located in Rockhampton and surrounds.
11.45 – 11.55	<i>Philippa Sturgess</i> Associate lecturer Central Queensland University	 Teaching from the heart, not from the book Philippa will talk about the development of teaching practice in informal learning contexts.
11.55 – 12.15	<i>Carol Gorton</i> President Capricorn Community Literacy <i>Dr Theresa Moore</i> Senior lecturer Central Queensland University	 Developing literacy skills in an informal environment Carol and Theresa will discuss the activities of Capricorn Community Literacy – a volunteer literacy tutoring service, which provides training for volunteer tutors and tutoring for adults needing help with literacy and numeracy.

12.15 – 12.25	Questions and discussion	
12.25 – 12.30	<i>Robyn Fields</i> Access coordinator STEPS program Industry, Vocational Training and Access Education Division	Robyn will talk about the Skills for Tertiary Education Preparatory Studies (STEPS) program, which supports people who have returned to study after some time away.
12.30 – 1.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
SESSION 2: BUILDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH LEARNING		
1.00 – 1.15	<i>Cr Rose Swadling</i> Chair of Communities Committee Rockhampton Regional Council	 Cr Rose Swadling will provide a local government perspective on adult and community education in Rockhampton and surrounding regions.
1.15 – 1.25	<i>Gillian Busch</i> Lecturer School of Learning & Innovation Central Queensland University	 Partnerships and Communities 4 Children's Festival Gillian will discuss the partnerships forged and the 'whole of community' approach to the Communities 4 Children initiative, which is designed to support and enhance early childhood development.
1.25 – 1.35	<i>Jan Crowley</i> General Manager Home Support Association	Community Garden as a Community Capacity Building for Learning Jan will talk about the ethos of the community garden and its work with people with disabilities; the learning processes they engage in and the reciprocal learning that takes place with others.
1.35 – 1.45	<i>Linda De George-Walker</i> Senior lecturer Central Queensland University	 An Apple (smartphone) a day keeps the doctor away Linda will discuss older adults, health and wellbeing, digital literacies and learning.
1.45 – 2.00	Questions and discussion	
2.00 – 2.15	<i>Afternoon tea</i>	
2.15 – 2.55	Breakout discussion	
2.55 – 3.15	Keynote speaker <i>Professor Bronwyn Fredericks</i> Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement) Central Queensland University	Indigenous engagement agenda Dr Bronwyn Fredericks is a Professor and the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Engagement) and BMA Chair in Indigenous Engagement at CQUniversity. She leads the work undertaken by the Office of Indigenous Engagement which includes advice on strategies to advance CQUniversity's Indigenous engagement agenda and improve educational outcomes for CQUniversity's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student cohort past, present and future. Professor Fredericks and the Office of Indigenous Engagement staff work with Indigenous communities to identify ways to build their capacity in education, employment and general equality of opportunity, and assist and facilitate ways to achieve this.

3.15 – 3.25	Questions and discussion	
3.25 – 4.00	<i>Sally Thompson</i> CEO Adult Learning Australia	Close