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Diary Dates and Professional Development Opportunities

**4th August Warwick Career
Expo WIRAC 6.00—8.00 pm**

**8th August Aviation Careers
Expo 10am—4pm
15-25 Boronia Rd
Brisbane International Airport
Precinct.**

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From the Editors Desk

This month we have been very busy getting ourselves ready for the Warwick Careers Expo 4th August 2009. I'm on the organising committee for this important community event. For the first time Warwick Chamber of Commerce will also have a stand at the Expo and will offer local students a Q & A service about local industry answered by local business and industry leaders.

As a lead up, SDIEA has arranged for the Tradability Van to visit Warwick State High School 3rd & 4th August. The Tradability Project aims to expose students to the Trades, assess their current skills and abilities in terms of Trades whilst using the medium of Blacksmithing. Students complete a half day with the project leader and will complete an ornate hat hook made from wrought iron to take home. This visit the project is open to Year 10 students. Please encourage your students to visit the Expo to get up to date career, training and employment information.

1. Latest HR stats

A Hudson report released in April 2009 indicates that confidence among Australian employers' has declined for the fifth consecutive quarter. A national survey of 6,337 employers found that in quarter two 18.6% of employers intend to grow their permanent headcount, 63.6% of employers intend to maintain permanent staffing levels and 17.8% plan to decrease headcount. (Source Worklife News Alert June 2009.)

2. Scholarships for Indigenous students

The Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation (QATSIF) is offering two-year scholarship funding to Queensland secondary schools to support their efforts to attract and retain Indigenous students starting Year 11 in 2010. The Foundation was established in November 2008 to provide a secure funding source for bursaries and scholarships. The Foundation's first initiative is designed to increase the number of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students achieving their QCE.

www.deta.qld.gov.au/indigenous or Tel. (07) 3237 1035.

3. VET students, stand up and be counted!

300,000 selected students from across Australia will be asked to have their say about VET in Australia's largest student survey. Managed by the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) on behalf of the Australian, State and Territory Governments, the *Student Outcomes Survey (SOS)* serves as a national report card on the employment outcomes of VET graduates. Results will be published on NCVER's website in December 2009. To see how last year's VET graduates fared after completing their training visit the *SOS Online* site, which includes information on employment outcomes and average salaries, at: http://www.ncver.edu.au/resources/sos_online.html For a copy of the last survey (2008) visit: <http://www.ncver.edu.au/statistic/publications/2083.html>

4. VET graduate outcomes

Information on employment outcomes for VET graduates can now be accessed through NCVER's new interactive resource, *VET graduate outcomes, salaries and jobs*. Based on data from NCVER's annual Student Outcomes Survey, this tool can assist career counsellors and parents to help young people consider options for their future training. The tool works by providing detailed information on employment outcomes, jobs and average salaries for a particular field of education and qualification. "For example, a student graduating from Certificate III or IV in Management and Commerce can expect to be earning an average of \$40 800. This resource is available by visiting www.ncver.edu.au/resources/sos_online.html

5. ADF Gap Year

Applications are now open for 2010 for the Australian Defence Force Gap Year. Applications will be taken online only at www.defencejobs.gov.au. Positions are limited and will only be accepted up to 3 September 2009. Please call 131901 for more information.

6. Labour force data June 2009

The number of unemployed rose to almost 103,000 in Queensland, 41% of whom were in the Brisbane region. The unemployment rate for Queensland was 4.4%. It was lower in the Brisbane SD (3.9%) than in the balance of Queensland (4.8%).

Regional rates span from a high of 7.8% in the Far North region to a low of 1.7% in the Darling Downs-South West region.

Labour Force Participation Rate

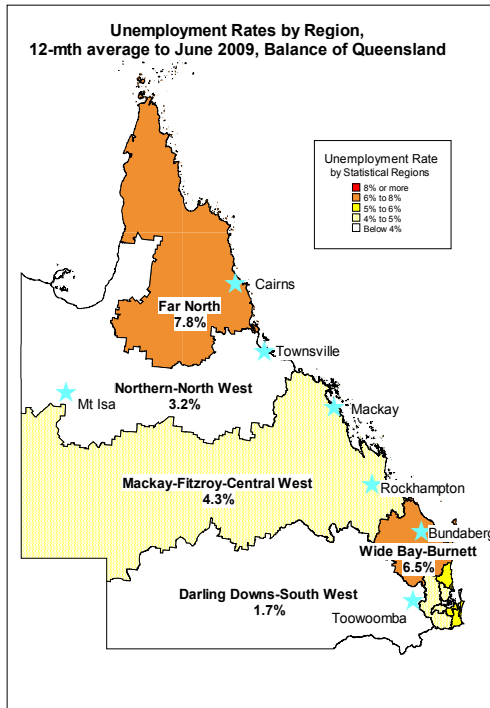
The participation rate was higher in the Brisbane SD (69.5%) than in the balance of Queensland (66.0%). The state average was 67.6%.

The highest rates were in the Brisbane City Inner Ring region (74.9%) and Northern-North West (74.6%).

The rate in the Wide Bay-Burnett region remained the lowest in the state (56.3%).

Youth (aged 15–24) Unemployment Rate

The average youth unemployment rate in Queensland during the 12-month period was 9.0%, increasing 1.5% point over the year. The rate was higher in the balance of Queensland than in the Brisbane region. Highest amongst the regions was Wide Bay–Burnett (14.9%).



7. Resources available from us

We have a number of resources available to loan, they include DVD's, brochures, video's etc on a number of industries and career development. They are too numerous to list here. Please give me a call and if I don't have what you are looking for, I will source for you.

New DVD's – IN2DAIRY Building a career in the dairy industry. Also includes student booklet

8. Our Services under the Career Advice Australia Initiative – Funded by the Australian Government's Dept of Education Employment and Industrial Relations (DEEWR).

Jackie Robertson and Natalie Perrett are the Career and Transition Officers for this program.

Some of the assistance we can provide to your school include but is not limited to:

- Parents as Career and Transition Support Work-

shops

- Resume Review & Development (individually and in class sessions)
- Interview skills
- Mock Interviews
- Employer expectations
- Finding employment
- Promote and facilitate access to other career & transition programs and services
- Identify and distribute relevant up to date resources to students and schools
- Present at career days and expo's
- Present and attend subject selection evenings
- Act as a one stop shop to access other youth services
- Facilitate engagement between industry and schools
- Assist industry to meet future skills needs
- Increase student and industry participation in linking both
- Structured workplace learning coordination