

The National Leading in Education Summit 2009

Supporting Leadership Excellence throughout the Education System

Venue: The University of New South Wales

Date: October 26th & 27th

The National Leading in Education Summit 2009 will provide an unparalleled opportunity for the education sector to explore personal and organisational leadership best practice models. During the two-day Summit, a broad cross-section of organisations will assemble to examine their own standards, policies and procedures for leadership development. By supporting a culture of effective leadership at all levels, the education sector will continue to play a vital role in Australia's intellectual, economic, cultural and social development.

The effectiveness of any organisation's leadership can make the single biggest difference as to whether that organisation is high performing. As we begin to put the worst effects of the global economic crisis behind us, and organisations adapt to new environments, the need for dynamic and creative leadership is critical.

The Summit represents a national platform for education sector employers and employees to evaluate current leadership challenges specifically relevant to their positions and workplaces. Over the two days, the Summit will provide practical advice to support the development of quality leadership at critical positions within the education sector.

Key themes of the summit will include Values Driven-Leadership in the Education System and Education as our National Economic & Social Driver: Are We Really Producing Work Ready Graduates? With these and other themes in mind, an outstanding group of high calibre leaders will address key aspects of good people management in the context of contemporary practice within the education sector.

As well as expert presentations delivered by a comprehensive range of education sector speakers, Summit attendees will also benefit from the opportunity to engage with like-minded professionals and discuss their own individual challenges and initiatives.

2009 Host City

CITY OF SYDNEY 

Keynote Presentation from 2009 Summit host University



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President and Vice-Chancellor,
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Summit Organisers

The National Leading in Education Summit 2009 has been developed by the Workplace Training Advisory of Australia (WTAA) in consultation with many of Australia's leading public and private sector education organisations. Each year, the WTAA works with hundreds of Australian organisations to support the development of strong leadership practice across all sectors and industries. The Summit is administered from WTAA's Melbourne office at Level 1, 32 Mollison Street Abbotsford, 3067.



► Themes & Content

The National Leadership in Education Summit will address a range of themes, each of which is important to the development of well-rounded, effective leaders. During their presentations, Summit speakers will explore leadership and management within the context of the education sector. Specific presentation topics covered throughout the program will include:

- The Enduring Power of Great Teaching
- Education Leadership in the Regional Setting
- Values-Driven Leadership in the Education Sector
- Raising Expectations for Research Leadership and Management
- The Educational Strategist: Shaping the Future of Education
- Influencing, Relationships and Authentic Leadership
- Education as our National Economic & Social Driver
- Global Trends in the Higher Education Sector

► Summit Audience

The Summit audience will comprise a broad cross-section of managers from the Australian education sector including teaching professionals, education administrators, and researchers.

Approximately 100 - 150 educational organisations will be represented at the Summit and participants from all Australian states and territories are expected to be in attendance.

► Who is the Summit for?

The Summit has been developed for a variety of employees ranging from aspiring new managers through to established leaders and decision makers. Summit content will address leadership themes from both a personal and broader organisational perspective, offering participants practical leadership advice in a relevant contextual setting. To discuss the Summit and your suitability please call the Workplace Training Advisory of Australia on 1300 138 037.

► Dates & Location

Sydney has been chosen as the host city for The National Leading in Education Summit 2009. The Summit will be held at the University of New South Wales on 26th & 27th October.

Summit Sponsorship

For more information on sponsoring the Australian Education Sector Leadership Summit 2009, email sponsorship@wtaa.com.au

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Day One - 26th October

9.00 - 9.10

Opening

National Leadership Institute (NLI)

9.10 - 9.55

The Enduring Power of Great Teaching



Judith Leeson AM

As a former National President of the Career Development Association of Australia, and founding member and inaugural President of the Career Industry Council of Australia, Judith has been able to influence Australia's career development policies at a national level. In 1991, Judith and her husband Brian established Vector Consultants Pty Ltd, a career development company and in 2005, she was appointed as a Member of the Order of Australia for service to the community. Judith also holds the position of Adjunct Lecturer in Career Development at Edith Cowan University in Perth WA.

9.55 - 10.40

Education Leadership in the Regional Setting



Professor Sandra Harding

Vice-Chancellor and President, James Cook University

Professor Harding has undertaken a wide variety of roles within the business community and the higher education sector. She is currently the Chair of the Innovative Research Universities Australia (IRUA) alliance; a Board Member of Universities Australia, the Business/Higher Education Round Table, TropLinks Inc, and the International Scientific Advisory Committee, Great Barrier Reef Foundation; and a Director of the Australian Institute of Commercialisation Pty Ltd, Townsville Enterprise Limited, Advance Cairns and the Australian Institute of Marine Science. She is also a non-executive Director of the Global Foundation for Management Education Ltd (Montreal).

10.40 - 11.00

Morning Tea

11.00 - 11.45

Values-Driven Leadership



Professor Paul Thomas AM, BSc(Hons), DipEd, MA., PhD, FACE, LRPS

Professor Paul Thomas AM received undergraduate degrees at the University of Wales, Aberystwyth, and a research MA from Loughborough University before coming to Australia in 1976, where he received a PhD from the University of Queensland. In March 1994, he became Planning President for the University of the Sunshine Coast, the first university to be developed on a greenfield site for a quarter of a century. On 1 January 1996, Professor Thomas became the University's inaugural Vice-Chancellor. In 2007, he was honored with an Order of Australia medal for services to higher education and the establishment of the University of the Sunshine Coast. He is also a Fellow of the Australian College of Educators and a recipient of a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellowship.

11.45 - 12.30

The Many Approaches to Leadership



Simon Brown Greaves

Chair, National Leadership Institute

Simon Brown-Greaves has worked extensively to develop leadership capacity throughout many of Australia's major public and private sector organisations. Following an early career in the public sector, Simon has established a reputation as one of Australia's foremost human resources consultants.

12.30 - 1.30

Lunch

1.30 - 2.15

Leading the Change Agenda: Transforming Education from the Inside Out



Professor Scott Bowman

Vice-Chancellor & President, CQUniversity Australia

Professor Bowman began his professional life as a radiographer, training in the UK. He worked as a senior radiographer in a number of hospitals in London before becoming a student teacher at Guys Hospital Radiography Education Centre. Professor Bowman then became the Head of the Department of Radiography and Imaging Sciences at the University College of St Martin. He was appointed the foundation Dean of the Faculty of Health Science and Community at St Martins before moving to Australia to take up the position of Head of the School of Medical Radiations at Charles Sturt University. Professor Bowman then moved to the University of South Australia where he was appointed Dean of the Whyalla Campus. He then moved on to James Cook University to become Pro Vice Chancellor (Cairns and Academic Planning & Development). In 2005 as well as undertaking this role he was also acting Pro Vice Chancellor Corporate and Commercial. He then went to James Cook University where he was the Deputy Vice Chancellor University Services and Registrar. In August 2009 he was appointed the Vice Chancellor and president of CQUniversity Australia.

2.15 - 3.00

Maintaining Effective Cultures through a major change or merger

Simon Brown Greaves

Chair, National Leadership Institute

3.00 - 3.30

Afternoon Tea

3.30 - 4.15

Raising Expectations for Research Leadership and Management



Professor Shelda Debowski

Winthrop Professor of Higher Education Development and the Director of Organisational and Staff Development Services, University of Western Australia

In the last six years, Professor Debowski has received widespread recognition for a range of innovations relating to the academic practice of research and leadership across the Australian higher education sector. These innovations include academic mentorship initiatives, academic leadership programmes, and faculty-based development for early career researchers. Professor Debowski has been President of the Higher Education Research and Development Society of Australasia (HERDSA) for the last four years and was elected President of the International Consortium for Education Development (ICED) in 2008. Professor Debowski also works as a consultant to industry and educational groups and regularly presents keynotes, seminars and workshops nationally and internationally.

4.15 - 4.30

Day One Wrap-Up

National Leadership Institute (NLI)

4.30

Close

Day Two - 27th October

9.00 - 9.10

Opening

National Leadership Institute (NLI)

9.10 - 9.40

The Governance and Management of Australian Universities



Professor Stephen Parker

Vice-Chancellor and President of the University of Canberra

Prior to taking up senior management positions, Professor Stephen Parker was a legal academic. He has lectured at University College Cardiff, the Australian National University, Griffith University and Monash University. He was Dean of Law at Monash University from 1999 to 2003. Stephen moved to Australia from the UK in 1988, having mixed lecturing and legal practice over the previous decade. He is admitted to legal practice in England and Wales, the ACT and Queensland. He has published books, monographs and articles on the court system, legal ethics, family law and children's rights. He is also the co-author of a textbook called Law in Context, which is designed to introduce law students to the way that other disciplines view law. He has held various major research grants in relation to projects on lawyers' tactics, lawyers' values, discretionary rules, family law, judicial independence and reform of civil procedure.

9.40 - 10.25

The Educational Strategist: Shaping the Future of Education



Dr Scott Eacott

Program Convenor, Early Childhood Studies, School of Education (Callaghan), The University of Newcastle

After completing his initial teaching degree, Dr Scott Eacott went on to complete a Master's degree and PhD in Educational Leadership. Dr Eacott is interested in the leaders and leadership of educational institutions and his research continues to clarify, broaden and deepen his use of sociological and organisational analysis. Over the past few years, Dr Eacott has worked on an emerging research program investigating what it takes to strategically lead an educational institution. His understanding of this along with other relevant research suggests that to strategically lead requires a deep understanding of the cultural, social, political and historical developments of both the field of education and the individual organisation.

10.25 - 10.40

NLI Discussion

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11.00 - 11.30

Leadership: Influencing, Relationships and Authentic Leadership.



Professor Michael Barber

Vice-Chancellor, Flinders University

Believing that well-qualified graduates are the biggest contribution universities can make to the modern economy, Professor Barber's primary focus is to further Flinders University's reputation for teaching and research excellence while exploring opportunities that will deliver the skills required by tomorrow's labour market, both in Australia and internationally. Professor Barber started his career as a Queen Elizabeth II Fellow at Australian National University's Department of Applied Mathematics. In 1984 he was appointed Professor of Mathematics and became Dean of the Faculty of Science in 1990. Professor Barber was appointed Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) at the University of Western Australia in 1994 and in 2006, he became Group Executive, Information, Manufacturing and Minerals at Australia's premier research organisation, the CSIRO. Professor Barber was elected a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science in 1992 and served as Secretary, Science Policy from 2001 to 2005.

11.30 - 12.30

Education as Our National Economic & Social Driver: Are We Really Producing Work Ready Graduates?



Inta Heimanis

Head of Careers and Scholarships, University of Sydney

Inta Heimanis is the Head of Careers and Scholarships at the University of Sydney. She has a strong background in tertiary education management, with a focus on the provision of careers services and employability issues spanning the last decade. Inta is an active member of the National Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services (NAGCAS), the Australian voice for University career development in higher education.



Air Commodore Margaret Staib, AM, CSC

Air Commodore Staib joined the Royal Australian Air Force in January 1981. Following an impressive 25 year career, she was promoted to the rank of Air Commodore in January 2006, and took up the post of Director General Strategic Logistics in Joint Logistics Command. In 2008, Air Commodore Staib led the Logistics Companion Review in support of the 2008 Defence White Paper. She is currently the Commandant at the Australian Defence Force Academy. In 2009, she was appointed as a Member in the Military Division of the Order of Australia for exceptional service to the Royal Australian Air Force and Australian Defence Force in the field of logistics strategic planning.



Professor Greg Baxter

Pro Vice-Chancellor (Teaching and Learning), Victoria University

Greg Baxter's position has overall responsibility for all aspects of teaching and learning at the university, including building and improving learning, teaching, and professional teaching development for all staff of Victoria University. Greg is a member of the university's senior management team. Prior to this position, Greg was Associate Dean (Research and Research Training), Faculty of Health, Engineering and Science at Victoria University. Greg has a PhD (Melbourne University) in Physics. He is also one of Victoria University's strongest researchers with successive ARC grants continuously across 12 years. Currently Greg is the sponsor of a number of strategic initiatives in teaching and learning at VU including development and implementation of a Learning Commons approach across the University's campuses, founded on a student-centred learning and teaching philosophy; development of capability for researching teaching and learning at Victoria University; and effective implementation and embedding a comprehensive approach to developing graduate attributes through all university courses.

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Global Trends in the Higher Education Sector



Peter Mackey

Senior Industry Adviser, Education and Business Services, Austrade

Peter Mackey has over 16 years of experience in the Australian education and training industry including various roles in the secondary, higher education, ELICOS, and private sector. Before joining Austrade in December 2007, Peter spent nine years with an export-oriented, educational software business, Planet Learning, which originated from UNSW. As General Manager of Planet Learning he worked closely with Austrade as a client, particularly in Latin America. Peter's current role as Senior Industry Adviser, Education and Business Services involves working closely with key government and industry allies and coordinating Austrade's worldwide education network of over 70 education industry specialists.

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