



Winter 2011

Welcome to the Winter Edition of ITablet



New Faces at the ITAB

The ITAB welcomes Richelle Arnott (photo) to our team. Richelle is working for the ITAB three days per week as a Project Officer.

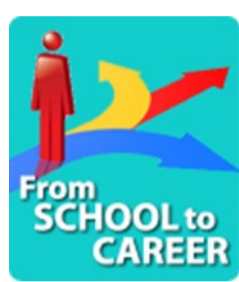
Richelle has worked in the community services and health sector for many years and in particular the disability and drug and alcohol fields. She has a strong interest in organisational behaviour and learning and development strategies that support workers in achieving quality outcomes for clients.



We are also very pleased to introduce **new Board Members** in this newsletter. The organisations they represent have been valued contributors to the ITAB for many years in providing support, industry networks and advice. Recent staffing changes have meant new representatives appointed to this role. They are:

- Gabi Rosenstreich from the Association of Children's Welfare Agencies
- Kim Cowper from the Health Services Union East
- Susan Taylor from the NSW Nurses' Association

The ITAB is also very pleased to welcome a new organisation to the Board. Jess Cartwright has joined us representing the Liquor, Hospitality & Miscellaneous Union, NSW branch.

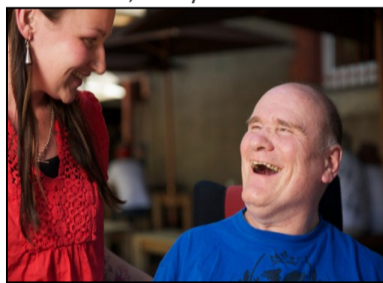


A new product on our website!!

From School to Career is a Website for work placement within the Community Services and Health sector. Written for secondary students, the information at this site focuses on preparing students for HSC Vocational Education and Training (HSC VET) programs that relate to learning for job roles which involve direct client contact. The Community Services and Health (CS&H) industries also provide a range of employment opportunities for people who have knowledge and skills in support roles such as business administration, management, information technology and so on.

The site is easy to navigate with broad subject headings in the menu bar at the top of each page. Within the text on each page, there are links to important sections on the site, and you can come back to the home page or use the top menu bar at any time.

If you are a parent, part of the school system or an employer, you should also take a look at the About HSC VET menu item. There, you will find some useful resources including links to websites of the NSW Department of Education and Training, the Board of Studies NSW and the CS&H Industry Training Advisory Body (ITAB) among others.



All in a Day's Work

PAIRING YOUR SKILLS TO A QUALIFICATION

NSW CHILDREN'S SERVICES STRATEGY FOR SKILLING OUR EXISTING WORKERS



We are pleased to announce the successful completion of the new online resource for the NSW Children's Services Strategy Project. **All In a Day's Work**, is a free online resource for existing workers in early childhood care, both centre based and family day care, to self-assess their current knowledge and skills and prepare for recognition. The resource has advice for early childhood educators, employers and RTOs to make the recognition process clear and practical. There is also advice about the NSW funding arrangements to support candidates with recognition and/or any gap training that may be required. Metropolitan and regional workshops were held in April and May for employers, educators and training providers to familiarise themselves with the resource.

Many thanks to the children's services sector representatives who contributed their time and expertise ensuring the resource met industry and training package standards. The Working Party was made up of representatives from Illawarra Area Child Care Ltd (peak), NSW Family Day Care Assn (peak), MEGT Australia (RTO), Academy of Early Childhood Education (RTO) and Early Childhood Training and Resource Centre (RTO). Additionally the NSW Children's Services Advisory Group provided guidance, feedback and final endorsement of the resource. This large group represents children's services NSW peaks, government regulator, employers, unions and RTOs. Their role has been critical to ensuring the overall quality of the resource and we value the ongoing support that they provide to the ITAB.

*Online feedback so far-
100% of respondents would recommend the resource to others*

It is early days, but there have already been over 600 user accounts created for **All In a Day's Work**, that represent over 5000 logins (this indicates that the users are accessing the resource multiple times). This is only the beginning but these results are very positive and rewarding.

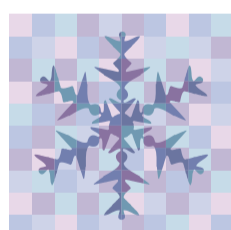
Finally, a big thank you to all at State Training Services who enabled this project to happen and contributed their support and time to the ITAB.

HAPPY 20TH BIRTHDAY TO THE ITAB !!!



This year marks the 20th anniversary of the ITAB and we are looking forward to celebrating the numerous achievements and advancements of the past as well as acknowledging the exciting work planned for the future.

We don't want you to miss out so mark you calendar now for **24 November 2011** to attend our special birthday party. We will be sending invitations and details later.



Kathy's winter message.....

Hello members.

How the year has flown by! I find it hard to believe that we are already almost half way through. The winter woollies have been hastily removed from their summer slumber the chill having caught most of us off guard.

Along with the cold comes the end of the financial year. Always a busy time for me with assisting our accountant and the auditors in making sure everything is in order. Oh yes, I hear you all say, the end of the financial year is always a busy time. Every organisation has their own processes and procedures at this time. Don't forget along with your regular end of financial year processes **your ITAB membership renewals are due!!** I have attached a link to our 2011/2012 (yes 2012!) Renewal Membership and to membership. Please feel free to pass this invitation on to anyone you feel may benefit from membership. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the ITAB over this past financial year. There will also be a more detailed email reminder sent to you shortly outlining the achievements your support has enabled the ITAB to realise.

For Membership Renewal: <http://www.csh-itab.com.au/documents/MembershipRenewal11-12.pdf>

For Membership Invitation: <http://www.csh-itab.com.au/documents/InvitationforMembership2011.pdf>

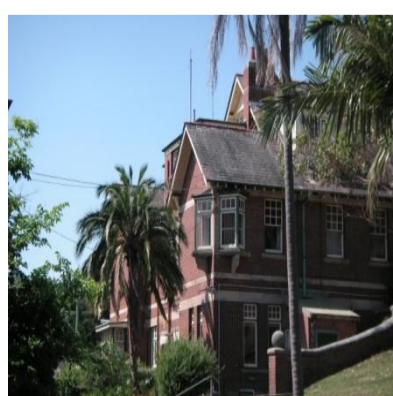


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In its role as the peak NSW body collaborating with the Community Services and Health industries about vocational education and training (VET), CSH ITAB is responsive to over 70 sectors – the broad scope of this complex and diverse workforce. Training across these sectors ranges from higher education to nationally recognised Training Package qualifications; industry specific accredited courses to non-accredited professional development.

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