



WAVE Newsletter January 2016

Happy New Year to all, and the WAVE Executive hopes that it is a good one for you personally and our sector in general. I think many of us feel very change-weary, and look forward to governments investing properly in vocational and adult education (well all education really), and ensuring we have a strong quality public system into the future. This will be one of the topics that will be discussed at our WAVE conference this year, as well as many other topics facing women and girls in adult and vocational education.

Remember, the WAVE conference is the day before the AVETRA conference on 21/22 April, and we hope you are able to attend both this year.

Registrations open for the WAVE Conference 20 April 2016

Registrations are now open for the WAVE conference in April this year and a copy of the draft program is attached to this email so that you can consider what a wonderful conference it will be, and register as soon as possible.

Details will be up on the website soon, with the link to the registration. Here it is, and this will give you the information about the location in the Cameraygal Building at Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE NSW. Costs are very low for this type of conference with a great array of speakers, stimulating discussion and a wonderful location and refreshments. For a paid WAVE member the cost is \$60, and for a non-member \$90. If you want to stay on afterwards for the AVETRA reception, an additional cost is charged. So we encourage you to register today.

> <https://waveconference2016.eventbrite.com.au>

AVETRA Conference 2016

We also encourage you to register now for the Australian VET Research Association (AVETRA) conference at the same venue at Northern Sydney Institute for AVETRA's 19th Annual Conference from 20 – 22 April 2016. 20th April is for the reception following the WAVE conference, with the main program commencing on 21st April.

The theme for 2016 is "Putting VET research to work: Collaboration, Innovation, Prosperity" and with a great line up of [keynote speakers](#), as well as lots of presentations from new and experienced researchers, it is sure to be an unmissable event in the tertiary education calendar.

Go to www.avaxetra.org.au to register.

UNESCO GEM Report

The Education For All Global Monitoring Report (GMR) has changed to become the Global Education Monitoring Report, or GEM Report. To celebrate the new name and logo, UNESCO are launching a new campaign, [#EducationWeWant](#).

A new [Sustainable Development Agenda](#) is in place, with a new global education goal, seven supporting targets and three means of implementation. Governments now need to decide which of these targets they are going to prioritise in their national plans. We are being asked to prioritise these seven new education targets to provide this advice. [Join in online](#), and via twitter using #EducationWeWant and @GEMReport. Or click on the #EducationWeWant above and vote for your three priorities. WAVE has already voted. It was hard to decide but the Executive eventually voted: 4.4, 4.3 and 4.5

4.4 Skills for decent work

Details

By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship

4.3 Equal access to TVET, tertiary and adult education

Details

By 2030, ensure equal access for all women and men to affordable and quality technical, vocational and tertiary education, including university

4.5 Equality in education

Details

By 2030, eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and children in vulnerable situations

Are you a female leader in the VET sector? Scholarships for women in Education

The National Excellence in Educational Leadership Initiative (NEELI) is partnering with Women & Leadership Australia (WLA) to provide a national scholarship program for female leaders across the education sector.

Scholarships of \$3000 are being offered to women in education (including VET) to support participation on the Advanced Leadership Program. The program supports the rapid advancement of high potential female leaders throughout the Australian higher education program.

Over 5 months, you will have the opportunity to focus on your unique experiences as a female educator, accelerate your leadership capability and consider the broader implications of gender equality in the Australia higher education system.

More information on the Advanced Leadership program and how to apply for a scholarship can be found here.

http://www.wla.com.au/programs_alp.html

Call for presentations: 'No Frills' Conference 2016

25th National Vocational Education and Training Research Conference 'No Frills', 4 – 6 July 2016, CQUniversity, Rockhampton

The National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) and CQUniversity are calling for abstracts for presentations and poster sessions for the 25th National Vocational Education and Training Research Conference 'No Frills'. We invite industry, practitioners and researchers to share their work on vocational education and training (VET).

The 2016 conference will highlight (but is not limited to) research across three themes:

- Equity: supporting diversity through promoting inclusive training opportunities for all Australians
- Engagement: students, providers, employers and government working together to improve access, participation and outcomes from training
- Evolution: developing a skilled and flexible workforce to adapt to rapid technological change in the workplace, and to improve national competitiveness.

Call for presentations and poster session closes on **Monday 22 February 2016**.

Download the information pack here: <http://www.ncver.edu.au/nofrills2016.html>

VETnetwork Australia 2016 Biennial National Conference

The VETnetwork Australia 2016 Biennial National Conference will be held at the Gold Coast Convention Centre from Wednesday July 27th to Thursday July 28th 2016 and provides an opportunity for VET practitioners from senior secondary schools and colleges, career and enterprise educators, training organisations, university academics, researchers, policy developers, consultants and industry to network, learn, interact and engage.

VETnetwork Australia is looking for quality speakers to present workshops at this peak learning event. The by-line for the 2016 Conference is "Vocational Education and Training: leading and driving change

All submissions must be received by VETnetwork Australia by COB Friday 29th January 2016.

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