



[www.ecaskillsplan.org.au](http://www.ecaskillsplan.org.au)

Recently added to the website: Australian School Based Apprenticeship (ASbA) information, ASQA faq & past Roundtable minutes

I apologise that the link in the last newsletter didn't work properly. If you haven't visited the site please click on the link above or copy and paste it into your browser.

If you have any suggestions or feedback on the website please let me know.

### **Australian School based Apprenticeships (ASbA) Project - Smart Workforce Planning**

This project is a partnership between ECA, The Department of Education and the Beacon Foundation. The project is a staged and supported process to recruit motivated and capable students to undertake an ASbA in 2015. At this stage we have a commitment from services state wide to employ 16 ASbAs. Further information about the project can be found at <http://www.ecaskillsplan.org.au/index.php/en/school-based-apprenticeships>

### **'Quals Book'**

This is the 'working title' for the new training and assessment guide that is now in draft form. The T&PDRG will be providing feedback to the authors on the document at the next Roundtable. If you would like the opportunity to also provide feedback please let me know. It is anticipated that the final document will be ready for distribution in October, with implementation workshops being held state wide to support services to get the most out of the guide.

### **LLN Support**

Lots of training requires specific literacy skills. So does being the successful applicant for an apprenticeship or traineeship. Just that bit of extra support from an experienced LLN teacher can make all the difference. Skills Tasmania is funding several programs that offer this support.

#### **For apprentices and trainees**

The Additional Tutorial Assistance Program provides specific LLN support to apprentices and trainees at all registered training organisations (RTOs) who are at risk of not finishing their apprenticeship because of a gap in their literacy skills. If you are having problems or know of someone in this situation, let your RTO know and they'll make sure you get the assistance you need.

#### **For applicants for an apprenticeship**

Getting There provides support to unsuccessful applicants for an apprenticeship and traineeship with a Group Training Organisation. The aim is to equip them to be successful the next time. The focus is often on resume writing and interview techniques. This project also provides support to people in the Commonwealth Access Program (run through Job Search Agencies).

More information can be found at [www.skills.tas.gov.au](http://www.skills.tas.gov.au) and [26ten.tas.gov.au](http://26ten.tas.gov.au)

### **Dates to Remember**

#### **June**

4 Roundtable - The Grange, Campbell Town  
20 HESTA ECEC Awards - nominations close

#### **August**

20 Statewide & AGM (tbc) - Launceston

#### **September**

4 - 7 ECA National Conference  
17 Round-table - The Grange, Campbell Town

#### **October**

TBA Training & Assessment Guide Implementation Workshop

#### **November**

19 ECA Statewide - Hobart



### **Website of the month - [www.snacwa.com.au](http://www.snacwa.com.au)**

A new research project and website from Edith Cowan University for early years educators that provides recipe ideas, tools and resources, nutrition information, online activities and discussion forums. The **snac** website will also help you to connect with other early years educators, share ideas, learn from others experiences and to seek help when it might be needed.

*Cheers*  
Roger

ECA Tasmania Project Development Officer  
[roger.skillsplantas@earlychildhood.org.au](mailto:roger.skillsplantas@earlychildhood.org.au)