

## Annual State Conference 2013

Saturday 17 August

### A SHARED VISION

Literacy practitioners and volunteers  
achieving awesome outcomes together

Bridgewater LINC  
Green Point Road  
Bridgewater

Registrations 9:00 to 9:30  
Conference 9.30 to 3:15

### Speakers and Session details

**9.30 – 9.35**

#### **Welcome & Housekeeping**

John Kelly – TCAL

#### **Conference Opening**

**Nick McKim MP, Minister for Education  
and Skills, and Greens Leader  
Tasmania.**

**9.40 – 10.00**

#### **Australian Bureau of Statistics - English language proficiency and level of educational attainment - the Tasmanian context**

Andrew Tyson

Andrew Tyson is a Census Engagement Officer at the Australian Bureau of Statistics. He consults with a range of stakeholders across Commonwealth, State and Local Government, along with the private and not-for-profit sectors, to demonstrate how Census data can assist with policy, planning and decision-making.

**10.05 – 11.15**

#### **Awesome Outcomes - Panel Discussion**

Lee Prince – Chair 26TEN Coalition of  
Interest and Literacy Volunteer  
Edith Speers – Former Huon Valley TAFE  
Literacy Numeracy Volunteer  
Mario Cortes – Accredited Trainer  
Gagebrook Community House

Lee, Edith and Mario have a wealth of knowledge and experience between them in supporting adult literacy learners. They will each talk about their experiences and invite questions from the audience.



**11.20 – 11.30**

#### **The new TasTAFE and the Literacy Numeracy programme**

Jenny Seaton, TasTAFE Literacy and  
Numeracy South Workforce Learning Leader

Jenny will talk briefly about the transition from the Polytechnic and Skills Tasmania to the new TasTAFE and the Literacy Numeracy Programme's role within the new organisation.



**11.30 – 12.30**

**Workshop No 1 – An Introduction to  
Dyslexia**

Patricia Hopwood Wade & Wendy Stothers

Patricia and Wendy have many years of adult literacy and numeracy teaching experience between them.

This session will provide a brief introduction to Dyslexia. Specific strategies to assist people with Dyslexia will be explored, along with an Adult Dyslexia Indicator tool.



**11.30 – 12.30**

**Workshop No 2-Creative Writing – How  
to inspire learners to write stories**

Kathryn Lomer

Kathryn Lomer is an award winning Tasmanian author and former ESL and adult literacy teacher. This session will help participants to understand how to use creative writing as the catalyst for inspiring adult literacy learners to write their own stories



**12.30 – 1.15**

**Lunch and Networking**



**1.15 – 2.10**

**Workshop No 3 - Familiar objects and family literacy**

Helen Whitty

Helen specialises in developing experiential museum programs to engage families in technology, creative industries and the applied arts. Helen was awarded a UTS Doctoral Scholarship commencing in 2012 to research the relationships between families, museum collections and literacies. With the help of her research sites, (MONA and TMAG) along with LINC Tasmania, Mission Australia and 26TEN she has commenced her fieldwork. Helen is on leave from the Powerhouse Museum where she was responsible for family programmes as well as authoring museum publications and curating a series of collections based exhibitions and publications in collaboration with prominent Australian children's authors.

This workshop will explore the potential of everyday objects to inspire and ignite family literacy. It demonstrates one of the research methods developed for the 26TEN 'Family Literacy: a museum pilot project' and potentially useful for your teaching/tutoring. We will locate this participatory element within a discussion of family literacy and 'artifactual critical literacy' (essentially an approach to literacy using 'things'!)

**1.15 – 2.10**

**Workshop No 4 - Literacy inside and out The LINC Literacy Programme within the Tasmanian Prison Service**

Melissa Iocco and colleagues

Melissa Iocco – Melissa is the LINC Literacy Coordinator for Justice (Tasmania Prison Service). She has been working within the Prisoner Education and Training unit at the Risdon Prison site since August 2011. She has a background in university teaching, community health education and social policy and research. She is currently undertaking a Masters in Teaching at the University of Tasmania.

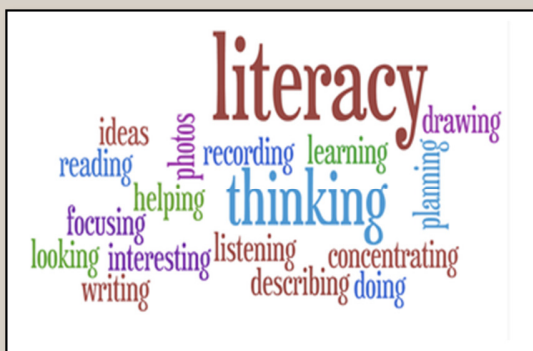
Shaun Wheeler – Shaun is the Manager for Mary Hutchinson Women's Prison. For the last 27 years, Shaun has worked across Tasmania Prison Service facilities in a range of roles. He is committed to supporting programmes that increase the skills, knowledge and well-being of prison inmates.





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### 1.15 – 2.10

#### **Workshop No 4 - cont.**

Galvin – Galvin has been working with a LINC literacy tutor Trish for almost two years and is dedicated to improving his work and life skills.

Jarrett – Jarrett has been a peer tutor for the last nine months. He recently completed the Volunteer Tutor Training and has participated in a number of courses during his sentence.

Rebekkah Gale – has been a volunteer adult literacy tutor at the Risdon Prison site for approximately 18 months. She has tutored in Ron Barwick Minimum Security Prison and Mary Hutchinson Women's Prison. Rebekkah is currently studying a Masters of Social Work at the University of Tasmania.

This session focuses on the current efforts to improve literacy and numeracy for prison inmates in Tasmania. The LINC literacy program was introduced into the Tasmania Prison Service in August 2011. Situated within the Prisoner and Education Training unit at the Risdon Prison site, the programme has gone from strength to strength despite the challenges of working in a custodial environment. This session will give the audience a view into how the programme works, the context in which it operates and introduce some of the people who make it happen.

### 2.15 – 3.00

#### **Whole School Literacy at Sacred Heart College - The impact of direct instruction in the key elements of reading comprehension**

Craig Deayton and Kandy Parker

Craig Deayton graduated from UTAS in 1983, holds a Master's degree in Educational Administration (ACU) and has been a teacher and Principal for over 25 years. He is currently Principal of Sacred Heart College.

Kandy Parker graduated from Indiana University in 1983, holds a Master's degree in Applied Linguistics and has been a teacher and department coordinator for over 25 years. She is currently Literacy Coordinator at Sacred Heart College.

The presentation will focus on the genesis of the whole school literacy programs at MacKillop and Sacred Heart Colleges, why we decided to adopt this approach and what the outcomes have been. It will examine briefly the research base for the programme, its goals, the statistical data we collected pre and post program implementation and the implications of that data. We will also look at how the programme works, how it is resourced, led and sustained, and look in detail at the teaching strategies employed, with a special emphasis on decoding and phonemic awareness and the pedagogy of direct instruction.

### 3.00 – 3.15 Plenary

