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**PEDAGOGICAL PROGRAM**

**P07 - Presentation**

Title **What's right and what's not with Assessment in Australia**

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Presenter's expertise or experiences that relate to proposal topic

Lesley is a highly qualified Educational consultant in industry with considerable experience in research in the Australian Vocational Education and Training sector who owns and runs her own Nationally accredited Registered Training Organisation. Lesley has a comprehensive list of career experiences including teaching, lecturing, research, consulting, resource development and project management. Lesley is currently Director of the business providing management, project consultancy and research services to clients, especially complex industries such as Mining.

Lesley has managed a staff of over 50 in her own business that has a wide range of contracts with government, industry and private clients. The programs delivered range from training delivery across Australia, work in remote Indigenous communities, delivery to Government Departments and Industry Organisations. Lesley's expertise lies in developing facilitative management practices that enable others to carry out their responsibilities and involve all concerned in the decision making process.

In the early 1990's Lesley became actively involved in adult vocational education, and began designing and developing competencies and training modules. She has designed and delivered training in adult literacy and numeracy skills, cultural awareness, strategic management skills, contractor safety management and professional development for trainers. She has also developed assessment systems/resources for a range of industries.

Since 2000 Lesley has been heavily involved in National research projects in the vocational sector that include strategic

management, assessment practices, e-learning and professional development for training professionals. In 2007 Lesley won National Mining Trade Excellence.

Qualifications:

- B.A. (Hons) in Biogeography
- Certificate in Permaculture
- Post Graduate Certificate in Adult Literacy and Numeracy.
- Diploma in Training and Development
- Diploma In FLM
- Vocational Assessor ASLPR
- Internal Quality Auditor
- Senior Recognition of Prior Learning Assessor
- Certificate in Engineering
- BHPB Advanced Project MNGT
- Enrolled in PhD Education

Description of Session  
Content

A case study will be presented outlining how through the Australian Queensland Department of Education and Training funds administered through ACPET Queensland that were awarded to develop the skills of all VET workers an innovative Professional Development program has been developed and targeted towards building of quality assessment capacity in the sector. The program is designed to demonstrate and ensure the VET workforce remains highly skilled and knowledgeable in assessment practices in this rapidly changing training environment and targets managers, practioners and administration from the whole of the VET sector. The case study will outline, this Professional Development model developed around three (3) key objectives that will build the capacity of private practioners, and Registered Training Organization's while providing a foundation for ongoing and relevant professional development programs articulating into other higher level professional development.....a benchmark for this industry. Finally the paper will outline many of the key outcomes of the program to date, including the development of rigor in quality assessment practices.

Objectives of session

Session attendees  
should be able to

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Audience                      Teacher/lecturers in Business Management and Small Business  
Business Advisors and consultants  
Small business owners

Handouts (to be distributed at session by presenter)                      Handout will be made available at the conference

Remarks