



## HEIA (TASMANIA) NEWS

Newsletter of the Home Economics Institute of Australia (Tasmania)

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### From the President

Hi everyone,

I hope that everyone has had a lovely holiday break. With the weather still being so good it is been great to enjoy those interests and hobbies out doors.

What a year is in store for HEIA members, as once again the calendar of events poster publication has be organized, published and will be sent out to every school in the state. The task has been another joint initiative of the executive members of HEIA Tasmania Division, the Design and Technology Teachers Association (DATTA) and supported by the Department of Education. Look out for it, post it up, peruse the events- foods, textiles, ICT, design, competitions, social events and heaps more. There is something for everyone - from primary to college academy / polytechnic teachers, home economists in industry and students in higher education. Tell your colleagues and others who might have an interest in some of the activities and events listed. Remember non members are always welcome. With the great benefits of being an HEIA member- such as HEIA publications, event discounts etc. - they may even consider joining the Institute down the track.

As a member of HEIA, you are encouraged to apply for financial assistance through the Mary Fist Scholarship fund to attend Professional Learning. Please see the attached Expression of Interest flyer. Please note that applications close March 18th. There won't be much time between the calendar of events coming out the closing date for ap-

plications, so you'll need to act quickly. Look out for the spectacular fabric work shop by Anne from Genesis Creations as advertised in the calendar of events. There is quite a cost involved with this practical, exciting workshop, so why not apply for Mary Fist Funds provided by HEIA Tasmania Division.

Without you all we wouldn't have a HEIA Tasmanian Division. Keep involved with the activities, Professional Learning and social events on offer. The first social event is in March for current and in particular retired members so please pass the word it's at the Beach House Café on Saturday morning 10.45am 13<sup>th</sup> March

I'd just like to take the opportunity to thank the HEIA Tas executive; Cathy McAuliffe, graphic designer, for designing and overseeing the layout of the calendar of events; the schools and individuals who will conduct or host an activity; and those who have organised and have offered suggestions for activities that might interest members.

I'd also like to thank those members who hold roles of responsibility this year within the HEIA Tasmanian Division; the Executive; and office bearers, many of whom give up their time to attend meetings and various functions on behalf of our division.

Have a fantastic year.

**Sue Ferguson**

**HEIA Tas  
State Meeting & O'Malley  
Award  
Presentation**

**Date**

Saturday 20th March 2010

**Venue**

Riverside Golf Club  
244 West Tamar Road, River-  
side

**Time**

10.30am

**RSVP**

Saturday 13th March  
Karen Weitnauer  
ckweitnauer@aapt.net.au

**HEIAQ State conference**

In the December issue of the HEIA news, the Diary Dates noted that the HEIAQ state conference would be held on 28th August 2010. The date has now been changed to 7th August 2010.

***HEIA(Q) 2020 state conference***

***Saturday 7 August 2010***

***Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre***

*Essentially digital' will look at how the digital world is impacting positively and negatively on major home economics interest areas—food, textiles, personal relationships and teachers' professional practice, including effective pedagogies using digital media.*

Please go to [http://www.heia.com.au/heiaq/CtoC\\_home.asp](http://www.heia.com.au/heiaq/CtoC_home.asp) for more information regarding this exciting professional learning opportunity

**Teacher Survey - Food Skills in Secondary Schools**

As you would have read in the last HEIA newsletter, Sandra Fordyce-Voorham is undertaking a teacher survey about the food skills that are taught in secondary schools.

The survey is going well and she would really like to have some input from Tassie Home Economics teachers. To take part in the survey, please log into the following link:

<http://foodskills.wikispaces.com/>

**HEIA AGM**

When the national AGM notices were sent out the year was incorrect. The correct details are listed below:

Saturday 27 March 2010

The Castlereagh Boutique Hotel

169 Castlereagh Street

Sydney NSW

5.00 -5.30pm

**HEIA Website**

Have you noticed HEIA has a new look? Check our new web site look and feel at [www.heia.com.au](http://www.heia.com.au). Our merchandising is now online so you can place orders directly using paypal and you will get your new items more quickly than before!

## VAL Calendar of Events

The 2010 VAL Calendar of Events is on its way to HEIA, MDT and DATTA members.

We suggest that you make enquires to your school professional coordinator and ascertain what funds are available to you. Some of the activities listed are free events whilst others incur a cost. HEIA Members benefit from reduced enrolment fees on most events.

Some presenters, such as Anne Mitchell from Genesis Creations, organise the enrolment on line and each individual interested in participating will need to take this up with their school if they seek assistance to attend. However if you do not have access to PL funds then consider applying for the HEIA Mary Fist Scholarship ( to enable members to access Professional Learning). Attached is an Expression of Interest flyer to complete by 18<sup>th</sup> March if you wish to be considered for this assistance. The HEIA Division has put limited funds aside to assist members so be prompt with your reply.

Return the EOI by email or by post to the Secretary Karen Weitnauer, P.O. Box 165 Launceston 7250 or [ckweitnauer@aapt.net.au](mailto:ckweitnauer@aapt.net.au)

## Fabulous Fabrics In-Service Workshop

This Workshop is being held in Launceston on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th August 2010 at UTAS.

Please refer to the flyer that accompanies this newsletter and note that you need to register to attend on line.

## Change in HEIA Tas Executive members:

The HEIA Tas Executive would like thank and welcome the following dedicated members who have taken a leadership role in 2010 and wish them success in their HEIA activities.

**President:** Susan Ferguson

**Minute Secretary:** Mary Williams

**Correspondence Secretary:** Karen Weitnauer

**Treasurer:** Tess Henry

**Council Delegate:** Melinda Williams

**Newsletter Editor:** Maria Scanlon

**Convenors:**

**South :** Karen Weitnauer

**North:** Rita Cawley, Christine Sutor

**North West:** TBA

**NEAT:** Christine Jones/Christine Barber (TBA)

**Eat Well Tasmania:** Rhonda McInness

**Tasmanian School Canteen Association:** Maria Scanlon

**National Education Representative:** Rita Cawley

**National Technology Representative:** Andrew Goodman

**King and Amy O'Malley Panel:**

Rita Cawley & Christine Sutor

**Public Officer:** Rita Cawley

**Public Health Standing Committee:** TBA

Thanks to Sue Weslake who was part of a Public Health Standing Committee, reviewing materials for HEIA as Tasmania's representative. If you would like to fill this position in 2010 please contact Karen Weitnauer.

Tess Henry (current Treasurer) has a new baby and is experiencing her first year as a teacher so her position is soon to be filled by another new member. We sincerely thank Tess for her work as our Treasurer in 2009.