

# Members Newsletter

September 2010



## BUREAU NEWS

### CEO UPDATE



Work is continuing on the Australia Forum, with Cox Architects and Ernst & Young immersed in the scoping study which aims to determine what our needs are for the next 50 years or so! A daunting task in many ways but coupled with excitement as we look forward and seek to contribute on many levels to what the national capital will be in the next 100 years as we head towards our Centenary in 2013.

The new airport opening is another milestone that will remind us of where we have come from and what the future might look like. And now the election outcome is clear and business activity will resume we are beginning to focus on the important role of central Government in a way which has not been seen before. Our clients, who largely come from the Association sector, seek to participate in any change process that affects their interest and in this regard will find that Canberra is increasingly a strategic choice to hold business events.

### STAFF UPDATE



#### **Erwin Matheeuwsen** **Research & Bid Support**

Erwin recently migrated to Canberra from Amsterdam where he had been working for the Telephone Directories Department of Dutch Telecom giant KPN in various roles. Before his move to Australia he managed the Publishing and Printing Office of the Rosy Cross Press Foundation at its International Headquarters in Haarlem.

Erwin has completed studies in History, Medieval and Celtic Studies at the Universities of Utrecht and Cork. As an assistant to the Professor of the Department of Celtic Studies he gained some conference experience by organising an international symposium and a museum exhibition.

The Research & Bid Support role is a newly created role in the Sales department. Erwin will be responsible for researching and sourcing new bid opportunities for Canberra in line with current sales market segmentation and providing market intelligence to support the THINK CANBERRA strategy.

## EVENTS

Here is a snapshot of some of the business events on this month

<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Primary Venue</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	NECA Excellence Awards 2010	Hotel Realm
3 <sup>rd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	Jane Austen Society of Australia Biennial Conference 2010	Marque Hotel Canberra
13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>	ARCS Regulatory Conference 2010	National Convention Centre
16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Leadership Symposium September 2010	Southern Cross Club Woden
16 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	Australasian Society of Aerospace Medicine Annual Scientific Meeting 2010	Australian National University
16 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	2010 VIEW National Convention	National Convention Centre
17 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	Australian Wagyuu Association National Conference 2010	Rydges Lakeside Canberra
22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	ACAPMA 2010 National Conference	Hotel Realm
26 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	Australian Boarding Schools Association National Conference 2010	Hotel Realm
26 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	2010 Australian Association for Environmental Education Conference	Australian National University
27 <sup>th</sup>	29 <sup>th</sup>	2010 Mint Directors Conference	Hyatt Hotel Canberra
27 <sup>th</sup>	30 <sup>th</sup>	Australian Organisation for Quality – Qualcon 2010	Rydges Lakeside Canberra
28 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> National Centre for Ageing & Pastoral Care Studies Conference 2010	University House



## Networking Night

**Date:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September (as part of *Business in Focus Month*)

**Venue:** Rydges Capital Hill

**Time:** 5:30 – 7:00pm

[RSVP](#)



## Local Familiarisation for clients followed by Networking Night

**Date:** Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

**Venue:** Hotel Heritage

**Time:** 5:30 – 7:00pm

More details to come

## INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT NEWS



### Temporary traffic changes at Russell Roundabout – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Weather permitting; the concrete pour for the Kings Avenue overpass will take place this Saturday. It is recommended that road users avoid the area surrounding the Russell Roundabout from 6.30am to 8.00pm.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either Melanie Skinner 02 6271 2893, 0417 713 863, [melanie.skinner@natcap.gov.au](mailto:melanie.skinner@natcap.gov.au) or Phil Waite, Director - Estate Development & Renewal, on 02 6271 2809, 0419 699 419, [phil.waite@natcap.gov.au](mailto:phil.waite@natcap.gov.au). For more information please visit [National Capital Authority](#).



### Australian Tourism Awards Review

In August 2009, NTA widely circulated a Discussion Paper, which took into account two previous reviews and more recent feedback, to create a platform for input and further discussions on the Australian Tourism Awards. A number of stakeholders made submissions and others provided input through meetings and commentary.

To oversee proposals for change and to set new directions for the benefit of the future of the Australian Tourism Awards, the NTA Board appointed a Chair of Awards, Bill Wright who has worked with the Awards for many years, most recently as the national Chair of Judges.

He noted that there was a consensus that there was a need for change with the National Awards and there is support for these changes. There was also a desire to ensure that existing good work is not abandoned. [Read the final recommendations.](#)

## MEMBERS AND INDUSTRY



### Members Latest News

- [Earlybird Marketing event announced as finalist in Australian Event Awards](#)
- [Wine Week at One Bar & Restaurant 13-17 September](#)

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