

The BEAT Sheet



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*For teachers of Accounting, Computing (Business), Business Studies,
Economics, Consumer Issues, VET Business Services, Enterprise and Legal Studies*

Dear Members

This issue of the BEAT Sheet contains information about

1. *BEA Travel Grants for the Linking Latitudes Conference in India*
2. *BEAT Committee members elected at the recent AGM*
3. *APEC curriculum resource*
4. *StartSmart Schools Program for secondary schools*
5. *Business Studies news from Newstead College, and*
6. *professional learning coming up during 2007*

Thank you for your subscription renewals. Enclosed with your membership receipt you will find a flyer with details of the BEA Conference in Melbourne Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th. July 2008. The theme for the conference is “*The business of teaching*” and the program is developing as an innovative and interesting one. We are sending each 2007 membership a BEAT pen and please remember to let either Miranda or Helen know if you have not yet received BEAT posters.

New memberships are current from 1st. March 2007 until 28th February 2008.

The renewal subscription form was included with last month’s BEAT Sheet and I look forward to receiving your completed membership renewal soon.

All schools have received information regarding the **Student Enterprise Grants** for 2007. With the sponsorship of Gunns Limited, grants of up to \$250 are available for successful proposals for student groups who wish to set up and run their own project. The application form is available from Enterprise Education Online at www.education.tas.gov.au/vet/students/vocation/enterprise (look under the programs link).

Miranda

1 BEA TRAVEL AWARDS - LINKING LATITUDES CONFERENCE

BEA is offering two **\$500 travel awards** to assist teachers of Business Education, Economics and Legal Studies to attend the Linking Latitudes Conference in India from 30 September to 4 October 2007.

Members of BEAT are invited to submit an application to:

BEA, PO Box 361, ABBOTSFORD VIC 3067

or

christine.reid@ncsonline.com.au

Applications must provide the following details:

Applicant’s name

Place of Employment

Employer’s postal address including suburb, state and postcode

Work telephone and fax number

Home telephone number

Mobile number

Email address

Name of affiliated association

Applicants must include a 1-2 page A4 statement which addresses the following points:

1. How attendance at the Conference will benefit you as a teacher (of Business Education, Economics or Legal Studies)
2. How attendance at the conference will further the study of business-related subjects in your school.
3. How information gathered from the Conference might be distributed to other teachers in your Association

Applicants must agree to submit a written article outlining the education value of the Conference and their experience at the Conference for publication in affiliates' journals.

Applications must reach BEA no later than **30th April 2007**. Please attach your accompanying statement to the email.

2 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM was held on 30th March with the following members elected to represent you in the Executive positions for the 2007 year.

President

Miranda Baptist, Rosny College: miranda.baptist@education.tas.gov.au

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Jodie Schafferius, The Hutchins School: jodie.schafferius@hutchins.tas.edu.au

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Please do not hesitate to contact any of the members above if you have any queries, questions or suggestions. All BEAT members are invited to attend any meetings held during the year and your contributions are always valued in any discussions about BEAT matters.

The 2007 President's Report and minutes from the AGM will be posted on our website shortly at www.afssts.asn.au/beat/index.htm.

The BEAT Constitution will be reviewed over the coming months and all members are invited to have input to the review. Members will receive a copy of the Constitution highlighting the proposed points requiring clarification.



Neil Walker, Jodie Schafferius and Helen Mason at the recent AGM

3 APEC EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM RESOURCE

Remember to look out for the APEC curriculum resource arriving at your school soon. The kit has been developed for students in Years 8-11 to build their understanding about APEC and its role in the global community. This is an important global issue with Australia is hosting the series of meetings throughout 2007.

BEAT will be conducting professional learning towards the end of Term 1 or early Term 2. Watch for details of this PL opportunity in the near future.



StartSmart Schools Program for secondary schools

encouraging financial literacy for life

The Commonwealth Bank Foundation has distributed the dates for the StartSmart Schools program to all schools.

Hobart and Launceston workshop dates have been set and are printed in the brochure. You can reply to the printed information sent to your school or register your class group online. The Foundation Officer is expecting to advise me shortly about the possibility of a North West workshop.

The information is also available on the web-site www.commbank.com.au/foundation.

5 Business Studies News from Newstead College

Thanks to Helen Mason and the students from Newstead College for the following item.



Over recent years, Professional Edge Recruiting has worked in conjunction with Camerons Accountants in Launceston to provide employment opportunities for Newstead College students. Currently Camerons employ a very large group of ex-Newstead students across a range of areas from administrative assistants to undergraduate accountants.

The photo below shows former Newstead College students as a very happy group who have been provided with many opportunities for further education and the updating of qualifications whilst undertaking full time employment.

As one student has said "it is a far more rewarding way to earn money, than working at a local franchise AND I know I have experts and recent students on hand to help me with my Uni studies".



6 PROFESSIONAL LEARNING coming up

During 2007, professional learning is being offered for

“*Think Like an Entrepreneur*” – a curriculum resource which includes a DVD and materials package. The workshop will be designed for VET and Careers teachers as well as for those unable to attend the previous workshop.

“*AFR Case Studies*” – all schools have received copies of this folder containing laminated case study materials and web references. National Curriculum Services will be developing professional learning using this resource.

Please send an email to miranda.baptist@education.tas.gov.au if you have changes to advise regarding the teachers in your school who should receive this email newsletter.

Regards

Miranda Baptist

BEAT President 2007