

The BEAT Sheet



Business Educators Australasia (Tasmania) Inc.

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

Dear Members

Thank you to those members who have renewed their subscriptions for the current year. Your 2006 membership finished on 28th February 2007, with new memberships current from 1st March 2007 until 28th February 2008. I have included the renewal form at the end of this BEAT Sheet as a reminder, and for those members who find direct deposit convenient, the BEAT bank account details are provided. I look forward to receiving your renewals over the next few weeks.

We are keen to extend membership of our association to beginning teachers or student teachers who have a background in Economics, Accounting or Business. Please advise me if you know of any prospective members from these areas, or if you have a trainee teacher completing a practicum in your classes during this year.

This BEAT Sheet will be emailed to all addressees who were on our database in 2006, as well as the new members for 2007. Please let me know if your email contact details have changed this year.

Please also send me an email if you have anything to share with your colleagues through the BEAT Sheet. We would like to share news of the good things happening in Business-related subjects in your school.

Miranda

1 REMINDER AGM and meeting of members

The Annual General Meeting for BEAT will be held on

30th March 2007

6:00 pm

at the Republic Bar – Private Room

(enter from Elizabeth Street and it's the first door on the right)

Refreshments and a light meal will be available. We would value your support and any suggestions or contributions for 2007.

If you would like to nominate as a committee or executive member that would be great as well.

Please email your RSVP to myself or Julie.fisher@education.tas.gov.au

For members wishing to travel from Launceston for the meeting, we can provide a contribution towards your petrol costs.

All members are welcome and we look forward to seeing you on Friday.

2 CPA Australia Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition



Has your class started thinking about their business plans for the PYOE competition in 2007?

Great **NEW prizes** are being offered this year. The brochures will be mailed directly to schools shortly so please keep an eye out for them.

Jodie Schafferius is again our statewide coordinator and contact for Southern Tasmanian teachers. Jodie can be contacted on 6221 4242 or by email at jodie.schafferius@hutchins.tas.edu.au.

We are pleased to advise that Helen Mason is available as a contact for teachers in Northern Tasmania this year. Please contact Helen on 6332 3268 or via email Helen.mason@education.tas.gov.au

Please do not hesitate to make contact with either Jodie or Helen if you have any queries about the competition

The CPA Australia website will be updated with the revised competition guidelines. Please have a look at these and encourage your students to make use of the web-site. The PYOE links contain a wealth of information to assist students with their business plans.

Jodie has provided the following information for you to share with your students:

As a starting point check out:

www.cpacareers.com.au/competition.asp

2005 winning entry: www.cpacareers.com.au/uploads/pdfs/pyoe_2005winner.pdf

Other past winning entries: www.afsse.asn.au/pyoe/pyoe_past.htm

Looking for ideas and opportunities? You may find it useful to check these web sites:

www.business.gov.au

www.bep.gov.au

www.abc.net.au/catapult

www.woopidoo.com

You might also like to subscribe to the e-newsletter at www.frankteam.com.au/ignite/

Considering e-commerce? Consult

www.e-businessguide.gov.au

www.govonline.gov.au/projects/ebusiness

For information on **legal issues** check these websites:

www.bli.net.au

www.dcita.gov.au/infoaccess

www.abc.net.au/catapult/indepth/s1807538.htm

State entries are due by Friday 7 September (last day of Term 2) and should be sent to

CPA Australia Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition Coordinator
BEAT
PO Box 197
NORTH HOBART TAS 7002

Good luck with your business plans

Jodie Schafferius

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StartSmart Schools Program for secondary schools

encouraging financial literacy for life

The StartSmart Schools program has four workshops available to schools this year:

Earning an income (Years 9/10)

Bank accounts (Years 9/10)

Managing your money (Years 9/10); AND

Investing (Year 11)

Details of the program, available in greater metropolitan areas, have been circulated to schools. Each workshop lasts for 45 minutes and includes a DVD, a 15-20 minute presentation and an interactive session. Information is also available on the web-site www.commbank.com.au/foundation or you can email StartSmartSchools@bigpond.com.

I am in the process of trying to establish which Tasmanian areas fit into the designated "greater metropolitan area". It would be good for this program to be available at southern, northern and north-west venues. I will keep you posted on this, and please let me know if you have any further information about workshops in your area.

4 APEC EDUCATIONAL CURRICULUM RESOURCE

This new resource will be distributed to **all schools** in April. It will be mailed to your Principal, so please watch out for it.

The kit is suitable for students studying in Years 8 – 11 and has been developed by Curriculum Corporation with major support from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

This is a very important issue this year with the APEC meetings being held around Australia and culminating with the APEC Forum in Sydney in September. The kit is an opportunity for your students to develop understanding about APEC and its role in the global world. There are 4 major investigations for study, with each unit comprising a range of activities to enhance student learning and classroom teaching. BEAT will be conducting professional learning later in Term 1 or early Term 2. More details will be available once we receive the kits in our schools.

5 Asia Education Foundation - LINKING LATITUDES CONFERENCE

The 2007 Linking Latitudes Conference will be held in India in September 2007. There are opportunities for side trips, to all those exciting places in India that you have read about, either before or after the conference. This is always an excellent opportunity for those able to schedule the conference into their professional learning calendar. More information is available at the Asia Education Foundation web site.

http://www.asiaeducation.edu.au/pdf/indiaishot_oct07.pdf

6 BEA CONFERENCE 2008

Early planning for the 2008 BEA Conference will be worthwhile as this is an excellent future PL opportunity. The BEA National Conference will be in Melbourne in June/July 2008. Watch for further information in the BEAT Sheet during the year.



REPORT ON QUICKBOOKS WORKSHOPS - MARCH 2007

Two workshops were held in early March for 11 teachers in Hobart and 8 teachers in Launceston. We greatly appreciate the support of Michael Drennan and Suzanne Collings for organising to travel from Melbourne to conduct these practical workshops for BEAT members. We hope that those attending found the sessions valuable and are now able to make use of the Quicken software and exercises that they received at the workshops.

8 Report on the BEA CONFERENCE, AGM AND COUNCIL MEETING

Julie Fisher's report is included below for members to read:

Business Educators Australasia

Report of the BEA Conference, AGM and Council Meeting

Julie Fisher, BEAT Councillor to BEA and Vice-President BEA

The BEA Conference, was held in Adelaide in October 2006. The conference, held over 2 days was attended by over 200 members from around Australia and from New Zealand. BEAT was well represented with members Miranda Baptist, Peter Symons, Kevin Stocks and myself making the trip from Tasmania. One of the keynote speakers, Paul Clitheroe, was a most inspiring and engaging speaker and his praise of teachers was appreciated. The sessions were valuable and informative, as was the opportunity to chat informally with colleagues from around Australia about education and curriculum development.

The AGM and Council Meeting of BEA were held following the conference. I attended as the BEAT Councillor and Miranda Baptist, BEAT President, also attended. At the AGM the BEA President, Doug Cave, (QETA), highlighted the importance of partnerships with organisations such as Commonwealth Bank, DEST and the Insurance Council, as well as several areas of concern – professional standards and national curriculum. Doug also spoke about the activities of BEA in the areas of financial literacy, PD associated with "Think Like an Entrepreneur" and "Why Risk It" and the CPA Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition. Doug also thanked Christine Reid and her team for their work for BEA. Doug thanked BETASA and ETSSA for their hard work in organising the Adelaide conference.

Doug was re-elected President at the AGM, with myself and Anthony Gray (BEAQ) elected Vice Presidents, Jules Aldous (VCTA) elected Secretary and Gary Taylor (VCTA) re-elected as Treasurer.

Currently each affiliate pays a fee of \$3 per member to BEA and at the AGM the following notice of motion for the next AGM was put: *It is recommend that the affiliation fee for affiliates of BEA be increased from \$3.50 to \$5.00 for the 2008 financial year, (March 2008). And That councillors at next AGM discuss ideas from their membership about regular increases in affiliation fees for future years and that they forward proposals to BEA by 31 March 2007 for circulation to all affiliates prior to the AGM.* BEAT averages about 30 members and so currently pays an affiliation fee of \$105 to BEA. We get pretty good value for money from the national association and I would encourage members to support the motion to increase the fees. This will be discussed at the BEAT AGM.

All state and territory affiliates were represented at the Council meeting and had an opportunity to provide a report from their association about business education in their state and new developments in areas such as curriculum, syllabuses and assessment. Other discussion points at the meeting were:

- the next conference, to be hosted by VCTA in July 2008, with the theme of 'The Business of Teaching' and will be held in a central Melbourne location
- BEA Partnerships and projects, including Why Risk it, Think Like an Entrepreneur, Commonwealth Bank Financial Literacy Grants, AEF Conference, CPA Australia Plan Your Own Enterprise Competition, APEC project, AFSSSE projects including Australia/China Council.
- John Glasson (VCTA) past Vice President was awarded Life Membership of BEA

For copies of the minutes of these meetings please email julie.fisher@education.tas.gov.au

If you have any queries about anything on the BEAT Sheet, please contact me

With best wishes to everyone for a great year in your school in 2007

Miranda Baptist

BEAT President



Membership Renewal – 2007

Tax Invoice – ABN 57 984 913 285

(please note: NO GST is payable as part of this membership)

Membership is current from 1 March 2007 – 28 Feb 2008	Annual Subscription Fee	Please tick membership category
High School or College Membership (for up to 3 teachers) with school enrolment of more than 300 students	\$50.00	
Teacher, High School or College Membership (up to three teachers) where school enrolment is less than 300 students	\$30.00	
Student Teacher Membership	\$ 5.00	
Non-school based Associate Membership (individual or corporate)	\$50.00	

Please complete details as appropriate:

Name of Member

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 or, names of the 3 teachers covered by school membership

Name of School/College or Organisation

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Postal Address

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.....Postcode.....

Telephone.....Fax.....

Email contact(s) for newsletters and correspondence:

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SUBSCRIPTION PAYMENT – either by **Cheque** or **Direct Deposit** (please circle)

- Cheque enclosed for \$_____ payable to Business Educators Australasia (Tasmania) Inc, for _____ membership
- Direct deposit to Business Educators Australasia (Tas) at
 Connect Financial
 BSB No 807 – 009
 Account number 1222 0127 for \$.....
 Insert Receipt Number..... and date of direct deposit.....

**Please forward this membership form, with your payment if applicable, to:
 The Treasurer, BEAT Inc, PO Box 197, North Hobart 7002**

