**SPN Network Meeting Minutes 19th May 2011**

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| **Date:** 19th May 2011 | **Start Time:** 2.15pm |
| **Venue:** St Columbans College, Caboolture | **Chair Person:** Kate Ruddy |
| **Attendees:** Michelle Wollenweber (BNIT), John Suthers (DET), Chris Irwin (Clontarf Beach SHS), Jason Carr (DET), Michelle Wust (St Columbans), Janelle Schloss (Aust Trade College), Tom McCue (QYIL), Darryl Nelson (Southern Cross College), Jennifer Towler (Catholic Education), Rachael Mancini (St Columbans), David Liddy (Redcliffe Hospital), Kate Ruddy (St Columbans), Vivian Harrold (Caboolture SHS), Kaye Pedwell (Caboolture SHS), Ken Simpson (Morayfield SHS), Kerri Holzwart (Morayfield SHS), Siobhan McGregor (QYIL) | |
| **Apologies:** Lyn McDonald (Narangba Valley SHS), Gregg Nowell (Mueller College) | |
| **Minute Taker:** Tom McCue | |

Janelle Schloss – will distribute Cert IV Career Development from Australian Trade College

Jennifer Towler – some qualifications required in Cert IV Career Development especially for SET Planning.

This underlines the importance of the Cert IV and of staff up skilling. Cert IV should be the minimum mandatory requirement.

Jason Carr presented on “Earn Learn Legend”. Jason is the Indigenous Support Officer for DET. Jason is following up on students that have either become disengaged from school or left school last year. He is currently contacting students to find out what they have been doing since they left. In most cases they just need a contact for another organization to help them achieve employment or further education. He presented detailed data on indigenous figures in State High Schools.

Ken Simpson’s spoke about data re what apprentices and SAT’S are out there. Also tried to tap funding, but not at school level.

David Liddy presented information on an initiative that Redcliffe and Caboolture Hospital’s have been running for the past 3 years. David is the director of Education Services at Redcliffe Hospital. There is a problem in that the average age of health care workers are 47 years. They want to get younger people involved with health care and have engaged with us to enhance their workforce development program.

* Major changes in the next 2 years.
* $10 mil education centre plans have been drawn up. This will be a training facility to complement the training that is being undertaken now by SAT’s.
* Complete workforce development package. David is willing to visit schools – have career pathways.
* Community engagement, need to have the involvement of other health care partners so that they can eventually have a holistic training package for students to do.
* Through this they can’t offer all students placements, but they come out work ready. David is getting health care partners to employ them so that have not lost the students and their training.

John Suthers So much has changed in VET. Try to keep up with the funding models etc.

* Increasing the focus on LLN in the next 5 years.
* Skill Solutions QLD – new tool & find out where current level is situated.
* SAT’s & Apprentices largely unaffected by the weather events in the North Coast region.
* SETP should reflect the certification being elected by the student.
* Retail Cert II is easy for school to promote and run.
* John will circulate priority list.

School Curriculum should change to reflect priorities & student choices. Some schools in Moreton work in isolation with local industries while others have changed their curriculum to industry standard requirements and are reaping the benefit with school-industry partnerships where students are guarantees apprenticeships upon successful completion of their school studies and a SAT.

All information today was informative and relevant to the current trends and blockers. John’s information complemented David’s strategy.

Aviation is a growth industry across the region.

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| Meeting Closed: 4.00pm | Date Next Meeting: TBA |
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