From the Directors Desk...

Dear Colleagues,

This is to keep you informed of the progress of the establishment of CIER. At this stage until the Centre is fully operational, this newsletter will be sent out every fortnight and is an internal document. We will implement a Centre newsletter which will be distributed bi-monthly throughout the University. We hope to have this first edition out at the end of June, any contributions that you would like included please send to Melissa. We really need to share with the wider university the good things we are achieving.

Centre Placement Process

The placement panel met in Melbourne on 2nd June to consider the expressions of interest for the Academic Coordinators for Melbourne, Brisbane and Canberra.

I am pleased to confirm the following:

Ken Ralph, Academic Coordinator, Yalbalina and Associate Director CIER

Dean Duncan, Academic Coordinator, Weemala and Associate Director of CIER

Kath Wallace, Academic Coordinator, Dhara Daramoolen

Naomi Watts, Academic Coordinator, Jim-baa-yer

KPI’s for these positions are currently being prepared. The next stage of the placement process for general staff is being undertaken. Position descriptions and PIQ’s for classification (where relevant) are currently being prepared by Nereda and Craig, with input from the Academic Coordinators. Further information regarding Expressions of Interest for these positions will be provided in the near future.

Staffing Arrangements

Recent changes to staffing include:
- Ivan Losada, Administration Assistant, Canberra, ext: 1222
- Melissa Derickx, Executive Assistant, Brisbane, ext: 7554
- Elwyn Henaway, Student Support, Brisbane, ext: 7184

Please note these are only short term contracts, a full recruitment process for these positions will be undertaken.
BUDGET UPDATE

All units now have their own cost centres.

- CIER – 88000
- Yalbalinga – 88200
- Jim-baa-yr – 88300
- Weemala – 88400
- Dhara Daramoolen – 88500

Nereda and Alex are working on a budget allocation for each unit. Financial delegations and approvals will be sorted accordingly.

IESIP AND ITAS REPORTS

Kath and Danielle worked recently in Sydney on the ITAS report which are now due. Ken is currently coordinating the AFB report with input from Dean, Kath and Danielle. Thanks to all staff involved.

COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

In addition to existing Committee membership, we have had several requests for the Centre to be represented on Committees and Review Panels. The additional representations include:

- Nereda – University Research Committee and Human Research Ethics Committee
- Dean – Review of the Indigenous Business Course and Review of the Open Learning Indigenous Units
- Ken – Steering Committee for the Physiotherapy Course

Please discuss with Nereda any new memberships, as we need to be careful about not overloading ourselves.

EVENTS

Sorry Day Activities were undertaken across the various campuses. Thank you to those staff who continue to include the university in these important events.

Social Justice Youth Forum held last week with guest speaker Tania Major at the Brisbane and North Sydney campuses, was well received by the forum participants. Tania also spent time with the Weemala students who were here for their residential.

Journey of Healing Dinner, held on Friday 29 May 2009, at the University of Queensland was attended by Weemala staff and Academic Coordinators from the Indigenous Business and Education courses. Comments from the latter were that this helped them better understand some of the issues for our students and the night strengthened relationships between those faculty staff and Indigenous unit staff.
CONFERENCES

We will circulate information about upcoming conferences. If you have any information please let us know.

ABSTRACTS

- Learning, Teaching and Social Justice in Higher Education: 18 November 2009 (ACU Melbourne) – Abstracts Due: 30 June 2009

GRANTS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Vice Chancellor’s Development Award for General Staff – closing date 30 June 2009
- AFUWQ Scholarships for Women – closing date 30 June 2009 (check out AFUW branches in other states for their closing dates) (http://www.afuw.org.au/ScholarshipsFS.htm)

DIRECTORS TRAVEL DATES FOR JUNE

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If you would like to meet with Nereda when she is on your campus, please contact Melissa Derickx on (07) 3623 7554 or melissa.derickx@acu.edu.au

Kind regards

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