

**OCTOBER VET SEMINAR  
RESEARCH IN ACTION – BUILDING VET RESEARCH CAPACITY  
FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER 2008  
3.00-7.00PM  
VENUE TBA (CENTRAL CITY, RMIT)**

**October VET** is an activity sponsored by **AVETRA** (Australian Vocational Education and Training Research Association) which aims to local and regional forums to share and enhance VET research.

This activity ‘Research in Action – Building VET Research Capacity’ is designed to provide a forum for new and emerging VET researchers in an informal environment with an emphasis on informality, sharing and generating discussion.. The focus is on the research process within specific contexts that are arranged around the three themes of Training Package implementation, student welfare issues and technology-based learning implementation.

A tentative program is provided but may be subject to change. If you would like to be part of the program in presenting your research then please contact me by email on [ian.robertson@rmit.edu.au](mailto:ian.robertson@rmit.edu.au)

Light refreshments will be available during the presentations, dinner and drinks can be purchased afterwards.

**RSVP** by 30 September 2008, To [ian.robertson@rmit.edu.au](mailto:ian.robertson@rmit.edu.au)

**3.00-3.15 pm:** Introduction

**3.15-4.30 pm**

RESEARCHING CREATIVE APPROACHES TO TRAINING PACKAGE IMPLEMENTATION	
Julie Wright	Implementation of Project Based Learning in a Training Package Environment
Arthur Michaelopoulos	Embedding Creativity into the Multimedia Training Package
Vivienne De Cleva	Exploring Personal Development in Aged Care Training
Zlatco Muhvic	Embedding critical pedagogy within Management Training Package

**4.30-5.45 pm**

RESEARCHING LEARNER READINESS, ENGAGEMENT AND NON-COMPLETION	
Catarina Von Herten	Experiences of non-completing students in the Diploma of Graphic Art
Joanne Jenson	Investigating the preparedness of online learners in an off-campus course
Rowan Humphrey	“Treat ‘em mean keep ‘em keen”. Paradoxes facing a teacher seeking interventions for the promotion of student engagement

**5.45-7.00 pm**

RESEARCHING TECHNOLOGY BASED LEARNING IMPLEMENTATION	
Bruce Saunders	Factors influencing teachers’ adoption of technology in blended learning
Simon Hamm	Digital Audio Video Assessment: Surface or Deep Learning
Lily Chenh	The impact of e-learning on organisational learning and performance

**7.00 pm:** Wrap-up