



News from the NAEEA

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NAEEA Chairperson's Message

Colleagues,

We hope you will find this edition of the newsletter informative and helpful.

I'd like to begin my message by thanking the out-going and welcoming the in-coming Secretary/Treasurer of the Association. Lynn Jarvis, until recently located at the University of Tasmania, has resigned her position with UTas and with the Association to pursue new life directions. Lynn was very committed member of the NAEEA Executive and provided strong office bearer dedicated work to ensure the Association was able to pursue its goals and objectives. Thank you Lynn and all the best for the future.

Welcome to Charmaine Davis, who recently agreed to fill the void left by Lynn until a formal election can be held at the next AGM. Charmaine is based at the University of Southern Queensland and has hit the ground running in terms of supporting and advancing the activities of the Association.

The NAEEA would like to congratulate the National Centre for Student Equity in Higher Education (NCSEHE) and its collaborating partners (Deakin, Latrobe and Federation universities) on their successful application to undertake an NPP study investigating the effectiveness of enabling programs across the sector. We are liaising with Dr Tim Pitman, tim.pitman@currtin.edu.au, who is leading the project, and the Association will be pleased to assist his team in whatever ways may be helpful. This is an important project for the development of future policy regarding Australian enabling programs. Tim would welcome further communications with the enabling educator community.

Finally, take note of some of the current activities of the Association and get involved. In particular, check out the new website supporting the Online Learning Special Interest Group; if available consider attending the fee free July 8th Queensland Symposium of practitioners, which will be a great day of networking. Finally, note the extension of dates for submission of paper proposals for the 2015 conference and don't forget to pay your 2015 membership fee before the end of June to save yourself \$80 off the NAEEA conference registration fee.

All the best with your enabling endeavours,
David Bull, 2015 NAEEA Chairperson.

Reminder: 2015 Membership due!

Special Interest Groups

Four NAEEA Special Interest Groups allow members to engage with colleagues from many institutions.

The groups, which address critical issues in enabling education, are facilitated by members. The **Online Learning Special Interest Group** now has a brand new website which includes a monthly blog and a growing pool of resources for online learning practitioners. Check it out at <http://onlineenabling.com/>. Group members also receive a weekly eNewspaper called *OnlineEnablingEd* which you can view at <https://paper.li/e-1426821954>. If you're on Twitter, follow the SIG's account, @OEnablingEd, for Tweets relating to online education, enabling education, and access and equity issues in higher education. To join, contact Evonne.Irwin@newcastle.edu.au or Elizabeth.Goode@newcastle.edu.au. The **Mental Health** group will be facilitated by Nicole.Crawford@utas.edu.au; **Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM)** by deb.turley@unisa.au and Jane.Stratton@utas.edu.au; and the **Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Students** by geoffrey.parkes2@usq.edu.au. **To join any of these groups, email the contacts provided.** The 2015 NAEEA Conference will provide a platform for further discussion of these key issues.



NAEEA Queensland Symposium

'Developing Academic Literacies' is the theme for the 5th Enabling Symposium to be held in Ipswich on 8th July 2015.

This event will provide a platform for members to share research and practice in a wide range of enabling education contexts, including innovations, developments and strategies in the fields of mathematics, English communication and digital literacies. This year's symposium will be held at the University of Southern Queensland's newest campus in Ipswich and is free and open to all NAEEA members. For enquires or to register contact Angela Windsor (angela.windsor@usq.edu.au).

2015 Membership now due!

Individual and Institutional Membership is \$80 and provides members access to a nationwide community of practice which is focused on the continued development of enabling education. NAEAA members are entitled to a discount of \$80 when registering for the 2015 NAEAA Conference (if paid by 30 June, 2015).

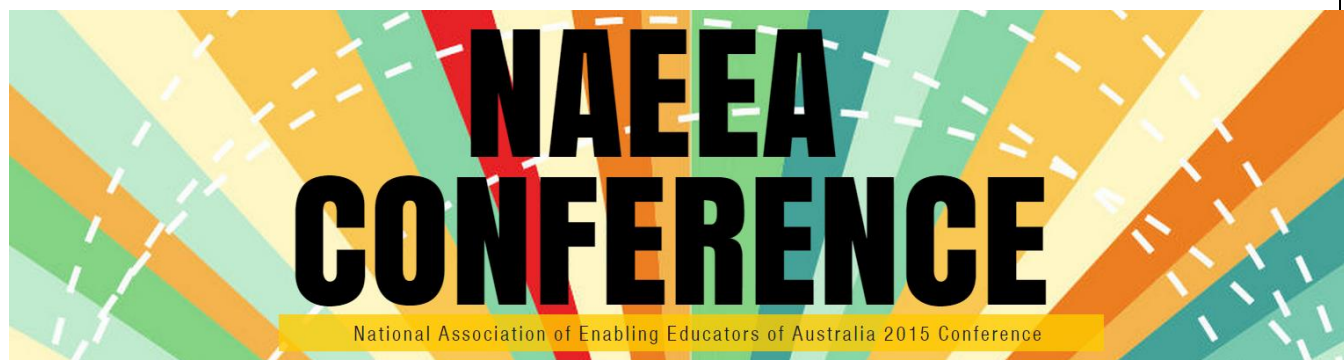
Individual Membership rate: \$80. Payment may be made by cheque, direct debit or through PayPal.

- **Cheques** should be made payable to NAEAA and forwarded to the NAEAA Treasurer (Charmaine Davis), Open Access College, University of Southern Queensland, West Street, Toowoomba, Queensland, 4350.
- **Direct debit** payment may be made to Heritage Bank, BSB 638-070, Account No. 13046179, using your name as the reference. Please email the secretary on completion to advise you have paid this way: secretary@enablingeducators.org
- **Credit card** payment can be made via PayPal. Please email the secretary: secretary@enablingeducators.org who will then trigger a PayPal invoice. The invoice will provide directions on how to make payment by this means.

2015 NAEAA Conference

The National Association of Enabling Educators of Australia (NAEEA) 2015 professional conference will be hosted by the University of Western Sydney College and will take place at the UWS, Parramatta campus on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th November. Members are encouraged to submit and present at the event. This is an opportunity to network with colleagues from Australia and New Zealand.

The conference sub-themes for 2015 are: Literacy and Numeracy Support Models; Models of Access and Equity; Opportunity and Achievements in Enabling Education; Flexibility in Teaching and Learning; and Widening Participation: International Trends. For details and to register, visit <http://www.naeaaconference2015.com/>



Conference Abstracts will be closed and finalised on Friday 31st July, and presenters will be notified by 21st August. See the conference website for details about submitting your abstract.

2015 Keynote Speakers



Professor John Storan
Director, Continuum, the Centre for Widening Participation Policy Studies at the University of East London, and Director of Action on Access.



Sharon Thomas Parrott
Senior Vice President, External Relations and Global Responsibility, DeVry Education Group President, The DeVry Foundation



Professor Penny Jane Burke
Global Innovation Chair of Equity and co-Director of the Centre of Excellence for Equity in Higher Education at the University of Newcastle



Professor Geoff Whitty
Global Innovation Chair, University of Newcastle