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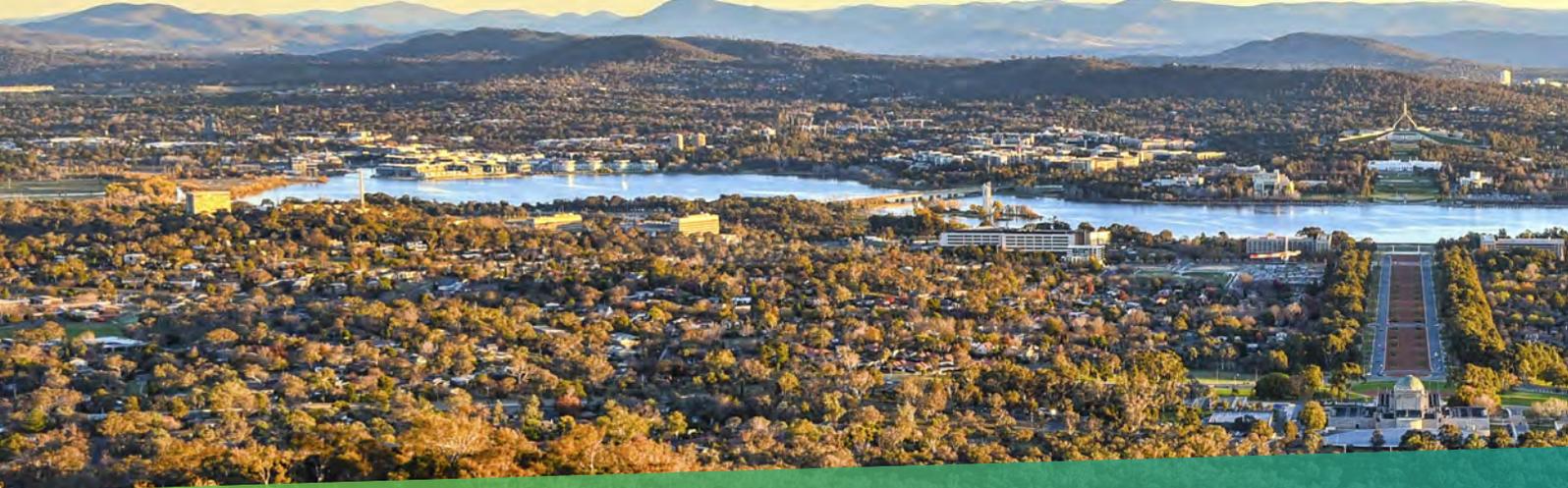
Capital Conversations

*Sharing ideas and initiatives in agriculture, horticulture
and conservation and land management training*

**National Providers Network Conference
13-15 September 2017**

Canberra Institute of Technology,
CIT Reid, K Block Restaurant
37 Constitution Avenue, Reid, ACT

cit.edu.au



The National Training Providers Network is a group of training practitioners that deliver the agrifood, agriculture, horticulture and conservation and land management (AHC) training package.

The 2017 AHC annual conference will be held at Canberra Institute of Technology. The conference provides attendees with an excellent opportunity to:

- ▶ discuss the recent changes to the national AHC training package; meet and network with professionals within the sector;
- ▶ gain updates on the latest developments from Skills Impact, the Service Skills Organisation (SSO);
- ▶ maintain currency within both the vocational education and specific industry sectors;
- ▶ investigate new ideas and technologies through local field trips and industry presentations;
- ▶ brainstorm ideas to meet the challenges of working in the VET environment;
- ▶ validate training products and assessment methodologies.

Delegates will receive a Statement of Attendance.

Cost: \$340 per person

AGENDA

Day 1 - Wednesday 13 September 2017

- 9am: Registration at CIT Reid, K Block Restaurant
- 9:30am: Welcome/housekeeping/dinner arrangements
- 9:45am: Welcome by Leanne Cover, CIT CEO and Welcome to Country
- 10am: Group session – catch up with the three sectors and develop questions for Skills Impact and/or ASQA
- 10:45am: Morning tea
- 11am: Skills Impact – SSO training package update
- 12:15pm: Lunch
- 1pm-3pm: Metropolitan field trips:
Horticulture: Australian National Botanic Gardens
Conservation and Land Management: Jerrabomberra Wetlands
Agriculture: CSIRO Black Mountain research facility
- 3-3:30pm: National Arboretum Canberra Visitor Centre
Introduction by General Manager/Friends of the Arboretum
Behind-the-scenes tour of works depot
- 5pm: Buses depart
- 5:30pm: Optional dinner and drinks at the Ainslie Football Club – at delegates own expense



Day 2 - Thursday 14 September 2017

- 9am: Industry guest speakers
Tony Bundock – Power plants and LED lighting
TBA – integrate A.V. new generation smart board and teaching technologies
TBA – biosecurity/quarantine
- 10:30am: Morning tea
- 11am: ASQA update on regulations standards
- 12pm: Lunch
- 12:45pm: Buses depart for CIT Bruce
- 1pm: Tour of CIT Bruce Horticulture precinct
- 1:30pm: Depart for local region tours:
Horticulture: Government House/Parliament House, Yarralumla Nursery and Canturf
Conservation and Land Management: Revegetation sites Cotter catchment and Tidbinbilla
Agriculture: farm/vineyard at Gundaroo
- 3pm: Afternoon tea picnic on route
- 5pm: Delegates return to accommodation drop off points or CIT Reid
- 6:30pm: Arrive for 7pm conference dinner at CIT Reid

Day 3 - Friday 15 September 2017

- 9am: Summary of conference plans for 2018
- 9:30am: Group break out – validation with designated units of competency
- 11am: Morning tea
- 11:30am: Conclusion of conference

STAY

There are many accommodation options available in Canberra. The ones listed below are within 4kms of CIT Reid and approximately 12-15 minutes' drive from Canberra airport. With prior arrangement delegates can be picked up at 8:30-8:45am on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings at the following locations:

- ▶ **Pavillion on Northbourne**
242 Northbourne Avenue, Dickson
pavilioncanberra.com.au
- ▶ **Capital Executive Apartments**
108 Northbourne Avenue, Braddon
ceahotel.com.au
- ▶ **Aria Hotel**
45 Dooring St, Dickson
ariahotel.com.au
- ▶ **Canberra Rex Hotel**
150 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra City
canberrarexhotel.com.au

TRANSPORT

- ▶ Canberra Elite Taxis
132 227
- ▶ Cabxpress
(02) 6181 2700

WEATHER

During spring expect fresh mornings and brisk nights with average temperatures between 6-19°C. Canberra in late September can have unpredictable weather. We suggest you bring a sun hat and closed shoes suitable for outdoor walking, as well as a warm jacket (maybe even a beanie!)

OTHER INFORMATION

Floriade – Australia’s biggest celebration of spring with an annual flower show – returns to Canberra for the 30th year from Saturday 16 September until Sunday 15 October 2017. This can be a peak tourist season so we suggest booking accommodation early.

For more information about Canberra head to visitcanberra.com.au

REGISTER

To register please fill out the below form and email to Carolyn.Vincent@cit.edu.au or call (02) 6207 4159

Organisation:

Contact name:

Phone number:

Email address:

Postal address:

Number of people expected to attend:

Dietary requirements: