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## PRESIDENT REPORT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010

### **Achievements in 2010**

This year we have launched the new and improved APTS website. While this is still a work in progress, we have come a long way in developing this website.

We have built on the established relationship with the ACT Chamber of Commerce and benefitted immensely from the input of Chris Peters and Jo Powell.

Six Registered Training Organisation - members of APTS - have joined together and been awarded funding from the Flexible Learning Framework to explore e-portfolio's, specifically to look at issues around implementation and portability of student online portfolio's between organisations. Outcomes of the project will include a series of 'how to' sheets will be shared with APTS members. Learning Options will take the lead in this project and many thanks to Karen Nicholas for recognising this opportunity and developing the proposal.

### **Departmental Liaison**

2010 has been a year that has seen huge changes, particularly in staffing arrangements and management in the ACT Department of Education Training and Tertiary Education (TaTE). The Association of Providers of Training Services (APTS) has kept members abreast with these changes by being involved regularly in consultations with TATE staff. As President I have attended bi-monthly meetings with Kaaren Blom, which have been particularly beneficial.

APTS has supported members by taking an active role in TaTE consultations, such as Tertiary Taskforce meetings and having representations in the working groups that have come out of these meetings. We have also had representation on the Youth Commitment Steering Group and we have maintained our representation on the ACT Registration and Accreditation Council.

Where there have been particular issues, such as the difficulties arising from the distribution of funding through the Productivity Places Program, APTS has taken a key role in resolving some of the difficulties.



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APTS has been involved in focus group activities inputting into the review of User Choice arrangements and participated as Critical Friends of TaTE to provide feedback to the development of guidelines for funded programs.

**Other Activities**

Guest speakers have enhanced APTS Committee meetings. These have included Adrian Marron from CIT and Scott Harris from the Chamber who conducted a discussion on contract trainers, specifically the difference between independent contractors and employees

I have enjoyed my year as President and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing Committee for the support they have offered me this year.

Committee members have given generously of their time to attend meetings and represent APTS members on various Reference Groups. As President I have valued everyone's support, and APTS members and the training industry in the ACT has reaped the benefits of their hard work.

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Noel Jensen, who has been an active Committee Member for the past 2 years and I wish him well for the future.

Christine Wilson  
President APTS

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