

## **QATESOL PD Morning**

### **TESOL Teachers and Song**

**Saturday 6th September 2014**

**Milpera SHS, Chelmer**

#### **Program**

**8.30 am**      **Sign-on**

**9.00 - 10.30**      **Forum**

**How do we best prepare the ESL pre-service teacher? : School and university perspectives.**

What are the best experiences, most relevant ideas and topics with which to prepare pre-service ESL teachers? QATESOL is holding a forum with ESL teachers and university teacher educators with the purpose of sharing ideas across the school and university sector about what constitutes the best preparation for new ESL teachers and what needs to take priority.

In this forum, experienced supervisory teachers will outline current classroom priorities for ESL teaching. This will be complemented by an overview of current teacher education programs being provided by QUT (Karen Dooley, Jen Alford) and UQ (Sue Creagh). It is hoped that the forum will be a productive conversation across the two settings, both recognising time and policy constraints on university teacher preparation and identifying the really important priorities which inform ESL classroom practice today. Audience participation will be encouraged, with time given for discussion and questions following the presentations.

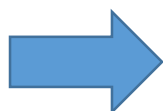
With an aging ESL workforce, increased numbers of ESL students, but declining numbers of young teachers choosing ESL as a career option, it is hoped that this important topic can inform the work of QATESOL and ACTA in advocating for greater commitment to the preparation of a new generation of ESL teachers.

**10.30 - 11.00**      **Morning Tea & Book Displays**

**11.00 - 12.30**      **Sing for Your English - Urban Lyrebirds**

Learning English through song is a creative way to assist students in their language development. It can help students retain information they have learnt in class, as well as improve their pronunciation, literacy and grammar skills. Teaching language through song also promotes class bonding and provides valuable insights into new cultures and communities. This workshop uses songs from Carmel Davies and Sharon Duff's recently published Sing with me books and demonstrates how you can engage your students and liven up your classes by teaching songs at beginner through to advanced levels. It will also give teachers strategies to write their own songs that are relevant to their students' needs.

**Cost**      **Members FREE**      **Non-members \$30**



**Online registration is essential.** For more information and to register, go to <http://www.qatesol.org.au/events/event-registration/?ee=7>



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