

TESOL-NET Brisbane

TAFE Brisbane, Southbank campus hosted the inaugural **TESOL-NET Brisbane** Professional Development and stakeholder event on Saturday 25 November 2017. Over 160 registered to attend the event which co-organisers Jo Kwai (TAFE TESOL Educator) and David Fox (Training Manager, Lexis English) are both immensely proud of.

The event was a great opportunity for stakeholders including current TESOL students, potential students, ESL teachers from across the ELICOS, AMEP, SEE and EAL/D sectors, as well as industry partners in the ELT publishing, governance and compliance (NEAS), and the sector's industry peak body English Australia to come together and support a great initiative. Rebecca Hall (Executive Director, Trade and Investment QLD) delivered the opening address which included sharing with participants a snapshot of the TIQ Strategy, goal and vision. This was followed by an informative industry based presentation from Ana Bratkovic, General Manager of NEAS. Ana welcomed everyone to the 'TESOL family' and this really highlighted the collegiality amongst teachers and Academic Managers in this specialist sector.



Other topics included mini presentations ranging from *The TESOL Teacher's Toolbox* (Jo), *Teaching ESL Overseas* (Ana), *What Employers Want* (Darryl Blumel), *Advancing your TESOL Career* (Dave). This was followed by a panel discussion from invited respected industry leaders Donna Cook and Catherine Moore. The event was closed by Elene Claire, QATESOL.

Participants left with a better understanding of how all the stakeholders work together to maintain quality and stimulate growth in the sector. The event highlighted the need to share knowledge and best practice, as well as to promote continuing professional development. The TAFE AMEP AllStars band (comprising of staff and students from the AMEP and SEE programs) provided delightful music during the event. Delegates were able to network and enjoy some light refreshments accompanied by the AllStars band afterwards. The event set a high standard for next year, which promises to be even bigger and better.



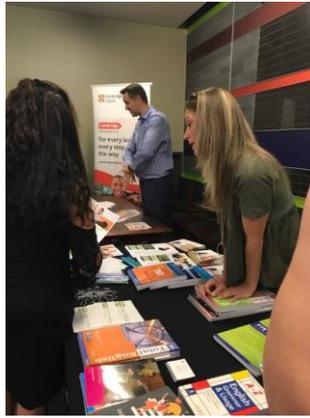
Ana Bratkovic, NEAS General Manager



Rebecca Hall, TIQ



Networking and displays



Pearson and Cambridge



QATESOL



Dave Fox



Rachel, Kerri, Michelle and Deb



AMEP AllStars



Panel Discussion



Lucky prizes!



TESOL student Kelly and partner