



## *Congratulations*

Elana Abbott is marrying Trevor Davis on 21 April and will be enjoying a break the week before and the week after the wedding. Elana is the newest member of the administration team and we wish her and Trevor all the best in the wonderful tradition of marriage.

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## **TCC News**

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## **TCC Management Committee**

The 2007 Management Committee was elected at the College AGM on 21 March. We wish to congratulate the committee.

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| <b>Chairperson</b>          | Ann Richards  |
| <b>Vice Chairperson</b>     | John White    |
| <b>Secretary</b>            | Dot Halloran  |
| <b>Treasurer</b>            | Vicki Cooper  |
| <b>Tutor Representative</b> | Robyn Collins |

### **Committee members:**

Fran Wilson, Sue O'Halloran, Graham Ryman, Marie de Groot, Dorothea Moriarty and Kylie Nash.

### **Special Community Representatives:**

Julie Green (Smith Family), Robyn Jachau (Quirindi) and Di Carter (TRC).

**Patron of the College.** Peter Draper

A big thank you to the outgoing committee members, Irene Day, Bernard Walker and Maria Gruer for their many years of service to the College. We hope to see them back in future years.

## **New Computer Equipment**

After the long wait for Microsoft Windows Vista we have purchased 14 new computers and software for the training room and they will be up and running before ANZAC day.

Microsoft Office 2007 will also be installed in the July holidays. Keep your computer skills up to date by attending a computer course using the latest technology.

**Be a step ahead of the rest and book into an upcoming computer course.**

## Relay for Life—Quirindi

Kathy McGreal (Quirindi Coordinator) has entered the Relay for Life in Quirindi and is after sponsorship for the effort she will be putting in. Give Kathy a call if you can help with sponsorship.

### Tutor and Staff

#### Compulsory Professional Development

Disability Standards in Education workshops will be facilitated by Margaret Cupitt for the College staff, tutors and management committee in April and May .

*Disability Discrimination Act 1992* seeks to eliminate, as far as possible, discrimination against people with disabilities. Under section 22 of the Act, it is unlawful for an educational authority to discriminate against a person on the ground of the person's disability or a disability of any associates of that person. Section 31 of the Act enables the Attorney-General to formulate disability standards in relation to a range of areas, including the education of persons with a disability.

The Standards are subordinate legislation and are subject to the objects of the Act. They clarify and elaborate the legal obligations in relation to education.

**"The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn".**

**Alvin Toffler**

Under section 32 of the Act, it is unlawful for a person to contravene a disability standard. A complaint about an alleged contravention can be made to the Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission. Section 34 of the Act provides that, if a person acts in accordance with a disability standard, Part 2 of the Act does not apply to the person's action or, in other words, the person's action complies with the Act and is not made unlawful by it.

#### Disability Standards in Education Workshops:

Tamworth: Monday 16 April, 1:30pm—4:30pm  
 Monday 16 April, 5:30pm—8:30pm  
 Monday 14 May, 9:30am—12:30pm  
 Quirindi: Wednesday 2 May, 4:00pm—7:00pm

Congratulations to Peter Draper, the patron of Tamworth Community College in regaining the seat of Tamworth in the recently held state elections.

Hopefully Peter and the other independents can influence the NSW Labor Government to increase funding to Community Colleges and turn around the last five years of funding cuts that the sector has endured.

The Community College is owned by the community for the community and is mostly self funded with the majority of course participants paying for the course themselves. The College has trained over 30,000 students in the last 15 years in a variety of courses from compliance courses in OH&S and first aid to computer training from beginners to completing fully accredited national certificates. In 2006 we enrolled 4700 people into courses and delivered well over 70,000 student contact hours.



Peter Draper on one of his many visits to the College with Neville Sampson, Kathryn Cramer and Patrick Foley.

## SkillsLink NSW

### Linking Mature Aged People to Training

*Are you over 40 and want to:*

*Change career paths? Return to the workforce?*

*Get a promotion?*

*Seeking work (after redundancy)?*

**Contact the College for *FREE* assistance and training.**