

NEXT MEETING

WHEN:	Thursday, 23 AUGUST 2012. (5:30 pm for drinks and nibbles)
WHERE:	KF01, Kirkwood Village at the University of Canterbury, off Kirkwood Avenue
TOPIC:	eLearning – Innovations and Directions from a savvy, objective perspective
SPEAKER:	Mr Glenn Bull, CEO and co-founder of Hand Multimedia, Roleplay Solutions and most recently Skilitix
INVESTMENT:	Members and Affiliates \$5, non-members and friends \$10.

If you would like to attend this meeting please RSVP to Pip.Taylor@sca.com

P residents Corner

August already! Spring is just around the corner and with the change in season comes a change in our Branch Executive. After two years as Branch President, Russell Wordsworth has stepped down from this role. At the July AGM Leonie Wright was elected Branch President. On behalf of the Canterbury membership and the current Branch Executive I would like to Thank Russell for all he has done over his term for NZATD both at a branch and national level. Russell remains a member of the Branch Executive, he is now our Treasurer and you will still see him regularly. I would also like to Thank Grigor McGregor for his enduring (8 years and counting....) support, Grigor has stepped down from his role as Branch Vice President but will also remain on the Branch Executive. Sarita McLean has stepped down from her role as Treasurer also, Thank you Sarita for your calm and accurate attention to this role.

Following the July 2012 Branch AGM, the elected members of the Branch Executive are:

- Branch President – Leonie Wright
- Vice President – TBC
- Treasurer – Russell Wordsworth
- Communications – Pip Taylor
- Sarah Marwick
- James Thompson

LOOKING BACK - JUNE SPEAKER

Dr Veronica O'Toole PhD from the University of Canterbury delivered an outstanding presentation to the closest thing we have seen to a full-house this year!, Titled: Emotional Intelligence in Workplace and Professional Learning. What a Woman! Educated at Yale you know, on a full scholarship... I was impressed and then she started speaking...Wonderful credentials only to be equalled by the thrall with which she can hold an audience.

“What is an emotion? How do you recognise and manage one? What are the costs of not managing them well? What emotions are we currently seeing in the workplace?” was how she started, the pace didn't alleviate as we rocketed through Inner Resilience, Emotional Intelligence and Emotional Literacy. This was a captivating lecture, peppered with some great discussion, opinions and plenty of humour. I am sure that those that were there remember the evening fondly. I am not going to say anymore –See what you are missing?

LOOKING FORWARD – AUGUST SPEAKER

'eLearning – Innovations and Directions from a savvy, objective perspective'

eLearning has become a discipline in and of itself, new technology arrives, all the kids talk about it and we sit and wait to see if it develops critical mass before diving in to discover the next cool thing we should know about. It's exhausting.

Tired of wondering what else you should know? Confused by HTML 4, 5 or 6?

We are hearing you, loud and clear. We would like to invite you to an Educative seminar where Glenn Bull (CEO of Hand Multimedia) will be presenting an objective view point on the latest industry innovations, what they are, what they do and how they can be of use to you.

OUR SPEAKER

Glenn Bull is the CEO and co-founder of Hand Multimedia, Roleplay Solutions and most recently Skilitx. These successful companies have been supplying the world with cutting edge eLearning solutions for over 10 years.

BRANCH ADMINISTRATION

There will be a meeting of the Branch Executive following the Speakers Presentation on Thursday evening, I look forward to discussing our way forward this year.

We are always on the look-out for fantastic speakers – if you are one or know one, please let the Branch know!

I look forward to being of service to the Canterbury Branch of the NZATD.

Wishing you all the best,

Leonie Wright
Canterbury Branch President

*O*ur new website

At last the wait is over. The new NZATD website is now up and running and we'd like you to check it out. We hope you like our fresh new look and improved layout.

<http://www.nzatd.org.nz>

Pride of place on our website is notice of our up and coming Conference and your invitation to enter the NZATD Education Trust Learning and Development awards.

You'll also find the features you've come to expect like being able to register for events on line and the Provider Directory and other information about the Association. We've made it easy to join online and there's a new Members only section – extra value added benefits for members. Please help us fill the Members' area with great content!

We could not have launched our new website without the help of the many volunteers who have worked on the design construction and testing of the site. I especially want to single out two people for their supreme efforts – Helene Caura-Yang and Beryl Oldham.

All websites are a work on progress and we hope to be adding more features in the coming weeks. We would really value your feedback and invite you to tell us what we can do better. Please send your questions and comments to Beryl at beryl.oldham@xtra.co.nz

And if you have ideas or articles you are happy sharing, we also want to hear from you. This is your site so help us to make it a valued asset for all our members.

*C*onference Time!!!

NZATD 2012 is delighted to confirm that bookings for the 2012 conference are now open. The conference will take place in Auckland on the 25th and 26th October 2012. It's going to be fantastic and very DIFFERENT!! Sadly you have missed out on the early bird fee, but there is still plenty of time to book your place!!!!

Please follow the link below to make your booking:

<http://wired.ivvy.com/event/NZATD/>

We could encourage you to take advantage of our early bird special of \$650 (excl GST) for members and affiliate members. This price includes the full conference fee, the awards dinner and a tablet PC. We are limited by numbers so we encourage you to book early.

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