



Training Fund Authority Launches the 'Tradeswomen in Building and Construction' Campaign



An exciting new campaign to encourage women to work in the building and construction industry trades was recently launched by ACT Minister for Training and Education, Andrew Barr MLA, Minister for Women Katy Gallagher, MLA, and James Service, Chairman of the Training Fund Authority.

Minister Andrew Barr, said "The aims of the campaign are to create awareness of the trades available to women; to portray the industry as being welcoming to

women and to demonstrate the scope of jobs and the interesting and varied career paths presented by a start in the trades".

Minister Katy Gallagher said "This campaign is important as it raises the profile of women in the trades and creates wider awareness of the trades for women who might not have considered them as a viable career path".

Stage 1, titled "**Why should boys have all the fun?**" targets girls in Years 9-12 and consists of an information DVD, posters and brochures. A website provides information on additional trades and useful links.

The DVD contains information about a number of trades and interviews with apprentices and qualified tradeswomen who talk about their reasons for choosing a trade and their experiences from working in the industry.



An initiative of the Training Fund Authority, Mr Gary Guy, Chief Executive Officer said "We have made a commitment to the campaign as a service to the industry as we recognise the need to increase avenues for entry level workers into our industry". Mr Guy added "The women we have come to know who work in the industry have impressed as being intelligent, motivated and strong and we wish to encourage more like-minded women to join and make a valued contribution to the industry".

At the launch, Chairman of the Training Fund Authority, Mr James Service said "It's absolutely critical not only how we improve opportunities for women in construction, but also help to solve the skills crisis".

A set of campaign materials have been distributed to each Vocational Education and Training Co-ordinator in ACT schools to provide a valuable resource when promoting career options and opportunities.

Subsequent stages of the campaign will target employers in the building and construction industry. The campaign will be a rolling campaign and will be refreshed and materials re-distributed every year.

The DVD and campaign materials were produced by Damiana Vigone, Get It! Productions and can be viewed at www.tradeswomen.com.au or follow the link from the Training Fund Authority website.

Photo's: Left, Alice Vagg Apprentice Electrician, Rachael Keily Plumber and 2008 ACT Apprentice of the Year, Sara Kelly Apprentice Electrician and Dallas Southwell Contracts Administration and Supervision in Project Management at the launch of the 'Tradeswomen in Building and Construction' campaign. All featured in the DVD. Top, Katy Gallagher MLA, Andrew Barr MLA, James Service Chairman and Gary Guy Chief Executive Officer, Training Fund Authority.





Working Safely in the Sun

An online training course for outdoor workers

Sunsmart, the skin cancer prevention program of The Cancer Council of Australia, and iCourses, online safety training specialist, are pleased to announce 'Working Safely in the Sun', a flexible training option for learning about the hazards of sun exposure in the workplace.

'Working Safely in the Sun' is ideal for employee safety training, staff induction, refresher training programs or professional development for Health and Safety representatives.

The course allows organisations to train workers individually, in small groups or have their own workplace trainer facilitate the course. Workers can learn at their own workplace and at a time that best fits a busy work schedule.

The course covers:

- ◆ 'UV' radiation - Why it is harmful and when it is strong enough to damage the skin?
- ◆ Skin cancer - who is at risk?
- ◆ Five simple steps to protect your skin when working outdoors.
- ◆ Looking out for skin cancer and how to check your skin.

For further information contact the Cancer Council ☎6257 9999 or visit www.actcancer.org

LicenceRecognition

National Trade Licensing

A national trade licensing system to be introduced will remove the barriers qualified tradespeople face when wanting to move interstate.

The agreement was made at the Council of Australian Governments meeting held on 3 July.

Under the new system, tradespeople will no longer have to apply for a new license when they move to a different jurisdiction.

The trades that will initially benefit from the new arrangements are:

- ◆ air-conditioning and refrigeration mechanics
- ◆ builders and building occupations
- ◆ electrical occupations
- ◆ plumbing occupations
- ◆ maritime occupations
- ◆ property agent occupations
- ◆ land transport occupations

For further information visit: www.licencerecognition.gov.au



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE & COMMUNITY SAFETY
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ACT Government Department Wins OH&S Excellence Award

ACT Health Injury Prevention and Management Unit won the **Safe Work ACT GIO Excellence Award** for 2008.

The ACT Health Injury Prevention and Management Unit has responded to the increasing human and financial cost of workplace injuries with a comprehensive multi-layered system that has engaged both management and staff, led to the introduction of an OH&S Management System with regular external audits, focused on key hazards such as those associated with manual handling and client aggression.

The result has been a dramatic decrease in injuries and time off and substantial dollar savings to the ACT's health system.

A record thirty-two entries were received across seven award categories ranging from small and large, private and public workplaces, and from industries including construction, health and not-for profit organisations. The Training Fund Authority congratulates all the entries and winners of this year's awards.

For a full list of the **Safe Work ACT GIO Awards** 2008 category winners contact Dianne Gunston ☎6205 0210

Source: ACT WorkCover

Improve your skills and professional development with the following courses.

- Wet Area Waterproofing
- Confined Space Training
- Traffic Control Management
- Introduction to OH&S
- Senior First Aid (level 2)
- OH&S Risk Management Training
- OH&S Representatives Training
- Fall Prevention
- Waterwise Course
- Testing and tagging of electrical equipment
- Open Cable Registration
- Optical Fibre Cabling
- Business Administration and Management
- Computerised Accounting

The above courses are examples of courses for which the Training Fund Authority may reimburse up to 80% of the training Cost (conditions Apply).

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