

## 2002 INTAD Conference Report (Steve Tate, 2002 p25, INTAD October Journal)

### **Steve Tate compiled this report:**

The Greek Club in Brisbane was the venue for this year's two-day INTAD State Conference, **Proudly sponsored by Gregory Machinery.**

Below is the evaluation and feedback report from the members who replied to the evaluation questionnaire regarding the conference.

**Preface:** Of the conference attendees, 100 responded to the questionnaire provided.

With respect to question **one**, “**were the presented sessions well conducted and appropriate in terms of information**”?

· 87 %of delegates agreed that sessions were well/very well conducted and appropriate in terms of information;6%mostly;1%limited;2% not at all.

With respect to question **two**, “**Was there appropriate curriculum or other content available for your needs**”?

· **+** comments included ... an understanding of the new syllabus; a professional service; a lot better than last year; very practical and appropriate according to conference theme; excellent selection of topics; QSCC and BSSSS presenters very good/knowledgeable; gained re-assurance, Voc Ed; very relevant; gave a broad overview of current trends ·

· **-** comment/suggestion included ... hands on session pushed for time e.g. Pro/Desktop; unit writing; needed different (bigger) venue for some sessions e.g. Wizard; direction/ signage; too much material, not enough depth; repetition in content between syllabuses; hard copy of the Technology KLA syllabus not provided?; more starting points needed e.g. examples of design challenges/displays of projects and products; more on assessment/linking with strands; more VET content; new Graphics syllabus?

With respect to question **three**, “**Do you support the concept of Sunday as well as Monday for conference activities?**”

· 65%Yes: 23%No: 12%Neutral.

Comments/suggestion included ...not at the end of a holiday; Saturday instead of Sunday (religious/family reasons given); better range of activities/electives needed for the Sunday; Keynote address better for the Monday group

With respect to question **four**, “**What do you believe we need to focus on over the next two years in terms of conference content and professional development?**”

*(in priority order based upon frequency of comments)*

- 1.Examples of curriculum practice (projects)
- 2.Outcomes based Education
- 3.Voc Ed issues
- 4.Assessment and Reporting
- 5.KLA
- 6.CAD programs and updates
- 7.Optimising regional interests in curriculum planning (networking)
- 8.Using new technology workshops e.g. CNC, multimedia ...
- 9.Senior programs e.g. Industrial Skills, Technology Studies; Senior Graphics
- 10.Standards of work
- 11.Criteria vs Outcomes
- 12.Links Junior with Senior
- 13.WH&S
- 14.Unit planning and program writing

Other suggestions included

- Affordable innovations in education
- Teaching styles/classroom management
- Content workshops -Engineering, Systems- Wizard software
- VET audits
- Funding ... where to get it????
- AQTF ... ITAB responses