

## Staff Profile: Christine Cohen

Christine has been with METS for 2 months as a Trainer/Assessor for Children's Services. She has had over 30 years experience in Early Childhood.

She has spent 15 years as a Family Day Carer, 15 years in Long Day Care, and another year in Occasional Care. Christine began as an untrained childcare assistant and began her studies as a mature aged student working her way through her Associate Diploma and then Diploma of Children's Services. She has since completed her Bachelor Degree in Early Childhood Teaching. Christine has worked in roles including Room Teacher, Director and Assistant Director.

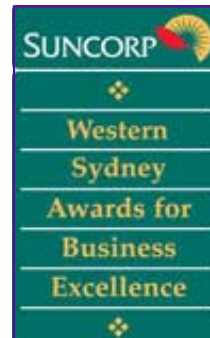
She loves music and the arts and wishes to continue learning. Christine is currently delivering training for METS to employment-based trainees within the Sydney Metro area. She also comes into the office on Wednesdays from 10am to 2pm to assist and assess our distance trainees.



## Congratulations to a Star of Business ★

METS are proud to be Finalists in the 2009 Western Sydney Awards for Business Excellence sponsored by SUNCORP. METS were chosen amongst over 250 organisations in Western Sydney to be finalists in the Awards night.

This was our first time to attend an event of this stature and Rick and the staff attended the event and had a great time. We were thrilled to be recognised amongst our peers in doing a great job. We would like to thank all our students, employers and staff at METS for our continued success in delivering training in Children's Services and Disability Services.



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## From the Editor:

As we approach the final months of 2009 it appears that there are many things in motion within the wider sector of Early Childhood. At a recent round table PEC meeting we discussed the impact of the Regulation Impact Statement which is part of the proceedings for the next lot of Regulations for 2010. While some areas look to be tightened up there is further work that needs to happen. Discussion is still taking place on having a minimum qualification of Certificate III to be able to work with children. This would keep in line with the wider Federal Government agenda for Early Years Cognitive development.

The sector itself has a revamped Certificate III and Diploma which will start to roll out in December of this year, this will take the place of the current CHC30402 and CHC50302 and will contain some new units of competency as well as a very different focus in some areas. Those currently enrolled will be advised as to whether they will need to change over (with assistance) or whether they will complete their qualification and look at a bridging course instead.



This will be guided by the Department of Education and the Australian Apprenticeship Centre for those who are doing traineeships. The "Keep Them Safe" program is also being rolled out and there are many opportunities to attend information briefings in your area. For more information on these briefings go to <http://nsi.det.nsw.edu.au/nswprojects/KTS/default.aspx>

In the middle of all this we have the METS Training Awards Evening on the 30<sup>th</sup> of October 2009. Congratulations to all finalists and we are looking forward to meeting many of you on the night.

Regards,  
Noleen Alchin

## Productivity Places Program (PPP)

The Productivity Places Program (PPP) is part of a National Agreement between the Commonwealth and NSW governments. The Program supports employment in New South Wales by funding an additional 175,000 qualifications for existing workers and job seekers until June 2012.

METS has been approved by the Department of Education and Training (DET) to offer the following subsidised programs for Existing Workers. This training is funded by the NSW Government in partnership with the Australian Government. METS offer:

- **Certificate III in Children's Services (CHC30402) – (Existing Worker Traineeship)**
- **Diploma of Children's Services (CHC50302) – (Existing Worker Traineeship)**
- **Certificate IV in Children's Services OOSH (CHC41208) – (Existing Worker)**

There are limited places available, for more information please contact METS on 02 9838 0567.



## METS Training Awards 2009



### NOMINATIONS ARE CLOSED

METS is proud to announce its 'Annual Training Awards Night for 2009'. This year's event will be held on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at Rydges Parramatta where we will be presenting awards to those students who have proven to be outstanding in their studies. The awards night also gives us the opportunity to recognise both supervisors and employers who are a vital part of each student's success.

We had a great night last year in applauding the nominee's who had proven to be outstanding in their field. This year we have again incorporated students who are working within the Disability Services. These people not only dedicate themselves to their work but also contribute to our community in assisting people who have a disability in becoming independent and confident in their every day lives.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank AusNAC CVGT Australian Apprenticeship Centre – they are coming on board for the first year as our Platinum Sponsor. Also HESTA and Australian Business Limited Apprenticeship Centre who have been great supporters of METS awards night and have contributed by being Gold Sponsors this year. Thank you also to Educational Experience who are our Silver Sponsors.

Congratulations to all our nominee's for the METS 'Annual Training Awards Night for 2009',  
**YOU ARE ALL WINNERS.**

#### The METS 2009 Training Awards are also proudly supported by:

The Book Garden, Spring Flora Florist, The Powerhouse Museum, Featherdale Wildlife Park, Parramatta Eels, and LG IMAX Theatre Sydney.

### AusNAC CVGT, Australian Apprenticeship Centre



CVGT has come a long way since it started in Bendigo in 1983 with one employee & five apprentices – and a bicycle as company transport. CVGT is a not for profit community focused company.

Today, CVGT (Central Victorian Group Training) operates in three states of Australia, VIC, NSW & TAS and manages more than 20 state and federal government programs. With more than 380 staff & 550 apprentices employed through the Victorian Group Training scheme.

In 2003, AusNAC CVGT was awarded the Australian Apprenticeship Support Services contract in Sydney. As a result of this CVGT now have two Sydney offices.

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#### METS Training Awards Evening Platinum Sponsor

Since 2006 CVGT has a credible relationship with METS. During this time CVGT has attended to the needs of numerous Trainees for METS, and continues to provide exceptionally prompt service which surpasses all their client's expectations.

CVGT is very proud to be the Platinum sponsor of the 2009 METS Training Awards & would like to wish all the finalists the very best for this years awards.

We look forward to building a strong relationship with METS into the future.



## METS Honour Roll

METS would like to congratulate the following students who have recently completed their qualifications!

### Trainees:

#### Certificate III Children's Services

Janelle Wain  
Vanessa Schutte  
Janine Jenkins  
Laura Galvin  
Jessica Connolly  
Bo Lamont  
Nina Argyrous  
Maha Ajaj  
Nora Akkawi  
Katrina Gray  
Christine Webb  
Elizabeth Foggerty  
Vanja Vujasinovic  
Natasha Jancek  
Malisa Prakhoun-  
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Lora Daniels  
Jessica Stevens  
Amanda Samaan  
Melissa Moody

#### Jennifer Morris Brooke Robinson Leah Divers Elizabeth Hayes Danielle Srougi Natalie Ristevski Mabel Osei Lisa Mascolo Samantha Nicholls Tabitha Galloway Sawson El Hayek Peta Azmi Melanie Butcher Caterina Millis Rebecca Nolan Rachel Baird Madalaine Renshaw

#### Diploma of Children's Services

Ashley Jones  
Rachel Dimech

#### Certificate III Disability Work

Vechie Sinem Ongu-  
Karakus  
Ricardo Serrado  
Matthew Malczewski  
Deepak Saxena  
Lenny Lewis  
Susan Connell  
Anju Bala  
Beverly Reekie  
Kassandra Hanley  
Christina Dench

#### Certificate IV in Disability Work

April Walsh

### Fee For Service:

#### Certificate III Children's Services

Lisa Knauer  
Katelyn Palmer  
Iman Mohana

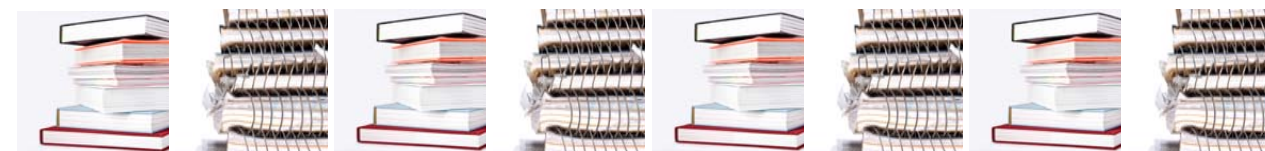
#### Diploma Children's Services

Lynna Lee

#### Certificate IV in Disability Work

Susan Haberman

### END OF YEAR SALE ! PURCHASE 3 UNITS AND GET THE 4TH FOR FREE, SAVING \$150 DURING NOVEMBER



Only available for FFS students completing full qualifications. Offer expires 30/11/2009. Units must be purchased in one transaction and offer must be mentioned at time of purchase.