



AUSTRALASIAN EVALUATION SOCIETY

Lunchtime Seminar Series: February - November 2011

DATE/VENUE	PRESENTER	TOPIC
Thursday 17 February All Ords Room	Dr Mervyn (Merv) Wilkinson Catalyst of Change Consulting Group	Action research: Emerging themes from three decades of evaluative practice Unravelling the process of action research methodology, Merv reveals an emergent complex adaptive action research methodological process.
Tuesday 22 March All Ords Room	Dr Annette Woods & Professor Val Klenowski Faculty of Education, Queensland University of Technology	The evaluation design for a major Indigenous school renewal reform: Challenges and insights Discusses the mixed methods design of the Evaluation of the national SSLC project, which aims to promote improved outcomes for Indigenous school students. The ethical principles and challenges of evaluating such an initiative will be outlined.
Thursday 28 April All Ords Room	Anthea Rutter Research Fellow, Centre for Program Evaluation, The University of Melbourne	Positive evaluation methodology: Unpacking the Positive Ageing Methodology Discusses the methods and findings of two separate evaluations by The Centre for Program Evaluation. The programs evaluated were part of the Victorian government's \$5.1 million initiative "The Positive Ageing Strategy". They were intended to maximise older people's capacities; develop more age-friendly communities; and to contribute to the overarching social action plan, "A Fairer Victoria".
Tuesday 17 May All Ords Room	Dr Delwyn Goodrick Consultant	The promises and perils of collaborative evaluation This presentation explores the varying meanings of collaborative evaluation. It will explore the principles that underpin meaningful collaboration and discuss strategies that evaluators and evaluation clients can use to maximise the integrity and influence of collaborative evaluations.
Thursday 16 June All Ords Room	Dr Gary Allen Griffith University and Expert Advisor on Ethics Advisory Committee for DET	Ethical challenges in evaluations: ideas for usefully applying research ethics strategies Evaluative work can often raise significant ethical challenges that need to be addressed. Whilst the national ethical principles for human research can offer useful strategies to address these challenges, they are not always appropriate for the realities of evaluative work. In this talk Dr Gary Allen will discuss the potentially useful application of employing research ethics solutions and some of the tensions for their use for evaluative work.

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Tuesday 26 July All Ords Room	Michelle Macklin Manager, Evaluation and Planning; Workplace Health and Safety QLD; Department of Justice and Attorney General	Medium Sized Business Initiative Evaluation The MSBI was built on a number of assumptions about factors that influence good safety management. The evaluation focuses on the issues in assessing the success of the initiative in assisting medium sized businesses to better understand and manage occupational health and safety risks.
Thursday 25 August All Ords Room	Dr Samantha Abbato Evaluation Consultant, Samantha Abbato and Associates, Brisbane	Getting the best results from evaluation statistics by asking the right questions This seminar discusses key common-sense questions to ask about statistical evaluation results. It explores questions of data collection and data management and suggests the use of simple techniques and sound judgement for exploring your own data.
Thursday 15 September All Ords Room	Dr Robert Lake Senior Consultant, The Nous Group	When evaluations attack! How to recover poor evaluations Practical advice for dealing with evaluations that aren't working well - from ways to recover through to handing it back to the client and how to identify a poorly performing evaluation plus how to avoid getting there in the first place.
Wednesday 26 October All Ords Room	Andrea Baldwin Senior Research Fellow, Creative Industries Faculty, Queensland University of Technology	Life Drama: Evaluating a Train the Trainer program in Papua New Guinea Discusses the evaluation approach taken by Life Drama, a participatory action research program in Papua New Guinea. Focuses on how the methodology evolved over the life of this theatre-based sexual health promotion project, from program development to Train-the-Trainer program. Outlines some of the challenges in implementing an evaluation strategy in a developing country.
Wednesday 23 November All Ords Room	Helen Ashwell	TBA

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