



## AUSTRALASIAN EVALUATION SOCIETY

### Canberra Chapter

## HOT ISSUES BREAKFAST: Evaluation Ethics – a conversation

Thursday August 26, 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Parvaiz Café, Minter-Ellison Building, corner of National Circuit and Sydney Avenue, Forrest <http://www.parvaiz.com.au/contact.html>  
(outside in the tent – it may be cold – bring a coat!)

### Chair: Stephen Horn

Ethics are the rules which bind any professional practice in its dealings – whether with contractual parties or with the public who may be affected by it.

These rules are usually obvious and common or generic; the healing professions' Hippocratic oath is an ancient and widely used model. That they are articulated is no guarantee against ethical dilemmas, or breaches. From time to time reflection on what the rules are, how they are understood (or misunderstood) and how they may be applied to practice, is called for – is there an occasion for this amongst evaluators?

We will test this question. The session will explore the what, where, who and why of ethical practice in the evaluation profession (in Canberra in 2010). There will be a minimum of exposition and a maximum of experiential exchange. Stephen will provide some examples to stimulate debate, including one on causes and programs addressing structural disadvantage in society.

**About the Chair:** Stephen Horn is a statistician in a large government department who dabbles in evaluation from the methods side. He is outside work a student of the ethics (and statistics) of evidence based policy.

### RSVP

Please RSVP to Graham Smith at [grahamsmith@bigblue.net.au](mailto:grahamsmith@bigblue.net.au) or 0449 59 05 52 by COB Tuesday August 24 as table space will be limited.

## **About Hot Issues Breakfasts**

These events are designed to encourage networking between members. The format will be to have monthly round-table discussion on issues of general concern to evaluators. However, wide-ranging discussion 'off-topic' of issues of concern will be welcome.

Cost is free, except you buy your own breakfast.

## **Future Meetings**

Further topics are planned for coming months:

- Thursday October 7: Reflections on the Wellington AES conference
- Thursday November 5: (tentative) internal versus external evaluation

Any suggestions for future topics, or expressions of interest to chair them, will be welcome. Chairs get a free breakfast! Please pass suggestions to Susan Garner at [susangarner@grosvenor.com.au](mailto:susangarner@grosvenor.com.au) or Graham Smith as above.