



## AUSTRALASIAN EVALUATION SOCIETY

### Canberra Chapter

### HOT ISSUES BREAKFAST: **Reflecting on the Wellington AES Conference** Thursday October 7, 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Mint@Forrest Café, Minter-Ellison Building,  
National Circuit and Sydney Avenue, Forrest <http://mintatforrest.com/>  
(outside in the tent – despite springtime it may be chilly!)

### Chair: Graham Smith

The theme of the Wellington conference was 'Reflecting on Evaluation' and so we are borrowing that theme for a follow-up discussion.

This session, intended equally for those who were there as those who could not make it, will start by asking those who went two questions:

- What was the most interesting or useful 'take-away' idea - something that they are likely to use?
- What was the most interesting question or conundrum (not necessarily with an answer) that they became aware of during the conference?

We will then proceed to open discussion for all - attendees and not - to ideally match the questions and the answers!

**About the Chair:** Graham Smith is a free-lance performance auditor (among other things) who has recently been elected to the AES Board. At the Wellington conference, his main professional interests were in performance measurement.

### RSVP

Please RSVP to Graham Smith at [grahamsmith@bigblue.net.au](mailto:grahamsmith@bigblue.net.au) or 0449 59 05 52 by COB Tuesday October 5 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**

The next topic is (tentatively):

Thursday November 5: *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.

Other suggestions for lunchtime or afternoon seminars or workshops are also welcome.