



**AUSTRALASIAN EVALUATION SOCIETY
Canberra Chapter
HOT ISSUES BREAKFAST**

The Canberra chapter is holding a second breakfast round-table discussion on issues of general interest to evaluators. Each breakfast discussion will focus on a specific topic and the topic chosen for this session is 'utilisation'.

Cost will be free, except you buy your own breakfast.

The breakfast discussion is proposed for 7:30 -9:00 a.m., Thursday April 1 at Parvaiz Café, Minter-Ellison Building, corner of National Circuit and Sydney Avenue, Forrest (outside in the tent – but inside if it is very cold!)

<http://www.parvaiz.com.au/contact.html>

About the topic

Let's discuss 'Utilisation'

- Have you undertaken an evaluation and wondered why the final report was put on a shelf after the evaluation was complete?
- As funder of evaluations what do you look for in an evaluation that will help to ensure recommendations are adopted?
- What are the factors that indicate whether an evaluation is likely to be used?
- Can evaluation influence policy development?

Utilisation-focused evaluation begins with the premise that evaluations should be judged by their utility and actual use. Therefore, evaluators should facilitate the evaluation process and design any evaluation with careful consideration for how everything that is done will affect use.

This breakfast session will explore practical experiences with using evaluation findings including considering the potential use of a study before designing and conducting it, promoting use and concepts related to disseminating findings to key stakeholders to encourage utilisation.

About the chair

The chair for this session will be Julie Elliott, an apprentice evaluator who is deeply fascinated with the potential for evaluation and creating opportunities for its use.

RSVP.

Please RSVP to Julie at Julie.Elliott@finance.gov.au or on 62151795 by COB Tuesday March 30, as table space will be limited.

Future Meetings

The chapter has decided to try to make these breakfast meetings a recurrent event, on the first Thursday of each month. Any suggestions for future topics, or expressions of interest to chair them, will be welcome. Chairs get a free breakfast! Please pass suggestions to Graham Smith at grahamsmith@bigblue.net.au or to the chair of the Canberra Chapter, Susan Garner, at susangarner@grosvenor.com.au