



LUNCHTIME SEMINAR SERIES

**Wearing the ruby slippers! Embedding a culture of evaluation in the Queensland Department of Education and Training.
The story so far....**

Linda Newman

Thursday 19 August 2010: 12.15 pm (for 12.30 start) – 1.45 pm

Venue: All Ords Room
Ground floor, Executive Annexe, 102 George Street, Brisbane

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Both AES members and non-members are welcome at this **free seminar**, and to stay on afterwards for an informal discussion.

Tea and coffee will be provided.

To minimise use of disposable cups, please consider bringing your own mug for tea or coffee, and you are welcome to bring your lunch.

As a courtesy to the presenter, please ensure you are seated by 12.30 sharp.

SEMINAR OVERVIEW

In March this year, the Queensland Department of Education and Training (DET) launched its *Evaluation Strategy 2010-2014: Strengthening our commitment to performance improvement*. Underpinning the Strategy is the premise that well-planned evaluations provide timely and accurate information about the effectiveness of policy, programs and initiatives. In introducing the Strategy the DET Director-General, Julie Grantham, notes that as public servants, "*Evaluation is everyone's business*".

Linda's presentation will take you along on the department's journey in evaluation. This journey examines some of the issues that required a re-thinking of the department's ability to build on its capacity for, and commitment to, evaluation. She will also describe the change process to re-invigorate evaluation across the organisation. Linda will unpack the *Evaluation Strategy 2010-2014* to show how it works to strengthen the culture for adopting a more systemic, sustainable and robust approach to evaluation in the department.

PRESENTER PROFILE

Linda Newman is a Principal Policy Officer in the Governance, Strategy and Planning Branch of the Queensland Department of Education and Training. She has a background in ethnographic research in education, sociology and public health.

Linda was responsible for generating the *Evaluation Strategy 2010-2014* and manages its ongoing implementation and development

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