



AUSTRALASIAN EVALUATION SOCIETY

Lunchtime Seminar Series: February - November 2010

DATE/VENUE	PRESENTER	TOPIC
Wednesday 17 February All Ords Room	Dr Linda Kurti Urbis	Robust, rigorous, reliable: making best use of qualitative data Discusses the use of analytical frameworks that can ensure that qualitative data provides a clear and defensible evidence base for policy development and decision making
Tuesday 16 March All Ords Room	Dr Delwyn Goodrick	How do we get it used? Supporting the use and influence of program evaluation Considers four types of evaluation use and the factors that facilitate or inhibit the use and influence of evaluation findings
N/A	N/A	Seminar cancelled
Tuesday 25 May All Ords Room	Dr Andrea Baldwin Creative Industries Faculty, Queensland University of Technology	Life Drama: Assessing the impacts of a Participatory Action Research project in Papua New Guinea Discusses how evaluators sought to respond to the evaluation challenges of a complex, multi-year, multi-partner PAR project in a developing country
Tuesday 29 June All Ords Room	Dr Robert Lake NovumAVI	Current trends in program logic: Paradigm wars and black swans? Discusses recent developments in program logic, debates over its use and value, and the strengths and weaknesses of current approaches

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Tuesday 27 July All Ords Room	Anne Markiewicz Anne Markiewicz & Associates	Independence and objectivity in evaluation Considers whether, and how, evaluation can be politically grounded, policy-relevant, participatory AND objective and independent
Thursday 19 August All Ords Room	Linda Newman Department of Education and Training	Strengthening commitment to performance improvement in a government agency Outlines the journey taken by the Department of Education and Training towards a more systemic, robust and sustainable approach to evaluation
Wednesday 29 September All Ords Room	Eric Dommers Department of Communities	Implementing a 'Continuous Improvement Evaluation' approach Discusses key design elements of the evaluation of a major Department of Communities social inclusion initiative, the Logan-Beenleigh Young Persons project
Wednesday 20 October All Ords Room	Peter Bycroft and Victoria Visser Corporate Diagnostics Pty Ltd and The Science of Knowing Pty Ltd	The fear of fear: Overcoming resistance to evaluation Particularly focuses on tackling the resistance to evaluation of programs targeting complex social problems such as suicide and suicide bereavement
Wednesday 24 November All Ords Room	Jo Durham	Theory-based, mixed method evaluation in a cross-cultural context Discusses learnings from the experience of being an 'outsider' conducting an impact evaluation of a social program in a developing country

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