**AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNICAL CHEFS**

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Report: Portfolio - Education Liaison

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1. Currently, the aim of this portfolio is ‘*to* *liaise with the Education Sector’*.

During 2016/17, my attempts to convince RTO’s (Registered Training Organisations), to have their Culinary Teachers become members of the AITC, were very unsuccessful.

Over the last 12 months I changed my approach –

* First, contact by phone.
* Followed by written offer of ‘Group applications’ for the Chef Instructors of the Colleges.
* Next step: College submits staff information to AITC Registrar for verification.

1. Summary of RTO’s membership proposals –

* Australian Institute of Business & Technology Melbourne.

Successful – Seven (7) new members.

* Chisholm Institute of TAFE Dandenong/Frankston (VIC).

Successful – 14 new members.

* Box Hill Institute of TAFE Box Hill (VIC).

Successful – Five (5) new members

**New members Total: 26**

Congratulations to the three Institutes. Fantastic support.

* Melbourne Polytechnic Preston (VIC)

Proposal under consideration

* Le Cordon Bleu Melbourne

Proposal under consideration

* Illawarra TAFE Wollongong (NSW

Proposal unsuccessful.

* William Angliss TAFE Melbourne

Proposal unsuccessful.

Disappointingly, two of the TAFE Institutes informed me that, at this stage, the staff will not join the AITC.

Note: Over the coming weeks, I will follow up on outstanding proposals.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

REVIEW OF ‘EDUCATION LIAISON’ PORTFOLIO

I strongly recommend to the AITC committee the review the portfolio.

The portfolio is very time consuming.

I believe it would be advisable for the tasks to be shared by two members.

1. Group memberships -

Perhaps, one looks after membership - handling Group applications.

To convince RTO’s to join, I strongly advise to visit –

1. As guest speaker at the VTHEN (Victorian TAFE hospitality Educators Network) meeting. Speaking to Culinary Co-ordinators & managers.

Followed by -

1. Attending individual Colleges, speaking at Chef Instructors staff meeting.

If visiting RTO’s in rural areas, i.e. Warrnambool, Bendigo, Wangaratta, this will include extensive time and travel.

1. Education Liaison

The second person could organise the following –

Seminars - Workshops - Leadership Training, etc.

Workshop delivered by the AITC in conjunction with a TAFE.

In a recent discussion with Jess Cook, Manager Hospitality & Tourism at Chisholm TAFE, I suggested to convene a meeting with George Hill, Jess Cook and myself.

The discussion would include the possibility of joint delivery of training. She was very keen to follow up.

1. FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Additional points for discussion –

* Assisting in Apprentice Cooks competitions. Sponsorship – Judging - Awards etc.
* Participate in Education Expos

Personal message:

I wish to formally notify the AITC Committee that I have decided to resign from the Committee position as of today,

29 October, 2018.

I am resigning for personal reasons. Naturally, I will remain member of the AITC.

Thank you to all committee members for being a great ‘team’ to work with. I enjoyed every minute of it.

I wish you all a fantastic future and have a wonderful Christmas.

Ernst Schwab

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