

# EPLD NEWSLETTER

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*Dear EPLD Alumni,*

Thank you all for your excellent contributions to the success of the inaugural EPLD.

We hope by now that you have journeyed safely home, gained sufficient rest and recreation with your family and community and have caught up with the many tasks held over while you were away.

## EPLD Evaluation Form

Currently, we have received some eighty evaluation forms but there is still time for those of you who have not yet been able to respond as yet to provide feedback. Or, for those of you who would like to provide us with additional comments please do so. The way to do this is go to our website [www.ciscaustralia.com](http://www.ciscaustralia.com), click on EPLD 2006 and then click on Evaluation Form. The form can be printed off, comments added and returned to us via mail to: Brian Pickett, GPO Box 2733, Sydney NSW 2001, or faxed to + 61 2 4234 1076 or as scanned e-mail attachment to [secretary@ciscaustralia.com](mailto:secretary@ciscaustralia.com)

## DVD's of Study Tour Presentations

As announced in Auckland, a DVD pack of the study tour group presentations and the Gala Dinner is being prepared by our NZ audio-visual suppliers. We expect a set of the 5 DVD's of the above to cost approx AUD\$50.00 plus postage. If you are keen to purchase a DVD set, please confirm an order with Brian Pickett as listed above at your earliest convenience. On receipt of orders, payment options will be advised.

## Official Photographs from Brisbane and Auckland

Photos from Brisbane have been loaded onto our web site and photos from Auckland are progressively being added. We have however experienced some recent technical difficulties with web site and photo file size limitations. We expect these difficulties to be resolved very shortly and then there will be some 600 lower resolution photos on the EPLD available for downloading from our web site - about half from Brisbane and the other half from Auckland. Higher resolution photos from Brisbane can be accessed by going to "EPLD Information" on the [ciscaustralia.com](http://ciscaustralia.com) web site then clicking on "Photos" and opening "Click here to order photos from Horizon Photography". Charges will apply. Arrangements are also being put into place to permit higher resolution versions of a selection of the Auckland photos to be downloaded from the NZ photographer's site and these will be available at no charge. We expect the NZ higher resolution photos to be available within a week or so.

## EPLD into the Future

As was discussed at the closing plenary session in Auckland, the EPLD organising body is keen to share knowledge and provide support for those who might be interested in taking the EPLD 'baton' on into the future. Our intention of holding a preliminary meeting on this subject was announced in Auckland and is likely to be held late September/early October next at a time and venue yet to be confirmed. Some of you have already expressed a strong interest in contributing in this area however if you would like to confirm or re-confirm your interest in assisting with the future of the EPLD please advise Brian Pickett as listed above.

## Media Feedback

Several study tours indicated that whilst on the study tour they were able to gain media coverage. We would appreciate receiving copies of any study tour media coverage, by email or fax to the contact points listed in the above paragraph. Further, some of you indicated that upon returning home you would be providing feedback or seeking media opportunities (eg reporting by your local newspaper). If this has or is occurring, again it would be greatly appreciated if you could forward copies to Brian Pickett as listed above as we are currently developing a media package for EPLD sponsors.

## The Xth Commonwealth Study Conference, New Delhi, India, 16-29 March 2007

India, Singapore and Malaysia are hosting the Xth CSC titled *Working Together For Inclusive Growth & Development*. As Alumni of CSC there are opportunities in which you can be involved. Firstly, while EPLD participants cannot apply to attend you may wish to encourage your colleagues or community members to apply. The application form can be downloaded from [www.cscaustralia.com](http://www.cscaustralia.com) and returned to CSC (Australia) Inc., as above by mail, fax or as an attachment to an e-mail. Applications are for members of Commonwealth countries and close 30 August 2006. See also press advertisements in The Weekend Australian and the Australian Financial Review on Saturday 5 August. Closing date for Australian applications is 11 September 2006. Secondly, you may wish to assist the organising committee, for example, by participating on a selection panel for your country (or regional area). Thirdly, if as Alumni you would like to attend the opening and closing plenary sessions (both to be held in New Delhi) subject to seating availability you will be made very welcome. Please note that Alumni attending these events meet their own costs of travel and accommodation and there may be a catering fee at plenary sessions. If you are interested in assisting with committee activities related to CSC2007 or attending some or all of the opening and closing in New Delhi please advise Brian Pickett as listed above.

## EPLD Database of Alumni Details

We are currently reviewing the best way for individuals to have access to an EPLD database. This would permit EPLD members to update their personal details as and when email addresses change. The system we use will need to ensure that member's details remain confidential yet retaining the most up to date contact information. Once we have a clear path forward we will email you with the information you need to keep your contact details current.

## EPLD Newsletter

There has been some discussion about how to keep the regional EPLD contact connected especially in this first phase of being Alumni. Rilka Macainsh, from the organising committee and member of the CSC Australia Executive Committee has offered to assist in the development of an email newsletter, which could be sent out to all EPLD Alumni from time to time. For example, several Study Tour groups indicated they were going to look at continuing to work together on group projects or it maybe that an individual has been involved in an interesting experience that is worth sharing with all (change of job, change of country, going on holidays where Alumni might be). Should you be in a position to assist Rilka in this proposed EPLD newsletter, please contact her at: [rilka.macainsh@centrelink.gov.au](mailto:rilka.macainsh@centrelink.gov.au)