

Tasmanian Section Report

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Reflections

As we reflect on the contribution of *New Horizons in Education* to educational advancement over the years, we also reflect on the role of a Section. We must not underestimate the effect for good of a Section's quiet and often unostentatious work within the broader community—all educators in their own way.

We in Tasmania have been happy to aid public focus on contemporary issues through our public lectures, workshops and the 'use' of visiting speakers with university students, staff, combined school gatherings. Over recent years these foci with experts have included: Marginalisation; Truth, Justice and Compassion; Leadership; Complexity in the Modern World; Environment and the Aquatic domain; Social Justice and Australia's Commitment to International Protocols; the Science and Religion Debate; and we are soon to consider research into Ethics in Schools.

We are aware that ahead of us lies the challenge of support for the WEF World Action Group, encouragement to WEF Youth and the maintenance of our principles and beliefs in influencing local educational initiatives.

We know that we can never calculate the benefits arising from our sponsorship of delegates to international conferences and the U.N. Model Parliaments, for instance. But there must be many.

In an age when many teachers feel over-developed professionally we perceive a need to broaden the understanding of the role of many community members to establish the wellbeing of society we all so earnestly desire.

No doubt new technologies will help to replace *New Horizons in Education* as a journal. We hope the horizons never become clouded with the past or the dust storms of modernity.

Recent Happenings

The Tasmanian section boasts a membership of about 50, forty in the Launceston area and the remainder in Hobart and other centres. At our August 2006 Memorial Lectures in Hobart and Launceston, we were privileged to welcome Professor Colin Power as the guest speaker, on the topic, Building Intelligent Leaders for Tomorrow's World. These lectures were well attended by the public and we received generous sponsorship from the University of Tasmania and local businesses. Hard copies of the text of Professor Power's address are available from the Tasmanian section.

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