

## Conference Networking Opportunities – Bon appétit

One of the challenges faced by the conference team was to facilitate better networking opportunities. This is in response to the evaluation feedback from previous conferences. Building on the positive response to these sessions at the 2010 conference we will again theme each lunch session to give you an opportunity to meet people who do what you do, or come from your state, or work in the same field. We hope you may have already made some of these contacts before the conference by means of Twitter or Facebook. Now you can do it face to face.

Lunch at the conference will be themed daily to help you meet your peers. The three themes will be:

- **Meet your state.** Each state/territory will have a display and you can meet the State CEO. This is your chance to find out more about your state/territory peak body.
- **What do you do?** Meet people with similar jobs to you.
- **What's your sector?** The room will be signed with a range of sector categories so that you can meet your peers.

These lunch themes will give you the chance to take your lunch to a specific area in the great space where you know you will meet people with common interests.

Daily breaks and lunch each day will be served in the pre-function area of the hotel. This area will also host the trade displays where you can meet the Conference sponsors.

The pre-function area will be signed with different descriptions relating to the days them. Areas are listed below so you can start planning your lunch break. We encourage you to move to your sections and spark up a conversation with someone new.

### Monday: Meet your State/Territory.

Today lunch will be themed around your state/territory peak bodies. Here is your chance to meet or reacquaint yourself with your state/territory volunteer centre. Meet the CEO, find out what their organisation does and how they may be able to help you at state level.

State and territory centres are the foundation members of Volunteering Australia.

- **Australian Capital Territory**
- **New South Wales**
- **Queensland**
- **Victoria**
- **South Australia & Northern Territory**
- **Western Australia**
- **Tasmania**

### Tuesday: Meet your sector?

Today lunch will be themed by what you do. We have taken the top categories from the conference registration information and created areas for you to have lunch and meet your peers. Look for the signs that indicate the categories, grab your lunch and wander over to that area. We will have a conference team member there to start the introductions.

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- **Community/Welfare**
- **Emergency Management**
- **Education/Training**
- **Corporate**
- **Health**
- **Arts, Culture & Heritage**
- **Volunteering Infrastructure**
- **Government: Local, State & Federal**

### Wednesday: What do you do?

Today we encourage you to meet delegates who work or volunteer in your particular sector. Again we have chosen the strongest representative sectors and created areas for you to meet your fellow delegates. Take your lunch to the area of interest to you and network away. We will be there to start the introductions.

Meet people in a similar role to you to you-

- **Chief Executive Officer**
- **Researcher/Research Student**
- **Volunteer**
- **Manager/Coordinator of Volunteers**
- **Not-For-Profit Board Member**
- **Senior Manager**
- **Corporate**

*We hope you can take advantage of these networking opportunities to further enhance your conference experience.*