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**Queensland Premier and Queensland organisations supporting the
National ICT Careers Week**

‘We are very pleased with the strong support by Queensland Premier Campbell Newman and the encouraging participation of organisations based in Queensland in this year’s National ICT Careers Week,’ said Ms Penny Coulter, chair of the National ICT Careers Week initiative.

Ms Penny Coulter, Chair of the National ICT Careers Week Steering Committee said, ‘In his acknowledgement of National ICT Careers Week, the Premier advised that his Government is already taking a number of steps to encourage young Queenslanders to pursue a career in ICT, and that the Queensland Government also works closely with the tertiary sector to promote ICT careers and regularly talks to students about study and career options.’

‘The annual National ICT Careers Week is running from 23-29 July 2012,’ advised Ms Coulter. ‘There are a number of organisations in Queensland presenting events and activities in and about this year’s National ICT Careers Week. They join other organisations across Australia seeking to introduce young people to the rewarding and engaging career opportunities available across Australia and throughout the world.’

Ms Coulter said, ‘The Queensland events and activities are diverse and interesting such as the Queensland Secondary IT Educators which is holding its Annual Conference at Coomera; IBM is holding its EX.IT.E Camp at Griffith University; King’s Christian College on the Gold Coast is holding a Careers Fair; The Australian Government ICT (information and communications technology) Cadetship Program opens; Marymont College at Burleigh Waters is holding its annual Careers Expo with ICT opportunities being presented; Bond University’s School of IT is holding IT experience days; Logan Central will stage its annual Logan Youth, Jobs & Careers Expo; The Capricorn Careers Expo is on and has been an integral part of education and employment in the Rockhampton area;

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Townsville Careers Expo is giving options for ICT study; and the University of Queensland is holding an engineering and technology careers evening.”

The Queensland Government is contributing to the National ICT Careers Week by providing ICT industry booths at the Career Expo on the Sunshine Coast (19 July 2012), the TSXPO in Brisbane (21–22 July 2012) and the Career Expo in Toowoomba (31 July 2012). At these events, ICT industry volunteers will be available to talk to young people and their parents, and they will provide information promoting ICT careers.

Ms Coulter concluded by saying, “Young people, their parents, their teachers and their careers advisors can find out about the Queensland National ICT events by going to the National ICT Careers Week web site - www.ictcareersweek.info - and seeing what is happening in their part of Queensland.”

About National ICT Careers Week

The annual National ICT Careers Week will be running across the country from 23 - 29 July 2012, with events and activities being presented by businesses, educational institutions, government agencies, industry bodies, women’s groups and professional bodies.

National ICT Careers Week showcases the opportunities in information and communications technology available to young people. We want to introduce young people to the rewarding and engaging career opportunities available across Australia and in the world.

The Australian Computer Society (ACS), ACS Foundation (ACSF), the Australian Council of Deans of Information and Communications Technology (ACDICT), the TAFE Directors’ Association (TDA), Australian Government Information Management Office (AGIMO) and the Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA) coordinate the National ICT Careers Week.

Organisations together with their events and activities are listed on the National ICT Careers Week web. The website is constantly updated with new registrants and ICT week activities.

While the National ICT Careers Week is set for 23 – 29 July 2012, the Week can be used to advertise or market events promoting ICT study and careers that will be held later in the year.

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