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National ICT Careers Week supported by Australian Universities

"The future of ICT is exciting because it will be carried by a generation who embrace technology and recognise the possibilities it can bring. This is what the ICT industry is all about," advised Janet Verbyla, Dean and Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Southern Queensland, and President, Australian Council of Deans of Information and Communications Technology (ACDICT).

Ms Penny Coulter, Chair of the National ICT Career Week initiative said, "We are very pleased with the repeat support from the ICT faculties and schools in our Australian Universities for National ICT Careers Week. It is very important for the health of the Australian ICT industry and Australian businesses that many young people do select ICT as their preferred tertiary study and go on to work in ICT after they graduate."

"The annual National ICT Careers Week is running from 23-29 July 2012," advised Ms Coulter. "Organisations across Australia are seeking to introduce young people to the rewarding and engaging career opportunities available across Australia and the world."

"The annual National ICT Careers Week does act as a preliminary showcase for the open days that our universities run in August and September each year," advised Professor Verbyla.

Professor Verbyla said, "There are excellent events and activities being presented by Universities during National ICT Careers Week. These are listed on the website of the National ICT Careers Week."

Curtin University in Western Australia will be holding its Experience Works! Fair to connect our students with Australia's top employers and provides advice on vacation work, internships, work experience placements, volunteering and other employment opportunities.

**Information on National ICT Careers Week activities,
participating organisations and other information**

www.ictcareersweek.info

The **University of Queensland** is holding an engineering and technology careers evening.

The **RMIT Work Experience Fair**, being presented by the ACS Foundation and IT Masters, will give opportunities for employers to recruit talented current students for internships, work placements, co-operative positions and vacation work programs.

Swinburne University is running a number of events associated with National ICT Careers Week. Swinburne's Faculty of ICT has implemented strategies over the past four years aimed at raising aspirations and interest in ICT. The key strategy has been an innovative and comprehensive ICT Secondary School Support Program.

2012 Upload Your Future - Girls in IT is hosted by **Swinburne University** and will include interactive programming and design workshops, inspirational female industry speakers and an opportunity to hear from current female ICT students. This program is open to students from years 7 to 10.

In NSW, the **University of NSW** is hosting its UNSW Internship Careers Expo to promote graduate employment opportunities to its students and graduates.

The **University of Wollongong** will be presenting the ICT Career Readiness Conference to provide current students with the opportunity to hear speakers from industry about the possibilities that the ICT industry offers.

1st Year **University of Technology Sydney** students will have the opportunity to receive tips and advice on how to build their employability brand and the best ways to position themselves for the right type of IT Career.

At the **University of Newcastle**, the Vocation & Volunteer Expo will help local employers with targeting high performing future IT graduates of all disciplines.

Girls' Programming Network run by the School of Information Technologies at **University of Sydney** is an extra-curricular program for high school girls interested in computers and technology. GPN is run by girls, for girls.

Macquarie University will hold its Work Experience Expo - Wednesday in August and gives employers the opportunity to promote their organisation's vacation, internship, volunteer and work experience opportunities to students at Macquarie University.

Ms Coulter emphasised, "Young people, their parents, their teachers and their careers advisors can find out about the universities' events and activities by going to the National ICT Careers Week web site - www.ictcareersweek.info."

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) co-ordinate the National ICT Careers Week.

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

While the National Career 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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