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*The Australian & New Zealand
Association of Theological Schools*

Managing Theological Education: Finance and Compliance **Principals' Conference 2009**

Monday October 5th (5pm, for dinner)

to

Wednesday October 7th (5pm)

'Amberley', Lower Plenty, on Melbourne's Yarra (www.amberley.org.au)

Theological education has its centre in learning which enables participants to growth in knowledge, skills and godly identity. Money matters, academic standards, government accreditation and the like are secondary – yet theological institutions are accountable to the churches, agencies and donors who fund them, and to their students and wider society.

Principals are where 'the buck stops' from the point of view of external authorities, whether ecclesial, educational or governmental. Each year they must give an account of their management, as stewards of the human, spiritual, educational and financial resources entrusted to their oversight. This year's theme– 'Managing Theological Education: Finance and Compliance' – seeks to respond to this distinctive responsibility which each principal shoulders.

Three people from 'outside' the life of theological colleges will provide input:

- **Richard Cardew**, formerly of the *Centre for Environmental and Urban Studies* at Macquarie University, will address 'Theological Education: the financial costs'.
- **Shirley Stokes**, recently retired as Manager, *Quality and Regulation Higher Education Directorate*, NSW Department of Education, will speak to state government responsibilities in higher education, including accreditation.
- **Karen Treloar** is the Audit Director, Non Self-Accrediting Institutions, *Australian University Quality Agency* (AUQA), and has directed several audits of theological institutions. She will address the role of federal government in higher education, including the proposals for a new Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency.

The programme will allow plenty of time for individual discussion and networking. Opportunities will be provided for principals with particular common interests to meet together (e.g. by state/country, church, consortium). The conference will be facilitated by **Charles Sherlock**, who will also introduce the just-completed *Uncovering Theology* project.

'Amberly' has 12 ensuite twin rooms, and 30 shared facilities twin rooms: accommodation is available for 84 participants (at two per room). Principals may apply to bring a second person concerned with governance or finance: availability will depend on enrolments.

Cost: \$270 (twin share), \$290 (twin share ensuite): an all-inclusive, cost recovery price (single rooms may be available if space permits, for \$360 and \$390 respectively).
Non-residential (includes all but bed and breakfast): \$190.

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