National ICT Careers Week Launched â€“ 23-29 July

NationalICT Careers Week – under the themeICT: Start Here, Go Anywhere–will be held from 23 to 29 July 2012.PennyCoulter, Chair of the Careers Week Steering Committee said, “The Week aims toexcite young people, their parents and teachers about what Information andCommunications Technology (ICT) study has to offer. It will also highlight thediverse and rewarding range of ICT careers available, across Australia and theworld, in almost every industry.”

Senatorthe Hon. Stephen Conroy officially launched National ICT Careers Week. “Investingin ICT’s future leaders is crucial to the prosperity of our nation through thedevelopment of the emerging digital economy. By collaborating with industryheads and corporations, young ICT students and professionals can gain the bestinsight and knowledge of the industry,” he said.

TheAustralian Computer Society’s Chief Executive Officer Alan Patterson agreedsaying, “National ICT Careers Week aims to ensure that Australia continues toproduce a highly-skilled workforce with the capacity to sustain and grow the$100bn digital economy with local expertise and innovation. ICT is one of the fastest growing industriesin Australia and ICT professionals are in demand across all sectors of theeconomy. Forecasts suggest an additional 35,000 ICT jobs will be in demand bythe end of 2013. ICT Careers Week is a great platform for all levels of governmentand industry to work together to change current community perceptionssurrounding the ICT profession.”

JohnRidge AM, Executive Director of the ACS Foundation, said, “The ACS Foundationpromotes careers in ICT to secondary school students, and sends careerinformation to the students and their influencers. It also assistsuniversity students with their transition from their studies into the industryby giving them valuable relevant industry experience. It is more about tryingto address some of the systemic obstacles faced by students who are passionateabout ICT and technology, rather than artificially turning students onto acareer in ICT.”

In NewSouth Wales, education institutions, government agencies, companies and women’sgroups will host events that promote the benefits of post-school ICT studiesand an ICT profession for NSW students. Examples of some of these eventsinclude the ACS Foundation Student conference held at UTS in May, the CentralCoast Careers event on June 26that Avondale College which 3,000secondary school students will attend, and the annual ICT careers week eventthat will be held at the University of Wollongong.

TheHon Andrew Stoner MP, NSW MP Deputy Premier, Minister for Trade and Investment,and Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services, said, “The NSWGovernment supports initiatives such as National ICT Careers Week whichencourage young people to enter into a career in ICT - one of Australia’sfastest growing industries. The recently released NSW ICT Strategy highlightsthe need to foster a workforce with sufficient technology skills, deliveringvital digital services to sustain and grow the NSW economy,” said MinisterStoner.

Formore information on National ICT Careers Week visitwww.ictcareersweek.info.

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AboutNational ICT Careers Week

Theannual 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 groupsand professional bodies.

NationalICT Careers Week showcases the opportunities in information and communicationstechnology available to young people. We want to introduce young people to therewarding and engaging career opportunities available across Australia and inthe world.

TheAustralian Computer Society (ACS), ACS Foundation (ACSF), the AustralianCouncil of Deans of Information and Communications Technology (ACDICT), theTAFE Directors’ Association (TDA), Australian Government Information ManagementOffice (AGIMO) and the Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA)coordinate the National ICT Careers Week.

Organisationstogether with their events and activities are listed on the National ICT CareerWeek web sitewww.ictcareersweek.info.The web site is being constantly updated with new registrants and ICT weekactivities.

Whilethe National Career Week is set for 23 – 29 July 2012, the Week can be used toadvertise or market events promoting ICT study and careers that will be heldthroughout the year.

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