

Huge honour for facilitators of exclusive lawyers' retreat

Duo to shine at conference in Florida



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TAKING a different approach to corporate training has led two Toowoomba women to an international business conference in the United States this week.

Debbie Bassingthwaighte and Melinda Fisher run an exclusive and almost luxury retreat for Shine Lawyers' large complement of staff just outside Toowoomba.

The Shine Centre of Learning, located on the picturesque "Tiddalac" property at Murphys Creek, is a purpose-built training facility for all Shine staff.

Staff travel from the company's

23 offices across Australia to participate in a six-day course that is specifically tailored to the skills required to work for Shine.

"I'd say we're the only one of our kind in Australia," Mrs Bassingthwaighte explained.

"And by what the organisers of the conference were saying, it sounds like we're pretty unique in the world."

The training expert said it was probably this uniqueness that prompted the organisers of Learning 2010 to invite them to speak at the four-day conference in

Florida.

"Certainly they were going, 'wow, this is something different, innovative.'"

The pair will give a one-hour presentation about how the Shine Centre of Learning began two-and-a-half years ago.

"It's a lovely story and it's pretty exciting to be able to tell it."

Shine Lawyers was co-founded by Member for Toowoomba North Kerry Shine in Toowoomba in 1976.

It now has 370 employees Australia-wide.



Shine Centre of Learning facilitators Melinda Fisher (left) and Debbie Bassingthwaighte have been invited to present their story to an international learning conference in Florida.

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