

FOR THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE LEARN LOCAL SECTOR, PROVIDING QUALITY TRAINING FOR ADULTS IN EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION

## Message from the Minister...

During a visit to the Banksia Gardens Community Centre in March, I had the pleasure of announcing the recipients of the third round of the Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) Capacity and Innovations grants, with Banksia being one of the recipients. Banksia will use their funding to work collaboratively with Hume City Council and Broadmeadows businesses to match training to local business needs.

I would like to offer my congratulations to all those organisations who have been awarded the grants, as they showcase the impressive breadth of Learn Local projects going on across Victoria. These projects are of great benefit to learners, Learn Local organisations and most importantly, the communities which they serve.



Peter Hall with Christine Fyffe, Member for Evelyn (far left), presenting a round 3 Capacity & Innovation Fund project certificate to an ecstatic Jan Simmonds from Morrissons.

The third round of Capacity and Innovation grants will provide a total \$2.3 million boost to the sector, highlighting our commitment to building Learn Local business capacity, supporting innovative teaching and learning practice and to providing industry-focused training opportunities with a double benefit: helping increase the training base of the community and providing local businesses with work-ready employees.

I look forward with great interest to seeing all of the promising Round 3 projects rolled out during the year.

– Peter Hall, Minister for Higher Education and Skills

## Second series underway - apply now!

Following the success of the first series of TV show "A House around the Corner" applications are now open for Learn Local organisations to star in Series 2! This is a wonderful opportunity to get your organisation into the media and to celebrate the stories and successes of your learners, staff and communities.



The show, funded by ACFE, highlights the stories and successes of the Learn Local sector. The videos are streamed online after they air and segments can also be made available to organisations to use for their own promotional purposes. The second series will be screened on Channel 31 from September to November 2012.

So how do you get involved? Fill out the application attached to [General Memo 2012/05](#) before 20 April. Stories will be considered in the order they are received so be quick to put in your application!



Click the calendar for diary dates

- Professional development
- ACFE Agreement important dates

## Get more from

facebook 

1. Build your 'LIKES' - get every employee in your organisation to share the page with their friends.
2. Post pictures often. Images are the MOST looked at pieces of info on Facebook.
3. Make sure all your business details are filled out comprehensively so people can contact you.
4. Update the 'description' field to mention your training and other services.
5. Add a link from your website to Facebook, and vice versa.

five easy ways

## NAB 'Schools First' School-Community partnership applications now open

This opportunity is for Learn Local organisations to foster and enhance partnerships with schools. The 2012 NAB Schools First Awards have **\$3 million** available to 130 outstanding school-community partnerships.



The awards program is divided into three parts. The *Impact Awards* recognise established school-community partnerships. The *Seed Funding Awards* helps new and developing partnership. The third category awards partnership ideas initiated by students - *The Student Awards*.

The best starting point is to look at the [website](#) for further information. Stuck for an idea? The website has literally hundreds of [examples](#) of ways in which community organisations have partnered with schools.

The application will need to be lodged by your partner school and there is plenty of time to get talking – you have until 29 June to lodge the application.

**Hold the date!**  
AN E-LEARNING SHOWCASE FOR LEARN LOCAL PROVIDERS 2012

### e-learning - why?

View the E-Learning wiki for more details about Keynote speakers & presenters  
<http://eshowcase12.acfe.vic.edu.au>

Date: 22 June 2012 Start 9.30am - 4.30pm (Registration 9.00am)  
Venue: William Angliss TAFE Conference Centre  
LaTrobe Street Melbourne

## e-Learning skills help ACFE staff improve service to the sector

When the ACFE Board needed to roll out the training for its pilot project International Computer Driving Licence (ICDL), the Gippsland team offered to use virtual conferencing (*Blackboard Collaborate*) to benefit organisations from around the state that were unable to travel to the nearest training. And for those who could neither travel nor participate in real-time, the session was recorded and distributed via a link, which could be viewed at any time.

People from as far as Robinvale in the north-west, Wonthaggi in the south and Swifts Creek in the east of Victoria could virtually sit together and access the required training.

Special thanks to [e-mentor Junita Lyon](#) for her support to the ACFE Gippsland team.



**psssst.....here's the DIRECT LINE to Learn Local.**  
Click on the hotline to email us with your stories, give feedback or share ideas.

## RECENT MEMOS – click 'em

[2012 / 08 Pre-accredited quality framework – advice and arrangements for moderation workshops \(Word 226.0 KB\)](#)

[2012 / 07 Taking the Next Steps for Disengaged Learners: Policy levers for increasing the skills of low-skilled Victorians project \(Word 273.5 KB\)](#)

[2012 / 06 Skills Victoria changes its name to Higher Education and Skills Group \(HESG\)](#)

[2012 / 05 A House Around The Corner series 2](#)

[2012 / 02 ACE Business Capacity Program 2012: additional non-RTOs workshop \(Word 299.5 KB\)](#)



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*We LIKE what you're doing!*

See how [Traralgon Neighbourhood Learning House](#) is using Facebook to promote the International Computer Driver's Licence.



*Free* e-Learning Showcase 2012 register NOW!

This one-day showcase on e-learning is definitely not to be missed! Stemming from the e-Mentor project funded by ACFE, Learn Local organisations have the chance to expand their understanding of e-learning, no matter what your current level of expertise is. There really is something for everyone. Take a moment to look at the [program...](#)

Program includes

- Social media in teaching and learning
- iPad in Education project
- Creating communities online and future trends in e-learning
- Updates on current e-learning projects funded by the Capacity & Innovation Fund
- And much, much more...

Registration is a simple online process and can be done in 2 minutes: [Register now](#)

- ▶ **COST** – free
- ▶ **WHEN** – 22 June 2012
- ▶ **WHERE** – William Angliss TAFE Conference Centre, Melbourne
- ▶ **TIME** – 9.00 until 4.30



## Loddon Mallee Region

Hi all.

Another month gone and it has been a busy one here in the Regional office with payments to organise, ICDL rollout, new co coordinators and many more exciting happenings!!

### Important dates

- 16 April – EsyStats training session Loddon Mallee Regional ACFE office
- 20 April – Provider payments
- **27 & 28 July – Learn Local Regional Conference (Bendigo)**

### Capacity & Innovation Fund

We received 17 applications in Loddon Mallee. As expected it was a competitive process with only 7 applications being funded by the ACFE Board. **A big CONGRATULATIONS to those who were successful in this round.** All applicants have been notified of the outcome.

### Term 2 Courses

Please remember to send your Term 2 course guide (flyers) to Katrina at the Regional Office.

### Small Business Mentor's

A reminder that you can still apply for a Small Business Mentor for your organisation. For more information about SBMS mentors and to register for the program online visit: [www.sbms.org.au](http://www.sbms.org.au)

To register please click on the link below and type **ACED** in the voucher code section and then follow the prompts. Upon registration a Small Business Mentoring Service mentor will be in contact with your organisation to arrange you initial mentoring session.

<http://www.sbms.org.au/OurPrograms/SpecialistVouchers.aspx>

### ACFE Regional Council

#### Councillor Profile:

This month we will be profiling our Vice Chairperson - **Ellen White**

Ellen was previously a Biology and Chemistry teacher in Scotland & Kuwait before immigrating to Australia twenty years ago. She then went on to spend seven years with RMIT, teaching in the Health & Clinical Sciences area, coordinating courses & writing curriculum. For the last two years at RMIT, Ellen managed the Multicultural Aged Care Training Institute, which delivered communications programs for aged care staff in hostels across Victoria. Ellen moved to Towaninnie in 1999, and was the Manager of the Wycheproof Community Resource Centre from 2000 - 2007. In this position she was able to combine education with community development. Ellen is a firm believer that an informed community is a strong community. Since 2007, Ellen has worked for DPCD in the Rural Women's Network programs, and now runs her own consulting business. Ellen is also a local councillor with Buloke Shire Council. Ellen believes that Adult, Community & Further Education, is developing and improving the skills of everyone and is very important in the future of rural and regional communities. **There is a place for ACFE funded organisations to work in partnership with community groups to plan for the future!**

### Farewell

Lastly we say farewell to Sarah at Woodend Neighbourhood Centre and wish her well with whatever the future may hold. A great big ACFE welcome to Julie who is taking Sarah's place.