

## Message from the ACFE Board

Celebrating the start of a new year encourages us to reflect on what we have achieved as we look forward. Everyone should be so proud of what you achieved in 2011 – for your learners, your communities and your organisations. In 2012, the Board will be partnering with Learn Local organisations to:

- Continue supporting their business, including new strategies for communications.
- Offer new delivery options for informal learning and other assistance with teaching and learning.
- Ramp up regional profiling of the Learn Local strategy.



We encourage you to attend your first regional forum to learn more about these exciting 2012 opportunities.

Rowena Allen, Chair, on behalf of the ACFE Board.

**Happy New Year!**  
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## Jessica found confidence to follow her dreams... then won an iPad!

Participation in the Pathways Training at Albury Wodonga Resource Bureau gave Jessica a “very rewarding experience”.

Winner of our recent iPad competition, Jessica St Clair got more from her training than she expected. Excited by the opportunity to do a course at her Learn Local organisation, Jessica was surprised to discover the “true benefits and opportunities” of her training. “Everybody had their own goals and reasons for [doing] the training, whether it was to update their skills...or to be able to progress into



Jessica St Clair receives her certificate for Pathways Training course from tutor Teju Chouhan.

employment, or to use it to assist them in future training”. Jessica undertook the Pathways Training pre-accredited course with Albury Wodonga Resource Bureau to assist her with her current employment and future opportunities. She feels that the knowledge and experience gained through the training has helped people to participate in the community, and

strengthened connections between them. They shared experiences, ideas and future goals creating a network that supports employment and community participation. “The overall experience was very rewarding and will assist me in my future employment”.

### Diary Dates\*

Jan 10	Round 3 Capacity & Innovation Fund opens
Jan 15	Deadline for submission of 2011 data to SVTS
Jan 20	1 <sup>st</sup> qtr pre-accredited payment
Feb 17	Close of round 3 Capacity & Innovation Fund
Feb 27 to Mar 9	Forum/Briefing in your region. Check with your Regional Office for specific date
Mar 31	Commonwealth Equipment grant acquittal due

\*STATE-WIDE DATES ONLY. REFER TO YOUR REGIONAL OFFICE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### ...to BUILD A PARTNERSHIP!



1. Add logos to each other's website
2. Swap articles to put in each others' newsletters
3. Display each others' brochures in your foyers
4. Invite them to your events, and arrange a presentation at their facility
5. Promote them in your media, i.e. "Ritestuff Manufacturing train their staff at ZYX eduHouse"



- adapted from Learn Local Marketing Workshop 2011 Participants Manual content p18

## Spotlight on Learn Local Award Winner *Outstanding Learn Local Organisation* – Wyndham Community and Education Centre

This month's spotlight shines on the winner of Outstanding Learn Local Organisation 2011 – Wyndham Community and Education Centre (WCEC). Its flexible and innovative responses to a fast-changing population have kept up with growth and demand for learning.

Where one in six people in the community have English as a second language, a course like *English for Hospitality* is an essential link for people entering the workforce. This course combines practical work experience, cooking under instruction and serving meals in the teaching kitchen with the language skills needed to work in hospitality.



The look of satisfaction on these three learner's faces says it all! Wyndham Community and Education Centre is a deserving winner of the Outstanding Learn Local Organisation award.

WCEC scooped the \$10,000 prize for a number of reasons. Offering extensive pre-accredited training programs that give learners pathways into accredited vocational or educational training, providing VCAL for people of refugee backgrounds, multiple delivery locations making learning truly 'local' to hundreds of learners, plus their role in the Wyndham Humanitarian Network that provides an integrated cultural settlement service for settlers in the area are just some.

Congratulations to all the individuals who make WCEC an outstanding Learn Local organisation!



Read about all the Learn Local Award categories. Which one would you nominate for? [Click here...](#)

## Having trouble with your marketing strategy?

**Not sure where to begin, or what to do next? Don't worry, everything you need to get started is at your fingertips in the Communications and Marketing Training Manual** (pictured right)

Whether your organisation is big or small, this manual has everything you need to get going on a marketing plan to connect with the people in your communities who want to learn and train. It is simple to use with exercises and activities to step you through developing your strategy. If you have any trouble finding what you need, call your regional office for help.

If you have misplaced your copy of the manual or you didn't attend the marketing and communications training, you can [download a pdf version from the Learn Local wiki](#).

## RECENT MEMOS – click 'em

[2011/39 Capital Funding Opportunity 2011-12 Children's Facilities Capital Program](#)

[2011/40 Funded places in TDC Professional Learning Program 2012](#)

[2011/41 Information on fees other than tuition fees – pre-accredited fee concessions for 2012](#)

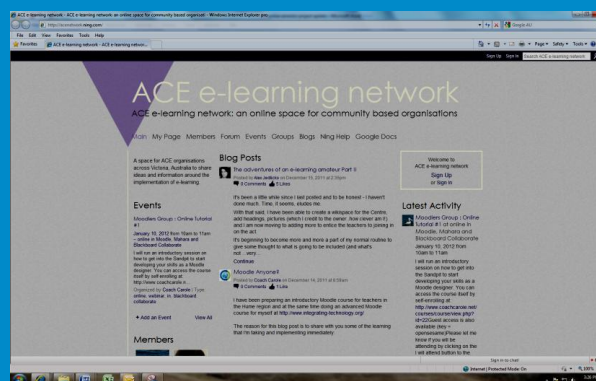
[2011/42 Capacity and innovation Fund 2012 Round 3](#)

## Expand with an e-mentor!

You may not know it but there is an e-mentor not far from you. The **ACFE e-mentor project** is supporting 18 dedicated people to lead, guide and develop e-learning skills in your organisation. It's practical and accessible. All you have to do is ask!

Free training and use of an online classroom are valuable parts of the project, as well as customized support for your staff, whether they be teaching, administration or management.

Take five minutes to [find out more](#) or contact project Leader [Josie.rose@cae.edu.au](mailto:Josie.rose@cae.edu.au) ph: 9652 0710

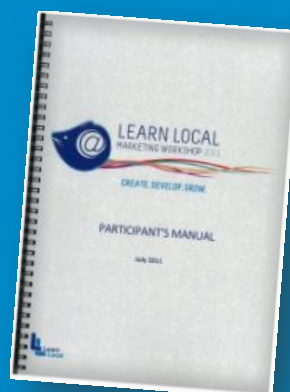


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## GIPPSLAND INFORMATION

Welcome to a fresh new year Gippslanders! In the regional office, we have been planning for important dates in 2012, and working on ideas to meet our strategic goals. It is challenging, changing and exciting times for Gippsland but we are ready to roll...

90 Mile Beach click for image reference



### ACFE Gippsland Regional Council

2012 begins with us saying farewell to **Mrs Debbie Brown**, outgoing Chairperson of our council. In her twelve years of service, Debbie has travelled almost every inch of this region to visit and support every provider in governance and strategic matters. She will continue to advocate for the Learn Local sector in her other work, which is running a family business and as a prominent community figure in Baw Baw Shire. Debbie has been an available and tireless Chairperson, with a balanced point of view. She always campaigned strongly on important issues and was thanked by Minister Hall at the end-of-year function in December for her work. We also thank Debbie, and we wish her health and success for everything yet to come.

We welcome **Mr David Roche** to the council. Some of you will remember him from his time as the ACFE Gippsland Regional Director, as it was known then. David comes from South Gippsland LGA and has a wealth of experience in the Learn Local sector. He is a specialist in organisational governance with a particular interest in community organisations.

We congratulate **Dr Peter Whitley** on being appointed to the council for another term. Peter has a detailed knowledge of the TAFE system and an interest in partnerships with businesses. He is from the Latrobe City area.

The rest of the council membership is unchanged, and we congratulate **Ms Karen Fleischer** for accepting the role of

Acting Chairperson. Karen is from East Gippsland, as is **Ms Glenda McPhee**. From the shire of Bass Coast, we have **Ms Linda Morrison**, and **Ms Elizabeth Wright**.

ACFE Councils are dynamic and ever-changing. [Application forms](#) are available on the ACFE website if you know of someone interested in applying for membership.

### Gippsland Diary Dates

in addition to the state-wide dates on p1

Feb 2	Regional Council meeting
Feb 17	Closing of Capacity & Innovation Fund round 3
Feb 29	Learn Local Business Development Forum (formerly known as provider Briefing)

### We want to say THANK YOU!

December is now behind us but we want to say thank you to everyone for finalising their 2011 obligations. We know the end of the year is a difficult time with so many competing interests and we are grateful for your willingness to work with us to get the job done. ☺ ☺ ☺ (Walter, Libby and Wendy's smiley faces!)

### OPEN - Capacity & Innovation Fund

The [application form and guidelines](#) are now on the ACFE website. The closing date is 17 February, to allow enough time for the successful applications to be presented to the ACFE Board for approval. We realise this is soon and we will do our best to support you.

We believe project applications that include ties with community organisations and businesses are particularly desirable to ACFE. Please look for ways to expand your project idea to include these partnerships. If you get stuck, call us at the regional office. We have a number of suggestions that could be useful – 5127 0418

### Business Development

The first forum of the year is set for Wednesday 29 February - no, that's not a typo...it's a LEAP YEAR!!

As always, we will offer a hybrid forum, meaning that you can attend on-line or in person. This year we are planning to travel to different parts of Gippsland for the events but to get 2012 off and going, we are sticking with tradition and holding the forum in Moe. Keep your eye on this newsletter for more details of all the events.

### A-frame moderation coming to Gippsland

Be ready for a workshop coming to two locations in Gippsland, around April and May. More details coming in other newsletters...

