

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

Minister Hall announces six new projects for Gippsland





Our congratulations go to the six Gippsland Learn Local organisations whose round 3 Capacity and Innovation Fund application was successful. Minister for Higher Education and Skills, Peter Hall made the announcement of the 60 new projects across the state on 20 March.

We look forward to seeing the results of the following Gippsland projects:





- Art Resource Collective Yinnar Inc – ***Creative and Sustainable Design Course Development***
- Community College East Gippsland – ***Trust Family Literacy Project***
- Community College Gippsland – ***Foundation Skills for Gippsland Workers***
- Foster & District Community House & Learning Centre – ***Excellence in Volunteering for Workforce Participation***
- Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre – ***Pilot Program for People With a Disability***
- Sale Neighbourhood House – ***Improved Pathways for Sale Learners***

GIPPSLAND INFORMATION

Now that autumn has arrived and term one has ended, we want to thank everyone for your attention to the many recent deadlines and requirements – really well done everybody! We hope you've had a chance to refresh over the recent holidays.

-  Professional development
 Date to be aware of
-  Get involved
 Contractual obligation

Important dates and actions

WHAT	WHEN	WHY
	Your AGM	Submit BVA, AGM report and financial reports within 30 days
	now	Be a voice for Disengaged learners http://svy.mk/DisengagedLearners Memo 2012/07
PD	April 30	A-frame Moderation workshop, Warragul Memo 2012/08
	May 10	Regional Council meeting
PD	May 24	A-frame Moderation workshop, Warragul Memo 2012/08
	May 30 TBC	Learn Local Business Development Forum (formerly Provider Briefing)

Be a voice for disengaged learners

A new project is underway to look at education service delivery to disengaged/high needs learners and we need your expert opinions! The project is currently in a data collection phase and your comments and knowledge of this learner group are needed please.

Your comments will help influence policy to address the skill development of low-skilled Victorians. [Memo 2012/07](#) has more details and here is the link to complete the 15 minute survey: <http://svy.mk/DisengagedLearners>

Stats matter... a LOT!

Login to SVTS Some organisations have recently received a letter from the Executive Director of ACFE asking for an explanation on what seems to be an under-delivery of pre-accredited training in 2011. This action was triggered by information that came from the SVTS reporting system. It is a timely reminder that accurate data uploads are a critical element of your ACFE Agreement.

Data uploads to SVTS need to be accurate and timely.

What do you need to do?

- Follow the latest SVTS [guidelines](#)
- Upload frequently. Monthly or more often is ideal
- Address any error messages immediately
- Log any issues through the SVTS system. It is an email format that will record and track issues.
- Resolve software issues directly with your software provider.

Ultimately, each organisation is responsible for correct data uploads. ACFE staff are not equipped to give advice on reporting issues, although we do need to occasionally ask for evidence of delivery.

Welcome to New ACFE Gippsland Councillor

Mr Frank Evans is the Chief Executive Officer of Central Gippsland Health Service, a multi-campus health service in the Wellington Shire, and has been managing health services in rural Australia for 20 years. Frank also has a long standing involvement in the Vocational and Education Training sector, coordinating courses and teaching in the areas of leadership, management and project management. Frank is interested in supporting rural people to access high quality, flexible learning, where they live and work. Frank is a member of the Community Services and Health Industry Training Board (CS&HITB). Welcome aboard Frank!



Learn Local gets sporty in Gippsland!

Coming soon... We are looking for four Learn Local organisations to build a partnership with their local sporting club. Our vision is your organisation offering training to the governing body of your footy, hockey, netball etc club in exchange for good advertising and promotion of Learn Local training. We have funds to cover the cost of some short courses and so that you can kick start your working relationship with the club.



You probably already know people on the club committees. Start talking to them about how you can meet their training needs and what you can offer the members and families of their club.

How do you access the funds? Respond to the email coming soon with all the details.

Apples and oranges...are all pre-accredited programs created equal?

Learners accessing Learn Local training can expect a similar standard of training across the state, wherever they go. The A-frame curriculum framework began a process of instilling quality measures into pre-accredited programs back in 2006.

Six years on, Learn Local organisations support a process that embeds quality into pre-accredited training. The journey continues as the ACFE Board moves toward improving quality through moderation for all pre-accredited programs in the coming years.

Are all pre-accredited modules created equal? The upcoming Pre-accredited Program Moderation Workshops ([Memo 2012/08](#)) can help you to find out. The action learning based workshops will demonstrate how to identify and use pre-accredited quality indicators as part of a moderation session. Program developers and practitioners will receive resources that will assist them promote the use of pre-accredited moderation to colleagues who are unable to attend.

This moderation uses a collaborative and peer appraisal approach that aims to facilitate agreement and understanding among pre-accredited practitioners about quality indicators of educational practise that should be evident in the design and delivery of pre-accredited programs. This moderation model should result in instructive and informative feedback to pre-accredited program developers as well as practitioners delivering the programs.

These measures will impact you later this year as elements of the A-frame curriculum framework are rolled out. For more information, read [Memo 2012/08](#) and be sure to join in with the Gippsland workshops:

30 April – Warragul*

24 May – Bairnsdale*

Also consider:

14 May – Chelsea*

14 June – Cranbourne*

*full details in memo 2012/08

Who's who during May?

Walter will be enjoying four weeks of well-earned leave during the month of May. During this time, Libby Langford will be Acting Regional Manager with the support of Jane Dewildt, Manager Regional Liaison and Support Unit.

Please be patient during this time if Libby and Wendy need a bit longer than usual to respond to your questions.