

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

The logo for Learn Local, featuring a stylized 'L' and the text 'Learn Local'.

## 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

## HUME INFORMATION

### Congratulations to Heather Kelly

In recognition of her 20 years of service at YNH Services, Heather Kelly has been awarded the Jim Saleeba Award 2011. The annual award, which was created over 10 years ago by the directors of the Albury Wodonga Community College, recognises a person who has made a significant contribution to community-based adult learning in the Albury-Wodonga region. The award considers only the nominee's voluntary involvement, either in unpaid capacities or contributions made beyond normal paid employment positions. Congratulations to Heather on receiving this well-deserved award.

### Regional Provider Forum

ACFE Hume will be running another provider forum in May so please make a note in your diaries. There is plenty of all-day parking available across the road from our office and we are very easy to find on the main road through Benalla. As always, there will be plenty of interesting information for you to absorb and a delicious lunch to fortify you for the journey home.

**Tuesday 29 May**

**10.00am to 1.00pm (coffee from 9.30am)**

**Conference Room, DEECD,  
150 Bridge Street East, Benalla**

## The Centre Celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Style

On Friday 27 February The Centre for Continuing Education kicked off its 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations in style with a live radio broadcast with local radio station Edge FM/3NE. The broadcast took place at The Centre's Chisholm Street campus with heaps of promotional giveaways for everyone, plus a free BBQ for all to enjoy.



Several staff from The Centre had some 'air time' on radio, giving great information about their programs and the 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations



The day was a success with several members of the community coming along for the BBQ lunch and The Centre received some great positive feedback on the broadcast with lots of people listening in – well done to all involved!