

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

Minister announces Learn Local Award finalists

A few days ago, The hon. Peter Hall, MLC announced the finalists of the 2012 Victorian Learn Local Awards. Nominations came from all parts of Victoria for the six categories, recognising the outstanding efforts of learners, practitioners and training providers in the Learn Local sector. "We know these educational opportunities are helping to change the lives of many people who may not have had the opportunity to pursue other educational options" said Mr Hall.



Minister Hall congratulates the winners of the 2011 Learn Local Awards. The 2012 Awards ceremony is set for 7 September during Adult Learners' Week.

Mr Hall will attend the awards ceremony on 7 September, during Adult Learners' Week. Winners will share in a prize pool of \$45,000. The Victorian Learn Local Awards are held annually to celebrate the success of our sector. [Click here](#) to read more.

Wow - what a conference!

If you went to Bendigo during July we really hope that you were at the Inaugural Regional & Rural Learn Local Conference. For two days, delegates were challenged to "Think Differently, Connect Differently" when it comes to working with adult learners and communities.

Keynote speakers Dr Ernesto Sirolli of the Sirolli Institute, USA (pictured right) and Mr Bill Williams of Asia Pacific Management Group both spoke frankly and constructively about the client-centred focus that is necessary for great outcomes. Each of them went on to facilitate workshops where they could explore more deeply their particular topic with flair and individuality.



A feature of this conference was the interactive application of how eLearning is being used to reduce barriers to training. In a Learn Local first, some sessions were available to delegates from across Victoria who connected via the internet. They were able to view the presentation and ask questions just like those who were in the room in Bendigo.

The upcoming Learn Local Metro Conference (18 and 19 October) is sure to be just as engaging. Contact Leanne Fitzgerald, Conference Planner Leanne@coonarahouse.org.au for more details.



Click the calendar to see

- ACFE Agreement important dates
- PD opportunities

Get the most out of Adult Learners' Week (1-8 Sept)

This year's ALW theme is *Digital literacy: Connecting and learning through technology*. C'mon Learn Locals... this is OUR week to shine! Here are five easy things you can do to add to the fun of Adult Learners' Week...

1. Decorate your centre and website with logos, posters, templates and other useful things here: <http://adultlearnersweek.org/resources/>
2. Put a great story and photo in your local paper with your contact number and website.
3. 'Like' ALW and Learn Local on [Facebook](#) and join their conversation
4. Got an ALW event? register it here on their website <http://adultlearnersweek.org/events-calendar/>
5. Ask your learners and staff about their own learning story. Each one is an amazing journey!



LEARN LOCAL METRO EXPO 2012

THURSDAY OCTOBER 18TH & FRIDAY OCTOBER 19TH
AT THE JASPER HOTEL ELIZABETH ST MELBOURNE
**EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES
WHAT, WHERE & HOW?**

**THIS IS A CONFERENCE NOT TO BE MISSED
A HIGH ENERGY, AFFORDABLE OPPORTUNITY**

TO IDENTIFY NEW FUNDING SOURCES, NETWORKS, PARTNERS, AND BUILD YOUR ORGANISATIONAL CAPACITY
A FULL PROGRAM AND REGISTRATION KIT WILL BE AVAILABLE MID-AUGUST, BUT

KEEP THE DATE NOW

AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE JASPER'S SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION DEALS
CALL 03 8327 2777 AND QUOTE RESERVATION CODE CONR2

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT
LEANNE FITZGERALD, CONFERENCE PLANNER
LEANNE@COONARAHOUSE.ORG.AU OR 03 9758 7081**

Get the jump on 2013 delivery

As you begin planning for delivery in 2013, remember to use your Learn Local planning data pack available right now on the [ACFE website](#).



Each region has its own comprehensive report to support Learn Local organisations in their planning and assist them to engage in the Victorian VET system.

The reports are easy to read and written in a meaningful way that lets you identify trends and areas for growth in your own region.

This is a great time to talk about your new ideas and possible courses with your regional office. Use the data to check how your pathways connect to local opportunities in industry and education and how you can tailor programs for the hard-to-reach learner groups in your area.

Hard copies should be coming your way soon. Keep your eye out for the postie...

Adult learning satisfies!

We love this international clip about adult learning. What was a satisfying learning experience for you? Write on our [Facebook](#) wall...



1 – 8 September
Adult Learners' Week

Meet us online at



Get MORE from your free media options

NOTE: BARWON SOUTH WEST TRAINING HAS HAD A LOCATION AND DATE CHANGE. IT IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR COLAC, 6 SEPTEMBER.

We all know a business that just seems to always be in the paper or the local radio with a photo or an event, right? It's no accident. You can do this too with the right skills and strategy to capitalise on free media – yes, FREE media! We're even talking about TV.

The Media Training PD which is coming to each region aims to equip you with the skills you need to get your organisation into the media – local, state and national; print, radio, TV and online. You will leave with a finished press release ready to start sending out to targeted media. You will also have the skills, confidence and enthusiasm to start doing it straight away.

This form of media placement is the BEST type of FREE MEDIA that an organisation can secure to promote its services to the target markets. And collectively, it will be exciting to see some great Learn Local exposure right around the state.

It's easy to apply. Click here for the [online application form](#) taking note of the date change for the Barwon South West Region training, now 6 September in Colac. Full details can be found in [General Memo 2012/21](#)

RECENT MEMOS – click 'em

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August 2012

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1. ACFE Grampians Calendar - Version 7 - Current as at 15/08/12

	Annually	Submit Financial Statements within 28 days of your AGM
	Annually	Submit ACFE Business Viability Statement within 28 days of your AGM. See later in Newsletter for more information (Not required from RTO's)

28	August	Media Training - Ararat
11	September	A-frame Workshop Venue TBA
28	September	3 rd Quarter SVTS upload and Enrolment Activity Report due
26	October	4 th Quarterly payment due
30	October	Grampians Region Wide Provider Forum Ararat
13	November	Grampians Provider Forum - Ballarat
14	November	Grampians Provider Forum - Horsham
**	December	4 th Quarter SVTS upload and Enrolment Activity Report due ** To be submitted prior to your December closure
31	December	Learner Satisfaction Survey Closes
31	January	ACFE Equipment Grant Acquittal Due

Note: Any new entries and changes are shown in red

2. Provider Forum Change of Details

Please note that there has been a change in the dates for the final provider forum for 2012. Instead of the usual two forums (in Ballarat and Horsham), the final forum for the year will be held in Ararat. The forum will be held at Gum San on Tuesday 30 October. This will be a great chance for providers to network with others in the Region. One of the main agenda items that will be discussed at the forum will be 2013 ACFE Funding overview. Full details will be provided shortly.

3. ACFE Equipment Grant

The Adult Community and Further Education (ACFE) Board has determined the amount of and eligibility for the ACFE Equipment Grant (formerly known as the Commonwealth Equipment Grant) for the 2012/13 Financial Year and approved guidelines for the use and acquittal of the Grant.

A Grant of \$4,000 (excluding GST) has been made to ACE organisations that have a contract with the ACFE Board to deliver government subsidised pre-accredited training in 2012.

The Grant is to be used for the purchase of teaching and learning equipment to support eLearning and/or classroom delivery of pre-accredited and accredited training too hard to reach learners. Guidelines for expenditure and acquittal of the Grant are at Attachment 1.

Eligible organisations will have received the grant payment as part of the third July quarterly payment.

A reminder that AEG funds must be fully spent and the Expenditure Statement submitted to your ACFE regional office by **31 January 2013**. Any unspent funds at that date must be returned to the ACFE Board.

Note: we recommend you acquit this by December 2012.

Please note that the Expenditure Statement should subtotal \$4,000 excluding GST. The TOTAL amount INCLUDING GST should amount to \$4,400.

To view the Guidelines and Expenditure Statement, refer to the memo 2012/20 (which can be accessed by clicking the following link).

[ACFE General memos](#)

4. Media Training

Based on the success of the Marketing and Communications training which ACFE offered last year as part of the launch of the Learn Local branding, we are now pleased to offer media training to all Learn Local organisations. One staff member from each ACFE-registered organisation is invited to enrol for this free training being held across the eight regions. The aim of the training is to equip each organisation with the skills necessary to get your organisation and the Learn Local network featured in your local media – an effective way to promote your services across print, TV, radio and online!

Training will be held in Ararat on Thursday the 28th August, at NMIT. Click on the following link for directions:

[NMIT - Ararat Campus](#)

Grano Street
Ararat VIC 3377
(03) 5355 3555

For further information on Media Training please refer to the Memo 2012/21 (which can be accessed by following the link below).

[ACFE General memos](#)

5. A Message from the ACFE Regional Council- Training Market Analysis

The ACFE Regional Council is pleased to offer providers with an analysis of the training market in the Grampians Region for the 2011 calendar year. A copy of the report has been posted to you.

The report is based primarily on training delivery data you have submitted successfully through the Skills Victoria Training System.

The report has been prepared to support providers and Committees of Management to undertake planning and assist organisations to engage in the Victorian VET system. It has now been published on the ACFE website at www.acfe.vic.gov.au.

When using the data providers should refer to Attachment 1 which defines and clarifies a number of items in the report. Providers are also encouraged to attend the next provider forum in November which will take providers through the regional analysis in detail.

6. GLLEEK project

We have started off with 2 great workshops in Horsham and Ballarat. We set up the technology to communicate with the participating providers through google+ and google hangouts. We also did some brainstorming on strategies for each individual organisation with some exciting ideas generated. Most of the objectives were around developing e-business strategies to support the development of e-learning.

The next step is for Pam and Rheinhard to meet with the providers individually to get the ball rolling for each of them. Rheinhard has been on the road this week and Pam will be starting with her providers from the 20th.

Our providers in St Arnaud are working on an exciting plan to collaborate using google hangouts between the two Houses in Adult Learners week.

We will keep you informed over the next few weeks about how all of the projects are progressing.

If you want to join the network of GLLEEKers you can join our google+ circle by searching for GLLEEK on google+ and requesting that you be added. Make sure you tell us where you are from in your message.

7. Learn Local Statewide Conference

14 Providers from the Grampians Region attended the Inaugural Regional & Rural Learn Local Conference, held in Bendigo on July 26-27. For two days, delegates were challenged to “Think Differently, Connect Differently” when it comes to working with adult learners and communities.

A feature of the conference was the interactive demonstration of how eLearning can be used to reduce barriers for learners. Some sessions were available to delegates from across Victoria who connected via the internet. They were not just a listening audience, but were able to view the presentation and ask questions just like those who were in the room in Bendigo. The possibilities of eLearning are enormous – it is the future of many training options for adults.

Keynote speakers Dr Ernesto Sirolli of the Sirolli Institute, USA and Mr Bill Williams of Asia Pacific Management Group both spoke frankly and constructively about the client-centred focus that is necessary for great outcomes. Each Keynote speaker went on to facilitate individual workshops where they could more deeply explore a particular topic with flair and individuality.

8. Introducing new Coordinators/ Managers

Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre would like to welcome Michael Hynes to the position of Acting Manager.

9. Quarterly Statistical Upload

A reminder that the 3rd quarter SVTS and Enrolment Activity Upload is due on the 28th of September.

If you are seeking a variation to your delivery plan for additional or returning Student Contact Hours contact Michelle for a proforma to vary delivery.

10. Governance Manuals

The ACFE Regional Office is in the process of distributing the Learn Local Committee of Management (CoM) Workbooks to providers. The manual is a practical guide on governance for Committees of Management in the Learn Local sector and defines roles and responsibilities. It has been designed with the needs of new CoM members particularly in mind. It is not intended as a general guide to governance, but instead provides tailored advice to help CoM members be successful in their oversight of a Learn Local Organisation.

If you have not received your manual by Wednesday the 29th of August please contact Michelle.

11. Good News Story of the Month - Wendouree West Community House

This year, the Wendouree West Community House (WWCH) has commenced delivering the program ‘Beginners Computers and Beyond’. The program is a restructured version of a previous computer course run by WWCH adapted to meet the ever changing technology and needs of today’s learners.

The program works closely in line with the A-Frame quality framework with delivery taking place in a small classroom. This ensures a fun, friendly and safe environment, enabling Learners to gain confidence in performing basic functions and working Windows based applications.

The program is run over a 16 week period and incorporates delivery by explanation, demonstration, practice and revision into step by step instruction manuals and handouts. Learners are motivated through positive encouragement/ feedback from the tutor and are assessed through observation during set tasks and verbal questioning.

Currently, the program has nine Learners enrolled and is also utilised by volunteers to assist in the provision of job seeking and has proven useful for Teachers Aids in building on current computer skills. The program has demonstrated encouraging results with one Learner already continuing on to accredited training and another gaining full time employment.

If you are interested in learning more about the program, contact Manager Manya Ferwerda at wwchlc@ncable.net.au



Tutor Fiona Belmont with Learners at the WWCH.



Learners in action at the WWCH.