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Professional Development Workshop (October):

Employability Skills

Presenters: Laurie Miller and Michael Hayen

This workshop has two parts:

Part 1 'Understanding Employability Skills' will focus on Employability Skills summaries and Qualification frameworks, Employability Skills embedded into units of competency and the new reporting requirements.

Part 2 'Developing Employability Skills' will explore teaching and assessment strategies to develop employability skills.

About the presenters

Laurie is the Professional Learning Facilitator in the Tasmanian Polytechnic and a member of the Victorian Employability Skills Community of Practice. He has a Masters Degree in Agricultural Science, Diploma of Teaching, Cert IV in TAA and 4 years as Learning Manager for TAFE Tasmania & Drysdale Institute. His work has included the implementation of new & revised training packages, assessment practices and resources, and Employability Skills Professional Development.

Michael has a strong educational background in the school system and has been a school principal. He has recently been working on providing quality workplace learning experiences for college students and engaging teaching strategies.

Employability Skills			
29 Oct (9.30 - 1.30)	Launceston	\$90	PD0932
30 Oct (9.30 - 1.30)	Hobart	\$90	PD0933

Please note that the Launceston workshop will only go ahead if there are an adequate number of participants.

Enrol now by emailing pennyd@bigpond.net.au or phoning (03) 6229 6382.

Dates for your Diary

- 29 Oct Tasmanian Flexible Learning Network (Hobart)
- 29 Oct Employability Skills (Hobart)
- 30 Oct Employability Skills (Launceston)
- 18 Nov Tas-e Day09 – Making e-learning work for you (Hobart)
- 23 Nov Service Provider Forum (Burnie)
- 24 Nov Service Provider Forum (Launceston)
- 25 Nov Service Provider Forum (Hobart)
- 18 Dec National VET Research Priorities 2010 and beyond (Comment on discussion paper)

Skills Tasmania – Service Provider Forums

Skills Tasmania is holding a series of service provider forums around the state in November. The program will include up-to-date information on the following topics:

- Productivity Places Program and Workforce Development
- Value Chain Project for the VET Sector
- Equity Programs
- E-Learning
- Skills Strategy Update

Each session starts at 5:30 p.m. and finishes at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Monday 23 November Burnie	Bass & Flinders Room Burnie Arts and Function Centre, Wilmot Street
Tuesday 24 November Launceston	Nuala O'Flaherty Auditorium, QVMAG, Invermay Road, Launceston
Wednesday 25 November Hobart	Wellington Room Wrest Point Conference Centre, Sandy Bay

We invite you to bring along your enterprise partners.

For more information and to register phone Jacqui Maclaine on (03) 6233 3194 or email jacqui.maclaine@skills.tas.gov.au.

Tasmania – Tas-e Day09: Making e-learning work for you

Wednesday, 18 November

University of Tasmania, Sandy Bay Campus
(Commerce Building off French Street),
\$55.00 (includes GST)

Tas-e Day09 is about you and your business. Come along to this all day event and hear a range of ideas for business improvement and participate in hands-on learning workshops aimed at both experienced e-learning practitioners and those just starting out.

This year's Innovation Projects will be showcasing their creations – this is a great opportunity to talk with people who walked the talk.

Presenters include Cathy Moore, Clint Smith (Learnworks), Brad Beach (GippsTAFE) and Kim Edgar (Australian Flexible Learning Framework).

There are four workshop streams (project funding in 2010 and how to apply, business improvement, getting started and hands on workshops) and a keynote address by Cathy Moore.

Topics include:

- how to make learner friendly resources – that are engaging
- developing a niche market
- how to pitch e-learning to meet the needs of your client
- assessing e-learning readiness
- online facilitation
- how to set up your own e-portfolio platform (Mahara)
- making the most of the Framework's resources
- developing learning objects
- applying for project funding in 2010
- how to write a business case

To view the full program and to register your attendance visit:
<http://emania.org>

For more information please contact: Gail Wilson, E-learning Coordinator on (03) 6236 5600 or email gail.wilson@skills.tas.gov.au; or Fiona Huskinson, Innovations Coordinator, on (03) 6233 2140 or email fiona.huskinson@skills.tas.gov.au.

Delivery of Training in 2010

Skills Tasmania is calling for tenders from registered training organisations (RTOs) for the delivery of training in 2010 as part of the TasSkills and Skills Equip programs.

TasSkills is designed to address skills development needs in selected industries across the state. Programs offered under TasSkills are included in Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fishing, Automotive, Business Services, Health & Community Services, Hospitality, and Transport and Logistics.

The Skills Equip Program provides the opportunity for RTOs to submit tenders for units of competency from Nationally Accredited Training Packages that meet the needs of people facing barriers to training and workforce participation, key cross cutting themes of disadvantage in Tasmania that may cause significant barriers to participation.

For further information visit:

www.skills.tas.gov.au/providers/purchasing/competitive
(see 'TasSkills 2010' and 'Skills Equip 2010')

Tasmanian Flexible Learning Network – 29 October 2009

At this month's Tasmanian Flexible Learning Network (TFLN) meeting a range of topics will be discussed including:

- How do we convert educators into lifelong learners?
- Why are we teaching collaboration and networking but still testing for memorised knowledge?
- How do we engage adult learners with 21C learning technologies given that they might be technologically challenged themselves?

For many people there is still no clear picture of what 21st century learning will be like. There isn't yet a clear articulation of changes technology will bring and what models are likely. This will be a forum in which to share our views about this topic and draw it in to Tasmania where we might also question what is happening here and what is likely to happen in the next 5 years.

The new media consortium *Horizon Report* will provide some useful background reading:

www.nmc.org/pdf/2009-Horizon-Report.pdf

This one hour meeting (from 4 to 5) will be held in the Skills Tasmania boardroom at level 1, 99 Bathurst Street, Hobart. Tea and coffee will be provided.

If you wish to attend please email gail.wilson@skills.tas.gov.au. For people intending to join via uStream TV there are known problems for some due to firewall restrictions however all sessions will be recorded and available via a link on <http://emania.org/>.

Help shape the national VET research agenda

If you are interested in putting your ideas forward on the national VET research priorities, then the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER) wants to hear from you.

Download the discussion paper, *National VET Research Priorities 2010 and beyond* (www.ncver.edu.au/publications/2195.html) and then send us your written submissions or contribute to a blog (<http://futureresearch.pbworks.com>). Written submissions must be received by **Friday, 18 December 2009** and can be sent by email to renee.lukeman@ncver.edu.au.

For further information about the consultation process contact Jo Hargreaves on (08) 8230 8678 or email joanne.hargreaves@ncver.edu.au.

Skills Tasmania Board Communiqué Meeting of 14 October 2009

The Board Chair, David Hind, identified three major topics for consideration by the Board at this meeting:

- reset the budget, given the reduced financial allocation for 2010
- review the draft Memoranda of Understanding between Skills Tasmania and the Tasmanian Polytechnic, and between Skills Tasmania and the Tasmanian Skills Institute
- decide on short, medium and long-term initiatives and actions that support the Skills Strategy for Tasmania

The Board thoroughly scrutinised the proposed Skills Tasmania 2010 Purchasing Plan. The plan was reset in light of a shortfall between the proposed budget and the actual budget allocation for 2010. The Board considered a range of options, wanting to minimise adverse impacts on the quantum and quality of training delivered in Tasmania. The Board approved a purchasing plan for 2010 that maintained the Board's commitment to equity groups, the Tasmanian Skills Institute and the Tasmanian Polytechnic, and maintained its commitment to a diverse and viable private training market operating in Tasmania.

Skills Tasmania has commenced negotiations with the Tasmanian Polytechnic and the Tasmanian Skills Institute for funding for 2010. For the Tasmanian Polytechnic, funding priorities will be heavily influenced by Council of Australian Governments (COAG) targets and funding for the Tasmanian Skills Institute, which will be aimed at improved outcomes for its client groups, including those in equity groups. The client groups that are considered first order priorities are not ranked and are given equal consideration.

The Board approved the publication of the document, *Tasmanian Skills Strategy Directional Themes and Action 2009-12*. It also broadly approved associated actions that underpin the Strategy over the next three years. The next iteration of the Strategy and major initiatives will be launched by the Premier, coinciding with the next Board meeting on 9 December.

The Board was very keen to ensure that pressures on the overall purchasing budget had minimal impact on the funding of equity-based programs. It approved a revised Equity Policy and Action Plan, presented by the Board's Equity Committee, through its Chair and Board Director, Simon Cocker.

The Board formally reaffirmed its commitment to the principles of natural justice (also known as procedural fairness) in the conduct of business by Board members, its committees and Skills Tasmania staff.

David Hind reported on a joint meeting of some directors of the Skills Tasmania Board and the Tasmanian Building and Construction Industry Training Board, held the previous day. Matters of mutual interest were discussed and a framework agreement, relating to the Building and Construction Industry Training Plan for 2010-11, was signed by the Chairs of both Boards.

The Chair also reported on the now, well established and regular meetings that he has with chairs of the Tasmanian Polytechnic, the Tasmanian Skills Institute, the Tasmanian Academy and the Tasmanian Qualifications Authority.

David Hind and Mike Brough, Deputy General Manager (Skills Tasmania), reported on progress towards establishment of a National Regulator for the vocational education and training (VET) System. A key issue is the maintenance of effective operational regulation in Tasmania.

Development of new Training Package – Training and Education (TED10)

IBSA intends to produce a new Training Package (TED10), to replace the current TAA04 TP. The new TP would incorporate the newly revised TAA40104 Certificate IV qualification, the proposal for which was canvassed with various audiences over the past few months and has received a supportive response.

In addition to the revised Certificate IV and the yet-to-be revised Diploma, the following qualifications would be included in the new Training Package:

- The recently developed and yet-to-be endorsed Vocational Graduate Certificate of Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LL&N)
- The recently developed and yet-to-be endorsed Vocational Graduate Diploma of LL&N

From the BSB07 Training Package, the following qualifications:

- Diploma of International Education Services (BSB50907)
- Vocational Graduate Certificate of International Education Services (BSB70207)
- Vocational Graduate Certificate of Management (Learning) (BSB70107)
- Vocational Graduate Diploma of Management (Learning) (BSB80107).

It is IBSA's intention to put forward TED10 for endorsement early in 2010.

Please forward any queries or feedback to Tony Cusack at tony@ibsa.org.au.

