

## Message from the ACFE Board

This month members of the Board and Regional Councils have been busy with the selection of grants as part of the Round 2 Capacity and Innovation Fund.

Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified shortly. Please contact your regional office if you require feedback on the outcome of your application.

## Outstanding Learner

Congratulations to Jessica McKenzie who won the 'Outstanding Learner' award at the 2011 Victorian Learn Local Awards in early September. We think her story is incredible and we want to share it with you.

Jessica is one of seven children. She grew up in Wattle Glen and moved to Strathewen in 1994. At 14 years of age, in Year 9, Jessica's secondary education "went off the rails" and she was asked to leave school.

Deciding not to give up on her education, she enrolled at Diamond Valley Learning Centre (DVLC) in February 2007 and within a couple of years successfully completed studies in Maths, a Certificate III in Children's Services and a Certificate II in Community Services Work.

In 2009 Jessica experienced a further set-back and took 6 months off study after her family home was destroyed in the Black Saturday bushfires. Despite this, Jessica went on to complete VCE Maths Unit 1 at DVLC while living in temporary accommodation and working to support herself. She sat her VCE exams in November 2010 and passed with flying colours!

Studying at DVLC gave Jessica the confidence to apply for a Bachelor of Business at La Trobe University and received a first round offer. Jessica said "I was pretty excited because I thought I had screwed my exams up, I was pretty much studying in my car really. It was a real struggle."

In 2011, Jessica has scored very well in her first term University tests and has just received her semester one exam results. We should all take a leaf out of Jessica's book and live by her motto "just do something".

Check us out on



or our [website](#)

or on the [Learn Local Wiki](#)

## Important Dates (State-wide only)

**Friday 7 October** – CALD Action Research Workshops

**Wednesday 12 October** – Activity Schedule



Sian Lewis (far left), Jessica McKenzie (middle) and the Minister for Higher Education and Skills, the Hon. Peter Hall, MLC at the 2011 Learn Local Awards.



If you haven't seen it already – [check out the Learn Local television commercial on YouTube...](#)

## Interesting Statistics

173 Learn Local organisations attend the Learn Local Communications and Marketing Training days held from July to September with a total of 257 attendees. – Learn Local Communications Team

As of Tuesday 26 September, the A House Around the Corner website has had 1,426 hits on the info page, 930 views of episode one and 544 hits on the Learn Local info page.

– Anne Burgoyne, Regional Manager, Eastern Metro.

## Update – Improving Governance in the Learn Local sector

In the August edition we talked about the project 'Improving Governance in the Learn Local sector' which is aimed at improving the capabilities of Learn Local Organisations in the training environment.

This project looks at providing Committee of Management (COM) members with a framework and relevant tools to manage their education and training activities more effectively in a competitive skills-delivery environment.

A survey has been conducted to further identify and analyse the issues and define the key areas of focus for COM and a report is currently being finalised. The report will be presented to at the next meeting of the Projects Reference Groups for their input into the types of resources and tools to be developed.

An update on the findings will be included in a future Newsletter.

## Learn Local success stories

It's been wonderful to see more organisations get on board promoting Learn Local. This month we are acknowledging Coonara Community House (CCH) and Mansfield Community Education Centre as successful advocates!

Recently, Coonara Community House placed the Learn Local logo prominently on their website and added it to their Course Guide for Term 3. We can't stress how important this is for brand recognition. With the advertising campaign in full flight, customers need to know when entering your website they are in the right place! Consistent branding will ensure customers recognise Learn Local and understand you fall under the umbrella of Learn Local organisations. Check out the CCH website at [www.coonarahouse.org.au](http://www.coonarahouse.org.au)

Mansfield Community Education Centre has also used the branding effectively on printed publications such as the July-October course guide and general brochures. They have recently re-vamped their website where the Learn Local logo sits prominently. It really looks fantastic – take a look [www.mace.vic.edu.au/our-community/](http://www.mace.vic.edu.au/our-community/)

Why don't you go through the checklist below to see if you are promoting Learn Local effectively!

### Checklist:

- ✓ Learn Local certificate is up on the wall
- ✓ Utilising Learn Local giveaways
- ✓ Learn Local posters are displayed
- ✓ Using branding on printed material and website
- ✓ Utilise banners once received
- ✓ Utilise lapel pins/badges once received

Learn Local competition!  
WIN an iPad2 – tell your learners to enter via the [YouthCentral website](http://YouthCentral.com.au)



## Recent Memos

[Click on this link to read the memos:](#)

- 2011 / 33 ACFE Numeracy Review (with 6 attachments)

## A House Around the Corner...

is on the small screen!

A House Around the Corner is a weekly television series running for 13 weeks on Channel 31 highlighting the incredible range of educational programs Learn Local organisations provide across Victoria.

It includes an associated website, providing viewers with follow up information and links to Learn Local and Neighbourhood House activities.

The aim of this project is to increase engagement with Learn Local and accredited training by showcasing examples and opportunities.

We hope it will increase visibility and awareness of local community learning opportunities and hopefully improve understanding of the community house based adult education sector.

Students from Coonara House's Certificate II in Media are involved in filming, lighting and editing of the series. This experience offers a range of skills and is helping provide growth paths for those seeking employment in Media with particular focus on the television industry in Melbourne.

Thankyou to all involved - it's off to a great start!

To take a look at episodes already aired (especially if you are in an area without Channel 31 access) visit:

<http://ahousearoundthecorner.org/Episodes>



## BSW NEWS

### Adult Community & Further Education Barwon South Western Calendar

12 October	AVETMISS Upload & 4 <sup>th</sup> ACFE payment
15 October	SCH Reallocations/ Negotiations finalised
8 November	BSW Provider Forum – Geelong
9 November	BSW Provider Forum – Warrnambool
25 November	2012 Pre-accredited Delivery Plan
31 December	Learner Satisfaction Survey closes

### TDC LEADING VET WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

<p><b>RPL EXPLAINED</b></p> <p><b>New to RPL assessment?</b> In this introductory workshop, you will be guided by our expert facilitators through the principles of RPL and the processes and tools that make RPL assessments effective.</p> <p><b>Topics covered include:</b></p> <p>What is RPL?</p> <p>Stages of RPL</p> <p>Support for candidates</p> <p>RPL resources available</p> <p><b>Benefits include:</b></p> <p>Clear understanding of what RPL is and its benefits</p> <p>Planning required for effective RPL</p>	<p><b>DATE</b></p> <p>Wednesday 19 October 2011</p> <p><b>TIME</b></p> <p>9.30am – 4.30pm <i>Registrations from 9am</i></p> <p><b>VENUE</b></p> <p>VU City Conference Centre Level 12, 300 Flinders St MELBOURNE</p> <p><b>COST</b></p> <p>\$345 (Inc GST)</p> <p><b>PROGRAM:</b></p> <p><a href="#">Program - RPL Explained - 19 October 2011</a></p> <p><b>REGISTER ONLINE</b> <a href="#">Click here</a></p>
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## Recent ACE Memos

[Click on this link to read the memos.](#)

## Business Viability Assessment

- Business Viability Assessments to be submitted annually with financial reports within one month of AGM.

## A Frame

- Use of the A Frame Quality Framework is mandatory to support the delivery of Pre-accredited programs.

## Work Safe Week 2011

The world of OHS is changing. That's why it is so important that you keep right up to date. With more than 100 seminars and events across Victoria, during [Work Safe Week](#) you can learn the latest and prepare for the year to come.

You'll find all the information you need to know about Work Safe Week on their website (see above link). You can search for seminars and events by region and day or you can download a Work Safe Week Events Calendar for a full list of activities across the state. Then you simply register online by going to the [Registration page](#).

Show your commitment to improving health and safety in your workplace by registering now!

## Whittington Works – Education to Employment Program

Whittington Works! Education to Employment (E2E) model is a partnership based approach that links jobseekers to jobs by providing local education and training in a supported environment.

The model recognises that an individual's family responsibilities and their personal life can often impede the successful completion of education and training. To address this, the Whittington Works! E2E model encourages training organisations and JSA providers to work together to breakdown barriers that adversely impact an individual's ability to complete study requirements.

Whittington Works! E2E Committee in Geelong would like to hear from registered training organisations who have the capacity to deliver a Certificate 3 in Children's Services.

**Please see attachment.**

## Extension of CGEA

The accreditation period for the Certificates in General Education for Adults has been extended until December 31st 2012.

Course documentation and executive summaries for each qualification has been amended accordingly.