

## 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>

## ACFE Grampians Calendar – Critical dates

15 November	Grampians Provider Forum – Ballarat – <b>Note new date</b>
16 November	Grampians Provider Forum – Horsham – <b>Note new date</b>
December (Prior to Christmas closure)	AVETMISS Upload – Final
31 December	<b>Learner Satisfaction Survey closes</b>
30 March 2012	Commonwealth Equipment Grant Expenditure Statements due

## ACE Disability Network

The ACE Disability Network is a state wide partnership between leading disability organisations and adult education providers that promote and support disability awareness and inclusive practices among ACE providers. The Network provides assistance, professional development and resource training for the ACE sector to enable providers to be more responsive to the diverse needs of their communities.

For more information please refer to the attached document.

## 2011 Learner Satisfaction Survey – Now due

Only 8 of 28 Grampians providers have commenced data entry for the LSS for 2011.

Contact Ellen if you need to retrieve your login or sample number required details.

## 2011 Commonwealth Equipment Grant

Last week you would have signed and returned an Activity Schedule which included details of the 2011 Commonwealth Equipment Grant (CEG).

CEG funding of \$2,758 (ex GST) or \$3,033.80 (incl. GST) is available to purchase resources or equipment that assists Learn Local providers to comply with current AVETMISS reporting and/or to support delivery of quality programs and services for hard to reach learners.

Please refer to the guidelines that were included in the Activity Schedule and return the Expenditure Statement to Brett no later than Friday, 30 March 2012.

## 2010 Invalid Enrolment Audit Result

As you are aware, Skills Victoria conducts an annual audit program to assess the accuracy and reliability of non-financial activity data provided by providers, which is underpinned by the Australian Vocational Education and Training Management Information Standard (AVETMISS). The audit validates participation by a student in an individual unit of competency/module. The annual audit sample consists of 100 units of competency/module enrolments from across the region.

Grampians has had an excellent result for the 2010 audit. In fact, the best in the State!!!! A non compliance rate of 0.99% (compared to 4.29% in 2009). Well done to the following Grampians providers who participated!

- Ararat Neighbourhood House
- Bacchus Marsh Community College
- BECH Community Learning Place
- Beaufort Community House & Learning Centre
- BEST Ballarat Community Development Centre
- BRACE Education Training & Employment
- Darley Neighbourhood House
- Daylesford Neighbourhood Centre
- Finding Futures
- Gateway BEET
- Haddon & District Community House
- On Track Learning
- Rainbow Learning Group & Neighbourhood House
- SLAAM Shared Learning & Activities Murtoa
- St Arnaud Community Resource Centre
- Wendouree West Community House
- Wimmera Hub

Any providers who are unsure of documentation requirements you need to **Statistical Data and Enrolment Activity Reports**

A reminder to submit your Statistical Data via the SVTS system and forward a copy of your Enrolment Activity Report to Ellen. RTO's are required to report monthly and non RTO's quarterly (see calendar dates).

## Financial Statements & BVA's

Please remember to forward to Brett a copy of your Financial Statements (annual report) and Business Viability Assessment within one month of your AGM (in the mail or electronically).

## The Deadly Ute Project

“The Deadlys” are the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Music, Sport, Entertainment and Community awards, held annually at the Sydney Opera House and broadcast nationally on SBS.

An ACFE funded project through Grampians Learn Local provider Wimmera Hub has just won the following national award: Outstanding Achievement in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education.

The Deadly Ute Project is aimed at Koori boys and girls aged 14 to 19. It uses practical tasks in to teach Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander young people a wide range of skills and provide them with opportunities they may not have been able to access.

The Deadly Ute Project has been developed by Goolum Goolum Aboriginal Cooperative and registered training organisations Wimmera Hub and the University of Ballarat. Young people who complete the program receive a Statement of Attainment in units, from Certificate II in Automotive and Certificate II in Creative Media, to Certificate II in Visual Arts and Certificate III in Business.

By modifying and decorating a ute, participants obtain a broad range of skills designed to open up further study options or employment pathways including skills in multimedia production, communication, publicity and business. The Deadly Ute is painted in traditional artwork as part of the Visual Arts, Craft and Design Units, where participants are assisted by an experienced Koori artist.

<http://deadlyuteproject.blogspot.com/>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Deadlys](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Deadlys)

## Learn Local competition - Win an iPad 2!



Learn Local currently have a competition running to win a free iPad2 as well as 3 Ticketek vouchers to the value of \$150 each.

To be in the running to win the above prizes, answer a simple question about 2010 VCAL Student Achiever Award winner Patrick Bartlett. (HINT: Read the interview with Patrick on the website).

There are no age limits so please let all your students know the competition is on - the closing date is Monday 7 November.

To enter – click on the link to the competition on the ACFE Website homepage [www.acfe.vic.gov.au](http://www.acfe.vic.gov.au) - take a look to learn more.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

## Seeking Expressions of Interest for membership to the ACFE Board and a Regional Council

The Minister for Higher Education and Skills welcomes expressions of interest for membership on the ACFE Board and on all eight of the ACFE Regional Councils.

People with a vision for Learn Local education and training and a willingness to contribute to discussions and processes which will enhance the provision of adult education in the community are invited to apply.

People with experience in other stakeholder groups with an interest in Learn Local education and training, including industry and business, local government, community services organisations and youth agencies, are also encouraged to express interest.

Expressions of interest are encouraged from all members of the community including women, Indigenous people, young people, people with special needs and people from culturally diverse backgrounds.

To submit an expression of interest download the appropriate information and application form and send to ACFE, GPO Box 266, Melbourne VIC 3001.

Applications for the ACFE Board and Regional Councils close 4 November 2011.

For more information on both the activities of the ACFE Board and ACFE Regional Councils and the Learn Local sector take a look at the latest [ACFE Board Annual Report](#).

[Information and application form for membership of the ACFE Board \(DOC, 374 KB\)](#)

[Information and application form for membership of an ACFE Regional Council \(DOC, 368.5 KB\)](#)

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