

Training the Territory



Issue 6

October 2005

Northern Territory Rewards Training Excellence

The Territory's top apprentices, trainees, employers and training organisations were recognised at the DEET 2005 NT Training Awards on Saturday 10 September with a gala dinner held in the Grand Ballroom at SKYCITY Darwin to mark the event. The sell-out event also marked the 50th anniversary of the awards in the Territory.



Apprentice of the Year Nathan Heinrich.

Organised by the Department of Employment, Education and Training

(DEET), the annual awards honour and celebrate outstanding achievements in the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector – in both student and organisational categories. Nominations for this year's awards came from across the Territory - from Timber Creek to the Tiwi Islands, and from every major regional centre.

The Minister for Employment, Education and Training Syd Stirling presented 11 awards on the night, and presented a ministerial recognition award to Bob Nixon of Charles Darwin University for his contributions to the NT VET sector.

Nine of the DEET NT Training Awards align with categories at the national level, and these winners will go on to represent the NT in their respective categories at the Australian Training Awards held in Perth in November 2005.



Minister Stirling with three of the organisational awards winners at the awards.



Trainee of the Year Jade Carroll, Minister Stirling and ATSI Student of the Year Adam Austin.

update



Training the Territory

2005 DEET NT Training Awards Winners

2005 Training Initiative Award

International College of Advanced Education

2005 VET in Schools Student of the Year

Zoe Wild

2005 School Based New Apprentice of the Year

Catherine Tate

Geraldine Dixon (Special Commendation)

2005 Vocational Student of the Year

Patricia Olsson

Catriona Wagg (Runner up)

2005 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student of the Year

Adam Austin

Timena Petterson (Runner up)

2005 Bill McLaren VET in Schools Excellence Award

Casuarina Senior College

2005 Small Business of the Year

Mitchell Street Childcare Centre
(Special Commendation)

2005 Training Provider of the Year

Hanson Training Service

2005 Employer of the Year

Territory Insurance Office

2005 New Apprenticeship Trainee of the Year

Jade Carroll

Victoria Cosford (Runner up)

2005 Austin Asche New Apprenticeships Apprentice of the Year

Nathan Heinrich

Ross Jacobson (Runner up)

Young Territorians Compete For Skills Excellence

Young Territorians battled with their skills and expertise during the 2005 WorldSkills Northern Territory regional competitions which took place in Darwin, Nhulunbuy and Alice Springs from 13 to 17 September. The competitions comprised of 14 different categories over two sections - Open and VET in Schools (VETiS).

The Minister for Employment, Education and Training, Syd Stirling said the competitions, which are funded by the Department of Employment, Education and Training in the NT, are held across Australia to highlight the importance of vocational education and training – or VET - as a career option.

“The competitions are designed to encourage young Australians to strive for skills excellence, and are aligned with the training competencies that the respective competitors are studying,” he said.

The majority of the VETiS competitions took place on Wednesday 14 September, with high school students competing in the areas of Business Administration, Construction, Electrotechnology, Information Technology, Primary Industry – General Agriculture and Retail. The main competition venue was Charles Darwin University, although Electrotechnology was held at Casuarina Senior College, Primary Industry – General Agriculture at Taminmin High School, Metals and Engineering at Nhulunbuy High School and Retail at Casuarina Shopping Square.

The VETiS Food and Beverage Service category took place on Tuesday 13 September at the Desert Lantern Restaurant at the Charles Darwin University, Alice Springs campus. The category was the largest for the VETiS competition with 15 entrants including a group of Darwin students travelling to compete.



Training the Territory

The Open section comprised of six categories this year - Electrical Installation Systems, Plumbing, Business Services, Hairdressing, Hospitality Cookery and Welding. The venue for all Open categories was Charles Darwin University.

Mr Stirling said the interest in the competition has been increasing each year. "We have more competitors in both the Open and VETiS sections travelling between the three centres to compete than in previous years," he said. "Special thanks go to the major private sector supporter Group Training NT Foundation which has assisted competitors with their travel and accommodation".



Nhulunbuy High School hosted the VETiS Metals and Engineering category.

Mr Stirling paid tribute to the support that Charles Darwin University, as the largest registered training organisation in the Territory, had given to the WorldSkills competition.

"Not only has Charles Darwin made available their workshops and training areas as competition venues, but half of the conveners for this year's competition are Charles Darwin lecturers," said Mr Stirling. All the conveners and committee members have provided their own time to organise the competition.

"As part of Jobs Plan NT, the Department of Employment, Education and Training, has focused on ongoing collaboration with industry to foster interest in skills shortage areas" he said. "WorldSkills certainly assists in raising the profile of such trades.

Presentation ceremonies for both WorldSkills competitions were held at Parliament House Darwin, with Mr Stirling presenting medals to the winners at the VETiS ceremony on Wednesday 14 September and the Member for Port Darwin, Ms Kerry Sacilotto, on behalf of Mr Stirling, presenting medals to the winners at the Open ceremony on Sunday 18 September.

The winners of the categories will go on to represent the Northern Territory in the WorldSkills National competition to be held in Melbourne in May 2006.



The Open Cookery category was contested at Charles Darwin University.

Training the Territory

2005 Northern Territory WorldSkills Medallists

VETiS Categories

Food and Beverage Service

- Gold - Amy Leimandt, Charles Darwin University (CDU)
- Silver - Jessica Briant, TRAC
- Bronze - Cassidy Le Rossignol, CDU

Metals and Engineering

- Gold - Todd Rhodes, Nhulunbuy High School (NHS)
- Silver - Luke Tobone, NHS
- Bronze - Shane Gould, NHS

Business Administration

- Gold - Kamila Taufalele, NHS
- Silver - Zoe Wild, NHS
- Bronze - Carrieann Arnold, NHS

Construction

- Gold - Jaymon Nowland, CDU
- Silver - Steven Philip, CDU
- Bronze - Clinton Housley, CDU

Electrotechnology

- Gold - Sam Wilson, Casuarina Senior College (CSC)
- Silver - Mia Peck (CSC)
- Bronze - Bradley Thomas (CSC)

Information Technology

- Gold - Matthew Todd, NHS
- Silver - Emily Williams, Taminmin High School (THS)
- Bronze - Shannon Morgan, THS

Primary Industry – General Agriculture

- Gold - Paul Darcy, THS
- Silver - Cameron Abbott, THS
- Bronze - Damien Roebuck, THS

Retail

- Gold - Phuong Lan Dang, TRAC
- Silver - Katie Hinds, TRAC
- Bronze - Corina De Araujo, TRAC

Open Categories

Electrical Installation Systems

- Gold - Nathan Drummond, Lightning Electrical
- Silver - Troy Watson, Top End R.A.C.E
- Bronze - William Trott, ISAS

Plumbing

- Gold - Mathew Letts, Araluen Plumbing
- Silver - Rowan Clark, S & K Plumbing
- Bronze - Robert Hodgetts, G J Wigg Plumbing

Business Services

- Gold - Isabella Dittlbacher, Territory Construction Association
- Silver - Stevie Wordsworth, Department of Justice
- Bronze - Renee Manley, Legislative Assembly

Hairdressing

- Gold - Despina Sisois, Vanilla Hair Studio
- Silver - Aleece Cawood, Zen Hairdressing
- Bronze - Elyce O'Doherty, Cutterz and Minx Hair & Beauty

Hospitality Cookery

- Gold - Daniel Walton, Cafe Tonic
- Silver - Lauren Jacobsen, Speakers Corner

Welding

- Gold - Michael Carey, Fingers Aluminium
- Silver - Brendon Buntine, Mick Murray Welding
- Bronze - Allan McLeod, Group Training NT



VETiS medallists at the Darwin presentation ceremony.

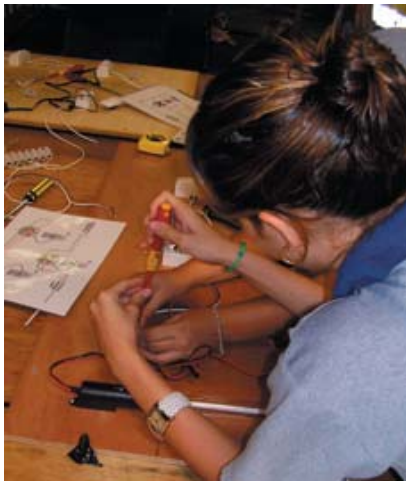


Training the Territory

Territory Students Try-a-Trade

More than 250 Year 9 students from high schools across Darwin and the rural area got to try their hand at a range of trades as part of the 2005 Try-A-Trade event held last month.

Over three days from Tuesday 6 September to Thursday 8 September, students undertook small projects in skills shortage areas ranging from construction to hospitality, under the guidance of qualified tradespeople.



A Palmerston High Student wires up the electrical project.

With skills shortages as a major issue facing local businesses, Group Training NT, the Territory Construction Association and Charles Darwin University, with support from the Department of Employment, Education and Training (DEET), organised the Try-a-Trade event which is now into its third year.

Minister for Employment, Education and Training Syd Stirling said the annual event continues to encourage young Territorians to consider the traditional trades as a career.

“It gives young people the chance to have a go at a range of trade skills. They see demonstrations by qualified tradespeople, giving them a real understanding of the skills involved in each trade.



The scaffolding area was a favorite amongst the students.

They complete a small project, before rotating to the next demonstration area.

“Holding the event in the second semester means the experience is fresh in their mind when they start to consider the direction they take in the senior years of schooling. It aims to encourage them to really think about undertaking a School-based New Apprenticeship or VET in Schools subjects.

“Careers information was also available to show students how rewarding a trade career can be,” he said.

Ten demonstration areas were available at this year’s event, including careers information from Group Training NT, the New Apprenticeships Centre, Australian Defence Force and Mission Australia.



Training the Territory

Economy Continues To Move Ahead

A range of economic indicators released on Monday 10 October showed the Territory economy continuing to move ahead strongly.

Treasurer Syd Stirling said job advertisements and housing finance commitments recorded sustained growth, while the HIA Economics Group predicted that the Territory economy will continue to perform strongly in coming months.

“There was a 23.5% increase in Territory job ads in year on year terms to September 2005, compared to a 1.3% drop nationally,” Mr Stirling said.

“Territorians are also continuing to invest in homes at high levels. In the year to August 2005, the number of housing finance commitments for owner-occupation increased by 25.5% in the Territory (from 5410 to 6792), compared to 0.5% nationally.

“The corresponding value of Territory commitments increased by 35.8%. Government initiatives, such as increased stamp duty concessions and the improve HomeNorth Extra scheme, are providing ongoing incentives to Territorians to invest in houses.”

Mr Stirling said the HIA Economics Group today confirmed that the Territory was enjoying close to record economic growth.

According to HIA “the resilience of the housing sector, an anticipated stabilisation in household consumption and a solid pipeline of resource investment” would see the Territory perform well in the future against other jurisdictions.

HIA cites a range of factors contributing to a strong Territory economy, including:

- Annual growth in household consumption of 6.1%

- Plant and equipment investment up by an impressive 44.4% in the June quarter
- 4.5% jobless rate close to the lowest it has been in 30 years
- Housing starts up by 28% in 2004-05 to 1340, well above forecast rates
- Renovations activity up by 43% in 2004-05 to a record high of \$183 million
- Total housing investment up by 22% in 2004-05 – more than double the forecast rate
- Residential investment lending averaging nearly \$26 million a month.

“HIA predicts that jobs growth, population growth, construction activity and housing investment look set to continue, keeping the Territory economy and local business moving ahead,” Mr Stirling said.

Building Approval Growth Continues

The Territory’s residential building approvals are still the strongest in the country at 6.7% for the 12 months to August, while nationally there was a 12.6% decrease.

Treasurer Syd Stirling said this correlated to 1417 new residential building approvals in the Territory during that period. The corresponding value of approvals increased by 38.7% to \$411.6 million.

Residential vacancy rates in Alice Springs, Katherine, Darwin and Palmerston remain at historically low levels.

Meanwhile, the value of Territory non-residential building approvals increased by 51.8% to \$273.9 million, driven by approvals for transport, educational and office facilities.



Training the Territory

Training News From Around The Territory

Darwin Region

Welding Program - Emu Point

Emu Point community are developing a horticulture project and cattle enterprise. Australian government agencies are supporting the community with materials towards these projects and support has been sought from DEET for training.

DEET have approved \$9 000 for five participants to undertake welding skills training so they construct a small shed for storing gardening equipment, pots and potting mix and to construct gates and fencing for their cattle project.

Firearms Training - Bulgul

The Ngatpuk rangers program conducts shooting of feral pigs to control damage to floodplains and spreading of mimosa weeds. The Rangers are proposing to establish a small-scale pig pet-meat enterprise based on shooting feral pigs on the Wagait/ Delisaville/Larrakia Aboriginal Land Trust and require firearms license to carry out these activities.

DEET is supporting the Rangers by providing \$970 for four rangers to undertake training in firearms safety and understanding laws relating to firearms.

A total of 15 people will undertake the 395 hour Coxwain's certificate course, while another 13 people will undertake 115 hours of training for their Temporary Permit.

In total, the training will cost \$101 710 and provide the participants with greater opportunities to gain employment in the commercial fishing and tourism industries, the sea ranger unit or Mabunji Association's marine operations section.

In a region such as the Gulf, with many outstations situated in the Sir Edward Pellew Islands, the availability of qualified vessel operators will also ensure that transportation of people, goods, equipment and fuel can be carried out on private and commercial vessels both safely and legally

Stockman Training - Tennant Creek

Juno Horse Centre in Tennant Creek will again host a TRY Stockman's training program for eight young men from the Julalikari Youth Development Unit.

This has been one of the Barkly's most successful training programs, with 11 of the last 16 participants now either in paid employment or back at school. One of the contributing factors to the success of this program is its mode of delivery.

The participants remain on site at Juno Horse Centre all week, with 24 hour support from YDU youth workers, but return home on weekends. This style of residential program has proven popular with participants, and allows for training hours to be flexible.

As per previous programs, Juno Horse Centre owner, Malcolm McAskill, an expert stockman in his own right, will deliver the training on behalf of Charles Darwin University, at a cost to DEET of \$22 200.

Barkly Region

Marine Operations Training - Borroloola

Mabunji Aboriginal Resource Association is now gearing up to support 28 indigenous people from the Gulf Region undertake training in marine operations, to be delivered by Charles Darwin University.



Training the Territory

Training News From Around The Territory

Alice Springs Region

Civil Construction - Urapuntja

Urapuntja is made up of more than 20 outstations some 250 kilometres north east of Alice Springs. Over the last three years, many new houses have been built in these communities and a situation has arisen where there is a real need to maintain the dwellings at an acceptable standard.

To meet this need, the Department of Employment, Education and Training (DEET) has funded accredited training to skill nine Urapuntja men so that they can be employed on repair and maintenance crews for contract work around the community.

In the past, this work has generally been done by outside contractors. The Centre for Appropriate Technology has been funded to deliver the training at Urapuntja.

Vehicle Training - Tangentyere Council

As part of a new directive for Tangentyere Council, workers that are currently on CDEP or on part time or voluntary work with the Council are being trained to take on full time employment. The Department of Employment, Education and Training (DEET) has supported this strategy and has already funded (in 2005) training for 27 men and women to operate forklifts, bobcats and backhoes.

This time DEET is funding training for 10 people to obtain their 'L' permits and eight men and two women to operate light rigid, medium rigid and heavy rigid vehicles. IM Training is being funded to deliver all the various types of driver operational training for Tangentyere Council.

Academic Accommodation For Students With Psychiatric Disability

This one-day workshop presented by John Maher and Melita Inglis aims to provide a range of information, supports and strategies for RTO's when working with students with psychiatric disability.

Issues covered will include:

- What is mental illness?
- Psychiatric Diagnosis
- Functioning limitations
- Instructional strategies
- Reasonable Accommodations - including class room, examination, and
- Assignment strategies

This workshop has been designed from accredited resources. Each participant will receive electronically a resource folder of information covered in the workshop.

This free workshop will run from 9.00am till 4.00pm at CDU Campuses around the Territory as follows:

Alice Springs	Wednesday 19 October
Darwin	Monday 24 October
Nhulunbuy	Friday 4 November
Katherine	Friday 18 November

Morning & afternoon tea will be provided.

To register, please call CDU Support & Equity Services for a registration form.

phone 8946 6288 or
email equity@cdu.edu.au

There is no cost for the workshop, but places are limited, so be sure to register early.



Training the Territory

Commonwealth - State Skilling Australia's Workforce Agreement 2005-2008

The Australian Government's new vocational education and training legislation, Skilling Australia's Workforce Bill 2005, was passed at the Senate on 17 August 2005 with an assent date of 24 August 2005.

The new legislation is the vehicle for the Australian Government's new National Training Arrangements for the funding period July 2005 – 31 December 2008 and provides the authority to appropriate \$4.4 billion in grants to States and Territories over the funding period.

Ministers Brendan Nelson and Gary Hardgrave, from the Australian Government's Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST), wrote to State and Territory Ministers responsible for Training seeking their agreement to the funding offer and commitment to supporting the national training system and its guiding principles including the National Governance and Accountability Framework and the National Skills Framework by signing the Commonwealth/State Skilling Australia's Workforce Agreement 2005-2008. As of 15 September 2005, Queensland, Western Australia, Victoria and the Northern Territory have signed up to the Agreement.

While in the past the ANTA Board provided advice and recommendations to Ministers in relation to the principles for and the allocation of Australian Government funds to States and Territories, a key feature of the new legislation and funding agreement is that the Australian Government, through DEST, will provide funds that are strongly tied to a range of conditions and targets for national training outcomes that States and Territories must commit to.

Each State and Territory is required to enter into a bilateral agreement with the Australian Government that establishes the areas where the Australian Government and the State/Territory Government will work together and details specific elements of the Skilling Australia's Workforce Agreement that will apply in each State/Territory. The Northern Territory is currently negotiating its bilateral agreement with the Australian Government

States and Territories are required to submit a VET Plan that responds to the national priorities for the period 2005-08. The new national priorities are:

- Improving the system's responsiveness to rapid changes in demand for skills development and addressing skills shortages, especially in traditional trades and in emerging industries
- Delivering improved outcomes for employers, individuals and communities
- Improving quality
- Increasing participation and up-skilling mature age workers
- Encouraging greater re-engagement in training by Australians who are not fully participating in the labour market.

States and Territories will be required to report on an annual basis on progress on all matters in their VET Plans, including compliance with statutory conditions as set out in the legislation. States and Territories are also required to report against national and State/Territory level key performance measures specific to the Agreement.



Training the Territory

Managing Cultural Diversity - Resources For Educators

Australia's cultural diversity impacts on every Australian and every occupation. The education and training sectors have a pivotal role in developing cultural diversity competency.

In Adelaide recently, the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs, John Cobb, launched 'Managing Cultural Diversity', a web-based resource to promote the benefits of cultural diversity to employers, along with tools to assist educators and trainers to teach and to manage cultural diversity.

The 'Managing Cultural Diversity' website contains on-line education and training resource guides which provide links to training kits, case studies and business tools to assist educators and trainers. The guides also link key education sector concepts, competencies, employability skills, and courses specific to each sector to the "Diversity Works!" resource materials.

On the website, you will find guides and resources for schools, VET and higher education. Education for diversity across the three sectors and into the workplace is progressive and cumulative. It starts with awareness in schools, develops workplace skills in the VET sector, and progresses with higher level strategic and policy skills in higher education.

Section 3 of 'Managing Cultural Diversity' covers Diversity Education and Diversity Management in VET.

Several AQTF standards relate directly to managing diversity, including compliance with OHS and anti-discrimination (Standard 2), applying access and equity principles in all service delivery including flexible learning and assessment procedures (Standard 6), assessments that are fair, flexible and equitable for all persons taking account of cultural and linguistic needs (Standard 8) and delivery

modes and training and assessment materials which meet the needs of a diverse range of clients (Standard 9).

'Managing Cultural Diversity' is available at <http://www.diversityaustralia.gov.au/>



A reminder! Don't miss the

Assistive Technology Expo

Tuesday 8 November 2005

Mal Nairn Auditorium, CDU Casuarina Campus

No need to register!

Just come along anytime between 12 noon and 8 pm. Entry is free.

Exhibitors will showcase the latest products to assist people with a disability in their everyday lives, in the classroom and in the workplace. Exhibits will be supported by presentations demonstrating how to use the products and the potential benefits to users.



Training the Territory

RTOs To Benefit From Survey Workshops

The 2005 Australian Flexible Learning Framework (2005 Framework) is holding a series of workshops across Australia to help registered training organisations (RTOs) assess the uptake of e-learning within their organisations.

The workshops are being run in conjunction with the launch of a free online surveying tool and the release of the 2005 E-learning Surveys, which are the first national statistics to measure the uptake of e-learning within the vocational education and training (VET) system.

The tool allows RTOs to survey teaching and training staff, students and employers who have employees using their services, enabling them to benchmark their results against national and State and Territory baseline statistics and help with future planning and development.

The four 2005 E-learning Surveys examined the use, impact, and uptake of e-learning within the VET system from the perspective of RTOs, students, employers, and teachers and trainers.

The National E-Learning Indicators Roadshow will be travelling around Australia during October. The Darwin workshop will be held on Thursday 27 October.

For more information on the workshops visit:
<http://www.flexiblelearning.net.au/e-learningindicators/news.htm>

Australian Flexible Learning Framework
supporting e-learning opportunities

Application For The Provision Of 2006 Apprenticeship/ Traineeship Services

Applications are now being called for 2006 User Choice funding for delivery of apprenticeship/traineeship training services for Northern Territory Apprentices/trainees including School Based New Apprenticeships.

Applications can be accessed via the DEET website listed below.

Applicants should read the Apprenticeships/ Traineeships Funding Policy and be across the review of the Northern Territory School Based New Apprenticeships (SBNA) policy. Please refer to the following website for further information.

www.nt.gov.au/deet/etd/

Applications close on 28th October 2005

For further information on the application please contact Rob Floreani (08) 89011331 or email rob.floreani@nt.gov.au

Information Session

An information session on 2006 Apprenticeship and Traineeship funding arrangements and delivery requirements will be held on Tuesday 25 October 2005, 13th Floor Mitchell Centre – 55-59 Mitchell Street Darwin. Commencing at 2-30 pm.

An information session may be run in Alice Springs pending on expressions of interests.

To register to attend the information session please contact Shanie Walker on (08) 89011322 or e-mail shanie.walker@nt.gov.au by COB Friday 21st October 2005.



Training the Territory

Tour Guides To Receive Top Training At The Top End

Tour guides at Kakadu and Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Parks in the Northern Territory (NT) will soon have access to state of the art, e-learning-based training to make tourism operations safer and more culturally aware.

Parks Australia (NT) within The Department of Environment and Heritage and eight industry representatives nationally have been selected to devise and implement e-learning Exemplars by the 2005 Australian Flexible Learning Framework (2005 Framework).

E-learning Exemplars are examples of e-learning business solutions which can be adapted for use in a wide range of industries. Their development forms part of the 2005 Framework's goal to support the uptake of e-learning within the vocational education and training (VET) system.

The NT e-learning Exemplar will provide tour guides with an understanding of the natural and cultural value of national parks and park management processes. It is also designed to ensure safety issues are addressed uniformly in the Kakadu and Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Parks.

Traditional owners and park staff will continue to hold 'on country' (in the field) park workshops two or three times a year. The online training will cover key areas of competency: visitor safety, accurate interpretation of the parks' natural and cultural values, minimising environmental impact; and compliance with permit conditions.

The Exemplar project will develop e-learning materials so that tour guides will be able to access the information prior to working in the parks either online or through a CD-ROM with an accompanying user guide.

Jenny Dodd, Project Manager for the 2005 Framework's Industry Engagement Project said:

"The work being done by the NT team developing this Exemplar will have a significant impact in improving the uptake of e-learning practices within the Territory's tourism industry.

"However, I am confident it will also provide far reaching benefits for the management of other national parks across the nation."

The outcomes of the NT e-learning Exemplar and the eight other Exemplars will be showcased at industry forums in Sydney on 22 November and in Melbourne on 23 November.

For more information on the e-learning Exemplars and the forums, please visit:

<http://www.flexiblelearning.net.au/industry>

For more information about the 2005 Australian Flexible Learning Framework, its products, resources and support networks, contact the 2005 Framework National Communication Team,

phone: (07) 3247 5511,

email: enquiries@flexiblelearning.net.au

or visit: <http://www.flexiblelearning.net.au>

Australian Flexible Learning Framework

supporting e-learning opportunities



Training the Territory

Tackling Drug Issues Through e-learning

Indigenous community workers who are tackling drug and alcohol issues in remote communities in the Northern Territory (NT) are being given a helping hand through an innovative e-learning program.

Through the use of a customisable Flexible Learning Toolbox, Indigenous community workers are able to devise culturally appropriate training strategies in a project funded by the 2005 Australian Flexible Learning Framework's (2005 Framework) LearnScope Project.

Flexible Learning Toolboxes are cost effective, high quality e-learning products that are provided on CD-ROM, can be installed on a server or used on a stand-alone computer. LearnScope is a professional development Project which focuses on the enhancement of professional skills that underpin e-learning and e-business.

The Council for Aboriginal Alcohol Program Services (CAAPS), which was awarded the LearnScope funding, is working with two other registered training organisations (RTOs) in the program; Nungalinga College and Marrara Christian College.

Centacare, an NT and Australian Government-funded organisation which provides a wide range social care services is also working with CAAPS in the program.

All four services provide community service training and assistance in areas which address drug and alcohol issues, undertake community development work and seek to increase the capacity for communities accessing their services.

CAAPS workers found that modifying other mainstream Australian programs tackling drug and alcohol issues to make them culturally appropriate increased workloads.

However, with funding provided by the LearnScope Project, CAAPS is developing skills in customising the Community Services – Alcohol and Other Drugs Flexible Learning Toolbox with ease to create a culturally appropriate training resource.

Training Co-ordinator for CAAPS, Judith McKay said:

“The Toolbox, when completed, will be terrific because it’s both a professional development resource for our trainers and also an easy-to-use flexible learning resource for people to use on their DVD players at home.

“The multi-media components we’re creating for the Flexible Learning Toolbox will help us greatly in addressing drug and alcohol issues and to engage people from remote communities. It also enhances the professional skills of our trainers, many of whom have had little experience with e-learning in the past.”

Indigenous people benefiting from the program receive follow-up support from trainers who monitor their progress.

The Toolbox supports the delivery of Certificate II in Community Service (First Point of Contact). At the completion of the project later this year, CAAPS plans to make the Flexible Learning Toolbox freely downloadable from its website:

www.caaps.org.au

For more information on the 2005 Framework's LearnScope Project, visit:

<http://flexiblelearning.net.au/learnscope>

Australian Flexible Learning Framework

supporting e-learning opportunities



Training the Territory

NT e-learning Indicators 2005 Workshop

You are invited to participate in the 2005 E-learning Indicators for the Vocational Education and Training Sector in Australia Report workshop.

The workshop will:

- provide a practical interactive opportunity for vocational education and training (VET) practitioners to learn about the uptake and impact of e-learning and e-business in VET.
- examine ways in which benchmarking of e-learning activities can be efficiently implemented to support planning and delivery and improve VET outcomes.

The workshop will involve presentations, group discussions and interactive exploration of the national benchmarking data and tools.

NT e-learning indicators 2005 workshop

Thursday 27 October 2005, 9.00am to 12.00pm

Morning tea provided.

Crowne Plaza Darwin
32 Mitchell Street
Darwin NT 0801

Please Note there is a limit of 30 places for the workshop.

Please confirm your attendance by
Tuesday 18 October 2005 to

Melanie Brenton
phone: (08) 8942 1651
fax: (08) 8942 0852
email: melb@sitac.com.au

Northern Territory e-learning Showcase

“Engaging industry with e-learning”

“Engaging Indigenous communities with e-learning”

Northern Territory e-learning Showcase

6 & 7 December 2005

Skycity Casino DARWIN

We would like to include digital stories about innovative training in our Showcase. If you are delivering training in an innovative way using computers, please share your story with us. We'd like you to consider sending us a three minute digital story to play during the Showcase.

Call for Digital Stories

- Share your triumphs
- Highlight your achievements
- Tell us your story

- Is what I'm doing innovative?
- What is a digital story?
- How do I make one?
- Help!!

Contact the Services Industries Training Advisory Council on

phone: (08) 8942 1651
email: melb@sitac.com.au

Please send us your digital story by 15 November 2005

Australian Flexible Learning Framework

supporting e-learning opportunities

