Background

The 2008 ACFE VicGovernment e-learning program aimed to deliver to employ a new strategy: provide state-wide mentoring support to providers interested in blended delivery. It also provided an opportunity for ACE managers and tutors to explore e-learning tools and technologies via a series of online workshops – an option well supported by tutors in Southern Metro. A further intention was to create a framework, a network, of learner focused e-learning leaders for the future, and to continue to build on and integrate the considerable knowledge and skills developed in the sector as part of the LearnScope legacy. For each ACFE region the focus was different.

In Southern Metropolitan region an e-mentor (Mary Schooneveldt) was appointed and region providers invited to participate in the program. Ultimately seven providers took up the invitation to create a small work-based e-learning project that incorporated ideas related to service provision, course delivery and/or tutor and learner support. Another part of the project was to introduce some recently devised e-business tools such as opportunity analysis and making a business case for e-learning. What follows is a very brief summary who was involved and what happened.

Peninsula Training & Employment Program: Rosebud

Kirsty Smith & Steve Wright: PTEP & Kirsty Smith has made giant leaps with TAFEVC & Blackboard. PTEP have established their own presence on TAFEVC and Kirsty has created and trialled a Food Preparation & Handling module that contains resources & assessment tasks. Kirsty has utlised a free e-learning authoring tool CourseLab to create learning content - http://www.courselab.com/ Future plans? *POTS! PTEP Online Training System. To add more hospitality modules and TAA upgrade units.*

Peninsula Adult Education & Literacy: Rosebud

Lyn Treloar & Sandie Thompson. Project aim: To explore methods of extending PAEL's communication process by exploring Skype, SMS, MS Messenger and Windows Live. We wanted a method that would enable us to contact learners if there had been a change of timetable or attendance requirements. Future plans? *Weave it into what we normally do.* Lyn & Sandie's fabulous report can be found at http://ementors.acfe.vic.edu.au/Southern

Mornington Community Contact

Anita Weaver & Glenda. Adding more 'e' to Mornington CC's digital diaries project their project explored the concept of digital storytelling. Glenda, a volunteer at the Centre has been on a sharp learning curve exploring digital cameras, Photostory 3 and issues such as software/hardware requirements and copyright. Glenda and her students have gained new skills. Future plans?

Mt Eliza Village Neighbourhood Centre

Marilyn Pelman, Kathryn Mathews. Joined the SMR e-team as a late but enthusiastic starter. We have had some very interesting discussions around their idea - creating online access for

their learners to learning resources and documents. We explored designing e-learning, e-learning opportunity analysis and e-business plans and learning objects available through Toolbox website and LORN. Marilyn & Kathryn also signed up for all the ACFE e-learning online workshops. Future plans? *To extend their network capabilities.*

Keysborough Learning Centre

Mary Fox & Marj Sjostrom. KLC also went down the TAFEVC route to create OHS modules for Aged Care & Child Care courses. KLC plan to adopt what I call the GippsTAFE module. That is, team subject tutors with an in-house person who has knowledge of flexible delivery and TAFEVC Blackboard learning management system. In this way subject tutors need only develop their skills in how to handle teaching side of TAFEVC. Future plans? *As the project unfolded we found that tutors were fearful of the suggested change in their delivery mode and therefore were not forthcoming with their information. To break down barriers and assist the tutors in embracing new technology in their delivery we are planning e-learning professional development activities in 2009.*

Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre

Pam Gates & Mary Schooneveldt: 2008 Sharing ACE skills survey. As part of Southern Metropolitan Region of ACFE's involvement in the ACFE VicGovernment E-learning grant 2008 a survey was conducted to identify the professional development needs and preferences of tutors, managers and volunteers related to teaching and learning, in particular, e-learning and new technologies. Other areas of teaching and learning were surveyed as well. The survey will inform the development of a professional development program to run in 2009. The report can be found at
http://ementors.acfe.vic.edu.au/Southern

SandyBeach Centre

Trina Williams & Elaine Milne & the special projects team. Our aim was to become familiar with using live classroom platforms and explore additional ways to incorporate e-learning into existing programs which we deliver face-to face. We have successfully introduced Elluminate to staff at SandyBeach and used it for on-line meetings for our special projects group.

We have also started using SharePoint as a platform for document management and file sharing to support our delivery and have 10 staff members have been trained and are using SharePoint in day-to-day operations.

SMS – smsglobal software trialed and installed and has been introduced to contact students and share information.

Future plans? *We envisage being able to extend the use of SharePoint and create student user groups for sharing of information and class resources. Professional development for SandyBeach tutors to share ideas for further use of e-learning resources for existing courses.*

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