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One byte@a time newsletter - August 2005 - Where are we at? Edition



Southern Westernport Learning Communities is at an interesting stage of our journey. In 2005 funding arrangements altered dramatically. It was only with direct financial input from Dingley Village Neighbourhood Centre (Lead Agent), Belvedere Community Centre, Cheltenham Community Education & Activity Centre, Karingal Neighbourhood House, Keysborough Learning

Centre (associate), Longbeach PLACE, Peninsula Adult Education and Literacy, and SandyBeach Community Co-op that we were able to continue in the first half of the year. During this period we were able to:

- Conduct professional development workshops (ICT Skills for Teachers, Digital Storytelling, ICT Integrated Language & Literacy, Photo Elements)
- Apply for grants (with some success)
- Support ACE providers and tutors with advice on ICT and e-learning
- Participate in State and National e-learning practitioner forums

2nd semester Projects

Our activities this semester are mainly project based. They include:

- My Connected Community Program Funding to raise community awareness of MC2; to Promote of the project to potential groups; to train and support new MC2 groups (PAEL Lead Agent)
- Community Learning Partnership: Digital Message Stick - a partnership with the Mornington Peninsula Shire and local Koorie community in Hastings
- ACE Resource Bank <http://www.acebank.vic.edu.au/> - an carryover initiative of the 2004 ACE Research Project conducted with Tafe frontiers to create a user managed online repository of ACE friendly teaching and learning resources
- Review of Youth Pathways Program in SWP - reporting and resource identification project funded by OTTE

Activities

We have also been utilizing the considerable skills of SWPLC people in:

Creating a digital story called "Healthy, Vibrant and Resilient" on a fee for service basis for Mornington Peninsula Shire (Andrea Coghlan)

Providing advice to Reframing the Futures Project Skills Development for VET Practitioners Training and Assessment TAA04 package (Mary Schooneveldt)

Professional development (possibilities for Term 4)

Digital Storytelling Workshop series

ICT Skills for Teachers

MS Publisher for Teachers

MS PowerPoint for Teachers



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The wider world



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Useful links we have found

Mary recommends: <http://www.cooltools.net.au/> Lots of e-learning goodies - software and online. There is an amazing range of tools that you can integrate into your delivery in order give your learners a range of learning experiences from doing a quiz, thinking through concepts, assessing skills, to making a video or sound file. Includes webquests, problem based learning and games.

Mary recommends cont:

I have always been a fan of HP stuff – their projects are great to use, just ask Ron Topp! HP now offers [free courses online](#).

Andrea recommends:

The new Ace Resource bank, which allows tutors and students alike to share handouts, lesson plans or url's to useful sites. We will be telling you more about this site in our next newsletter but for now have a look and see if you can find something useful to use. Hopefully, you might have something to add to the growing list of files.

<http://www.acebank.vic.edu.au/>

Regards

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