



Welcome to the sixth edition of the South Eastern Skills Store Newsletter

NVEAC announced with "LINK" to Group Training

The National VET Equity Advisory Council (NVEAC) has been established by the Ministerial Council for Tertiary Education and Employment (MCTEE) to provide high level advice to training ministers on equity issues in the national training system.

The memberships of the NVEAC reflects the diverse range of stakeholders within the sector, including people with a disability, Indigenous Australians, refugees, homeless youth, and people from a non-English speaking background.

LINK Employment and Training is very proud of the fact that one council member, Matter Machar is an ex-trainee and last year received the Australian Apprentice (Trainee) of the Year Award. Matter is also a representative on the Australian Apprenticeship Roundtable

Matter, a Sudanese refugee, completed his traineeship with LINK last year and continued employment with his host employer, the City of Greater Dandenong as a youth support worker.

.Matter undertook a Certificate IV in Youth Work and Protective Care and works to increase programs for multicultural young people, and develop programs and activities to improve family and social support in the local community. Congratulations to Matter and LINK Employment and Training, on this achievement.

Further information on the council can be found at www.nveav.tvetaustralia.com.au



Matter Machar
Trainee of the Year 2008

Re-invent Your Career

Skills Victoria was the major sponsor of the *Re-invent Your Career Expo 2009* held on 11 & 12 July 2009. The South Eastern Skills Store attended the Expo and it generated good interest from adult career seekers. Skill Stores jointly staffed the stand; keen to educate the public on the services we provide. We were extremely happy with the interest of the attendees.

This expo is Australia's first and only intentional major career expo for adults. With the current economic marketplace heightening career insecurity and career change as a reality, thousands of employed and unemployed skilled workers are now open to new possibilities like never before. This expo attracts and targets previously neglected 25 to 54 year olds who seek information on how to upgrade, re-skill, and return to the workforce or totally reinvent their career.



Marsha Thompson (Parliamentary Secretary for Industry and Trade), Ree Paduano & Rob Rowlands

Key Dates to remember:

Wednesday 2 December 2009, 1:30 pm
Next South East Melbourne Skills Store Providers Meeting
December 2009
Next South East Melbourne Skills Store Newsletter



Good News Story!

Partnerships Working



Chris Peck has been employed at the Holmwood Group for the last fifteen years as a mechanic and was interested in gaining formal qualifications for the skills and experiences he has gained on the job. Greg, an Apprenticeship Field Officer from Work Place Connect was visiting an apprentice at Holmwood and **Chris** decided to approach him to get advice on the best way of achieving this goal. Greg suggested **Chris** contact a Skills Store to commence his recognition process.

The South Eastern Skills Store visited **Chris** in his work place and after some career guidance; **Chris** decided that the Certificate III in Automotive was the best way forward. **Chris** was interested in a flexible delivery style as he lives on the opposite side of town to where he works and works long hours.

The Skills Store explained to **Chris** and his employer the advantages of them signing a Training Contract:

1. RPL & Gap Training would be funded.
2. Assessment & training can be completed on the job.
3. **Chris** will have trade papers at the end of the process.

The Skill Store contacted the Murray Mallee Training Company to confirm that they were able to complete the RPL process and deliver the gap training required. Holmwood then contacted VECCI to organise the apprenticeship sign-up. At the end of the process, both Holmwood and Chris were extremely happy with the outcome.



Please note our new office address
in Frankston:
Brockwood House
Suite 7, 424 Nepean Highway,
Frankston



The South Eastern Skills Store team also attended the Melbourne Herald Sun Career Expo on 24-26 July 2009. The Herald Sun Melbourne Career Expo showcases some of Australia and New Zealand's finest tertiary institutions, training colleges, employers and State and Federal government initiatives, with a focus on the boom industries of the new millennium.

The Herald Sun Melbourne Career Expo aims to inspire and encourage as it provides the tools and resources for all Victorians to create a successful future.

This expo extends its reach to school leavers, students, graduates, job seekers and people looking for a career change. There were more than 100 exhibitors.

Enhanced LORN launched at ACPET

LORN, the Vocational Education and Training (VET) system's gateway to online training resources, was officially launched last week at the 2009 ACPET national conference in Canberra.

LORN (the Learning Object Repository Network) provides a one-stop-shop for practitioners and training providers to access the latest in education and training resources, drawing on state and national repositories from across Australia.

Through a simple three-step process, LORN users can access and download online training resources that meet their organisation's needs. Training can be customised by mixing and matching resources from different national, state and territory repositories.

LORN saves training providers time and money, by allowing them to share resources rather than having to develop their own. For more information please go to the following website: <http://lorn.flexiblelearning.net.au/>