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HEATHER BUTLER
Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier

New System Enhances Adult Education's Services

Adult Education is launching a new \$350,000 online enrolment and course management system that will help transform learning in Tasmania.

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Heather Butler, said new software meant that for the first time Tasmanians could browse for courses, enrol and pay online to immediately confirm their place in the Adult Education class of their choice.

Launching the Adult Education Winter program today, Ms Butler said the new system meant people would no longer be restricted to enrolling in courses when course guides came out.

“New classes can now be rapidly programmed and put up online at any time in response to community demand,” Ms Butler said.

“In the future the website could also host learning opportunities offered by other community education providers such as online access centres and neighbourhood houses.”

“People can also continue to enrol by phone, fax, mail or over the counter at most Adult Education centres.

“Adult Education is an important part of the State Government’s commitment to lifelong learning and these improvements will enhance its services.”

Ms Butler today joined dog groomer Josephine Atkins at the southern launch of the Adult Education winter program.

“Josephine has been offering her popular dog grooming courses through Adult Education since 2002. She has worked with the RSPCA, in a dog grooming parlour and as a veterinary nurse and is now studying to be a dog trainer.”

“Grooming Your Small Dog is one of more than 800 Adult Education classes being offered state-wide for Adult Education’s upcoming winter program. The program includes 111 new classes.”

New courses in the winter program include Taking Control of High Blood Pressure, What Lives on the Rocky Shoreline? Could I be a Foster Parent? and How to Care for your Horse and Pony.

The Northern and Southern Winter guides will be published in regional newspapers and online on Saturday May 23, and the north-west courses will be published on Saturday May 30.

The Adult Education Winter program is available at www.adulteducation.tas.gov.au