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Tasmania secures funding for e-learning projects

Tasmania has secured funding from the Australian Flexible Learning Framework to deliver innovative e-learning solutions in the State during 2009, Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier, Heather Butler, said today.

Ms Butler said that e-learning was an integral part of the national training system.

“It promotes the use of information and communication technology (ICT) in the flexible delivery of education and training to respond to the training needs of Tasmanian businesses and learners,” she said.

Ms Butler said that a total of \$288,800 has been awarded to develop and manage 13 e-learning innovation programs specifically tailored to Tasmania's vocational education and training (VET) priorities outlined in the Tasmanian Skills Strategy.

“Six of these successful projects are from the Tasmanian Polytechnic, three from the Tasmanian Skills Institute and four are from private registered training organisations,” Ms Butler said.

“The Tasmanian Skills Institute and the Tasmanian Polytechnic have once again really excelled with their vision around e-learning from both the learners and business partners.

“For example, the Polytechnic's Electro-flex project partnering up with Workplace Standards will give electricians a flexible choice around completing the electrical contractors course, and the Skill Institute's Prove It project is developing online accredited courses with the Department of Treasury and Finance (Liquor and Gaming Branch) around the responsible serving of alcohol and gaming in Tasmania.”

Ms Butler said that the latest statistics showed that 71 per cent of VET enrolments involve e-learning in Tasmania, compared to a national rate of 35 per cent.

“This shows that Tasmanians have embraced e-learning at more than twice the rate of other Australians,” Ms Butler said.

“Tasmania's great results show that we as a State are responding well to provide the opportunity for training providers to offer flexible learning options for employers and students.”

Tasmania's E-learning Innovations Projects for 2009:

Federal Group E-Orientation – interactive online training and assessment for all new

Federal Group employees (Federal Group and GlobalNet ICT Pty Ltd)

Pilat-e – e-learning options relating to pilates instructor qualifications (Island Health College and Australian Pilates Method Association)

E-furn – training and assessment on a range of units from the Furniture Industry Training Package (Tasmanian Skills Institute)

Electro-flex – a more flexible alternative to completing the Electrical Contractors Certificate IV qualification (Tasmanian Skills Institute and Workplace Standards)

Prove it! – online accredited courses to train people working in the hospitality industry in relation to the responsible serving of alcohol and gaming (Tasmanian Skills Institute and the Department of Treasury and Finance - Liquor and Gaming Branch)

Aurora Energy – induction, up-skilling and ongoing training and assessment of Aurora new supply centre employees (Aurora Energy)

E-portfolios are 'living' evidence – trial of an e-portfolio strategy for the Tasmanian Polytechnic using the community services and health and well-being workforce sectors (Tasmanian Polytechnic)

Information Literacy Skills – the Web 2.0 way – will use information industry business clients from the State Library of Tasmania and the University of Tasmania to target appropriate web 2.0 technologies (Tasmanian Polytechnic, State Library of Tasmania and University of Tasmania Morris Miller Library)

Meintassie wiki – a supportive, open-access online environment for learners in the Tasmanian Polytechnic Migrant Education Program in Hobart using Wikispaces (Tasmanian Polytechnic)

Skills in Nursing – an opportunity to learn nursing skills using multimedia (Tasmanian Polytechnic)

Micro-business e-learning strategy – will develop, implement and evaluate an online course for Certificate III in Micro Business (Tasmanian Polytechnic)

E-tag learning table in the health care environment – will help learners explore e-learning with training and assessment in the clinical simulation area for nursing and health studies (Tasmanian Polytechnic)

Skillsbook – will empower learners and teachers through social learning approaches to e-learning adoption (Recognise-IT and Rosny College)