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2006 National Industry Skills Report

This report brings together findings and recommendations from nine Industry Skills Reports. It considers a number of factors that will drive future skills needs and skills shortages, and provides an overview of how industry, government, training providers and individuals can respond to the various pressures. The report also includes summaries of two other key projects: *Skill Ecosystems* which shows how changes to industry can impact on skills needs and business success; and *A Well Skilled Future* which provides an understanding of the evolving labour market and how the Vocational and Technical Education (VTE) system can contribute to matching skills supplied with skill demands.

For further information contact John Whiteley on (02) 6240 8966 or visit:

www.dest.gov.au/sectors/training_skills/publications_resources/profiles/national_industry_skills_report.htm

Preliminary Data Shows Rise in Training Activity

Preliminary data from the annual collection of student enrolments relating to the public vocational training and education system show that more than 1.64 million students undertook publicly funded training in 2005, an increase of 2.9% or 46,000 students compared with 2004.

Student numbers increased in all states and territories, except Victoria which showed a decrease of 4.5%. The largest increases occurred in NSW (8.6% increase) and the Northern Territory (8.2%).

NCVER will release the final data including additional more detail on the annual VTE statistics on 3 July 2006.

To download the preliminary data visit:

www.ncver.edu.au/publications/1693.html

2006 Fulbright Professional Award

Mark Brophy has won the 2006 Fulbright Professional Award in VTE sponsored by DEST. The Fulbright Award was established in 1995 to support the exchange of research and ideas on VTE between Australia and the United States. Mark is a Senior Project Officer in VTE Division of the Victorian Government Department of Education and Training.

Through his Fulbright Award, Mark will undertake research at the Study Circle Resource Center (SCRC) in Connecticut, USA. His work will investigate 'study circles' and 'community wide circle programs', which often lead to a wide range of community action outcomes.

Applications for Fulbright Awards open 1 June 2006.

For information visit: www.fulbright.com.au

Australian Learning Communities Network Conference

This three day conference to be held in Brisbane on 24-27 September will explore the practitioners' perspectives of developing and sustaining learning communities. The conference aims to provide networking, skills development, policy debate and trigger conversations and actions which will support increasing community activity. Early Bird Registration closes 14 July 2006.

For further information visit:

www.learningcommunities2006.qut.edu.au

RPL Done Well: Building Capacity

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Done Well is the title of a series of one-day forums that will be conducted in Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth in August and in Sydney in November 2006. The forums will highlight the wide range of successful examples of RPL around the nation and will use these examples as the platform for participants building their capabilities in RPL. Download a detailed information flyer including dates and venues from www.reframingthefuture.net

VET practitioners interested in attending the forums need to complete an expression of interest form available from www.reframingthefuture.net by Friday 14 July 2006.

Partnership Solves Hospitality Skills Shortage

A Liquor, Hospitality and Miscellaneous Union initiative to introduce a Code of Best Employment Practice to address Canberra's hospitality industry skills shortage has been enthusiastically supported by employers, government and skills trainers as an innovative way to solve a national crisis. The introduction of a two year Accelerated Chefs Apprenticeship is an innovation that will reward apprentices, employers and industry.

For further information visit:

www.lhmu.org.au/lhmu/news/2006/1148859808_10738.html

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