

Australian Flexible Learning Framework

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Cnr Merivale and Glenelg Streets, South Bank*

The big VET eS will explore the use of technology to support and deliver vocational education and training (VET). It is proudly supported by the national training system's e-learning strategy, the Australian Flexible Learning Framework (Framework).

Scheduled proceedings

Start time	Session	Presenter
8.30 am	Registration and tea/coffee	
9.00am	Master of ceremonies welcome	Michael Hall
9.05am	Welcome to country	Aunty Valda Coolwell
9.10am	Official welcome and overview of the Australian Flexible Learning Framework	Janine Schubert
9.20am	Opening address	To be advised
9.30am	Engaging the crowd - tools for tracking live events Michael Coghlan will present examples of how new tools can help gather input from everyone who needs to have a say.	Michael Coghlan
9.45am	Chasing squirrels possums and learning online International keynote speaker Jonathan Finkelstein will discuss and provide examples of how online learning communities can enhance and foster workplace and industry opportunities by creating a social presence in a virtual world.	Jonathan Finkelstein
10.30am	Question and answer time	
10.45am	Morning tea	
11.15am	Should I stay? Or should I go? Mark Harris will discuss the retirement intentions of an ageing VET workforce and its impact on VET organisations.	Mark Harris



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12.00pm	<p>E-portfolios – Managing your information</p> <p>As we move further into the 21st century, the need to support the development of digital literacy skills has dramatically increased. At the same time, Australia's economic prosperity has seen a skills shortage in many key industries. These demands have given rise to a growing interest for the adoption and use of electronic portfolios (e-portfolios) in the VET sector. Allison Miller will discuss what an e-portfolio is and how e-portfolios are being used in the VET sector to meet industry needs.</p>	Allison Miller
12.30pm	<p>Virtual worlds – what is all the fuss about?</p> <p>Brad Beach will discuss how virtual world technologies have allowed GippsTAFE to provide new learning experiences for students which would simply be too difficult or risky to provide in a face-to-face manner.</p>	Brad Beach
1.00pm	Lunch	
QLD E-learning Innovations Project showcase		
2.00pm	<p>Tools 2.0</p> <p><i>SU QLD</i></p> <p>Static learning tools have the advantages of being both consistent in content and contained in scope. However, web 2.0 applications (eg blogs, wikis, and multimedia) can allow content developers to compliment static tools by placing them in a dynamic framework allowing learners to go deeper through extension pathways. Francis Kneebone will discuss how web 2.0 applications can be used to add extensions and currency to static learning tools.</p>	Francis Kneebone
2.20pm	<p>Assessing responsible rural safety management</p> <p><i>Workstar</i></p> <p>Farms make up only one in 10 workplaces yet they account for a quarter of all work-related deaths. Garry Hargreaves will discuss how an innovative e-learning solution is helping to address these alarming statistics by converting the nationally accredited <i>Rural Safety Management</i> course into an interactive e-learning program.</p>	Garry Hargreaves

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2.40pm	<p>Now we're cooking with gas <i>SkillsTech Australia</i></p> <p>The Queensland Government has identified gas as a key transitional fuel source for reducing the emissions intensity from electricity generation while emerging renewable and clean coal technologies are being developed. The safe delivery of gas to household, commercial and industrial premises is a critical factor in meeting this initiative. Jacky Keeling will discuss how the <i>E-learning Gas Skills for a Green and Sustainable Future</i> is using technology to address the shortage of qualified gas fitters in Queensland by making it quicker and easier to become qualified.</p>	Jacky Keeling
	<p>Blended learning model for sustainability training <i>SkillsTech Australia</i></p> <p>The electro-technology industry is currently facing skills shortages, particularly in the emerging sectors of sustainability and renewable energy. Des Harms will discuss how the SAVE project is using blended delivery to provide entry level electro-technology industry training to Year 10, 11 and 12 students.</p>	Des Harms
3.00pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30pm	<p>Letting go of what we know: the importance of unlearning</p> <p>To create learning environments that meet the needs of tomorrow's businesses and workers, relinquishing past practices and models is essential. Dr Karen Becker will challenge those looking through traditional lenses of learning to consider how what they know may actually be their greatest weakness.</p>	Dr Karen Becker
4.15pm	Question and answer time	
4.30pm	Engaging the crowd - tools for tracking live events (continued)	Michael Coghlan
4.45pm	Close of proceedings	Michael Hall