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10:00am

Welcome and introductions

Maureen welcomed new and old members to the April VPN meeting, our first 2016 meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were not read, and people were directed to <https://vpn14.wikispaces.com> to obtain a copy of the previous meetings Minutes.

Attendance

Maureen Cooper (RMIT)
Christine Foard (Holmesglen)
Jennifer Miles (Sandybeach Centre)
Amelia Crennan (Bendigo Kangan)
Natalie Hammond (Bendigo Kangan)
Nick van Wamel (Chisholm)
Vanessa Marsh (Chisholm)
Michael Henderson (current PHD student, Monash)
Keith Harrison (Chisholm)
Kerri Henderson (Phillips Institute)
Peter Murphy (RMIT)
Melinda O'Connor (Freelance)
Jasmina Dezelic (Melbourne Polytechnic)
Deb Syterra (Gordon)
Annette Anderson (Kangan)
Mark Mosscuto (RMIT)
Sally Laycock (Box Hill)
Annemaree Gibson (Box Hill)
Tania Teese (Box Hill)
Dorothy Lapham (Chisholm)
Gwen Neylon (Independent Validation)
Kate Higgins (Gordon)

Also:

Janet Nicholds, VET Development Centre
Nadia Casarotto, CMM

Guest: Mr. Phillip Le Feuvre, Price Waterhouse Coopers, new Skills Service Organisation

Apologies

Cheryl Bartolo (VU), Mia Barnes (Sandybeach Centre), Jane Court (Chisholm), Catherine Harris, Dr John Flett (The Gordon), Carolyn Johnstone (Federation), Michael Firth (Bendigo Kangan), Julianne Seaman (Box Hill), Annette Simkin (GoTAFE), Serafina Giannone (Holmesglen), Deborah Mullan (Training Th@t Works).



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Business arising

Membership fees for 2016 were discussed. Maureen advised that Anna Bejanoff would send Invoices directly to RTO's.

Maureen advised that sponsorship of \$1,000 has been received from the Vet Development Centre.

Industry Updates

Janet Nicholds advised of VDC Developments for 2016 and advised the group on 2 specific areas:

1. Projects for 2017 would be announced in September. Grants of \$10-15,000 will be available for projects addressing Workforce Development and eLearning projects. She will update us as this progresses.
2. Currently there are opportunities for Academic Grants of up to \$8,000 to support higher level (postgraduate) studies for VET practitioners in the field of adult learning or VET.

Janet advised that later in 2016, \$1,000 scholarships would be available for Dip VET/Dip TAA Workshops for RTO's in LLN assessment and pre-assessment of students, including foundation skills. Funded places may also be made available to support RTO's for professional development (see Calendar) and for the VDC conference in September. If funds are available, it may be possible to fund casual VPN members to attend PD run by the VET Development Centre.

CMM Report (Nadia Casarotto)

Nadia advised re the late notification on Friday that changes to the TAE training package had been communicated from the Australian Industry and Skills Committee. Two new core units to be added to the qualification – LLN and a unit on the development of effective assessment tools, (Design and develop assessment tools). No further details regarding number of units (given that there now appears to be 9 core units out of 10) are available yet. Concerns about the '30% Elective units' rule being disregarded

A spirited discussion ensued about matters relating to Purchasing Guides, our involvement as a group in providing recommendations about the new package and the process and timing of the new package.

Representative from SSO (PWC)

Our Guest Speaker, Mr Phillip Le Feuvre from Price Waterhouse Cooper (PWC), the new Service Skills Organisation (SSO) addressed the group on the following topics:



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New SSO arrangements – PWC will cover 6 key areas of education, printing, financial services, business services, ICT and creative industries. Philip advised that the role of the SSOs is to serve the relevant Industry Reference Committees for the areas each SSO is responsible for, e.g. TAE in our case.• The new role of the SSO will be:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– to work with Industry Reference Committee (IRC) who recommend changes to training packages,– to conduct strategic planning for a four year period (known as the Work Plan)– to release the Work Plan, and update every June– to develop Business cases and subsequent projects for training packages– to deal with any immediate implications in implementing training packages, e.g. regulatory implications– to improve engagement between industry practitioners, businesses and SSOs– to gather feedback from the above groups to inform training package development and implementation– to build networks for consultations.• Insight into PWC's background in consulting in education and working with Government on TAFE related issues and VET education• That PWC, as the SSO, had just been informed about the TAE training package update and patiently answered questions from the group about the implications and changes• He advised that the role of the SSOs is to serve the relevant Industry Reference Committees for the areas each SSO is responsible for, e.g. TAE in our case. <p>Maureen thanked Phillip for his contribution to our meeting, and invited the SSO to have a representative at future meetings.</p>
11.30	Morning tea
	<p>Spirited discussion continued after morning tea</p> <p>Nadia advised that development of the Purchasing Guide will begin once details of changes and implementation dates are known.</p> <p>Maureen will follow up with the IRC to ascertain why some feedback review areas have been accepted.</p> <p>Judy from Box Hill was involved as part of the review group and may also be able to discover additional information on the TAE changes.</p>



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	<p>In light of the changes, a request for time allocation at the June meeting (and perhaps subsequent meetings this year) for unpacking the new qualification, implications for TAE practitioners to upskill/upgrade qualifications and preparation for teach out current qual/s. An extraordinary meeting was also discussed to unpack the new qual and identify gaps as a community</p> <p>Maureen advised that Agenda items can be posted to the wiki site, https://vpn14.wikispaces.com/</p> <p>Janet Nichold undertook to seek a Guest Speaker for the June Meeting on 1/6/16 who is an experienced Auditor with ASQA – possibly Chloe Dyson.</p> <p>A call for volunteers for the ‘no frills’ VPN conference – assistance required. GWEN – could we place a Volunteer section on the wiki site?</p>
12.45	Maureen adjourned the meeting for a lunch break.
	Lunch break
1.30 – 2.55pm	<p>Validation meetings in groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cert IV unit/s: - various units • Dip VET unit/s -
3:00pm	Meeting close
Next meeting:	Wednesday 1 June 2016
Future meetings:	Thursday 29 September 2016 Friday 11 November 2016
Conference:	<p>VET Development Centre – Teaching and Learning Conference – Full Steam Ahead! 1 & 2 September 2016 at RACV Resort, Torquay</p> <p>Download the conference flyer: http://www.vetcentre.vic.edu.au/teaching-learning-conference here.</p>