



Townsville Network Meeting

Wednesday 19 May 2010
(8.00am – 11:00am)

Attendance:	Erin Kiernan, Mick Davies, Julie Hyde, Amanda Sweeney, Linda Poole, John Hicks, Carmel Cummins, Geoff Stanford, Rohan McKenzie, Lyn Cresswell, Brian Richardson and Deb Jones (MISC)		
Apologies:	Greg Taylor, Scott Young, Colleen Downie, Graeme Edney, Shelley Hart, Tim Benfield, Sally Hayer, Don Grinstead, Martin Bailey, Russell Moon, Bart Robertson, Des Bouchardt, Vicki Anziliero		
Previous Minutes:	Previous minutes adopted		
Next Meeting To Be Held On:	1 September 2010	Venue:	Brisbane (combined Network Meeting)

Item	Discussion/Action
Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housekeeping, introductions and apologies for the meeting.
Workshop: RISK OF INAPPROPRIATE ASSESSMENT METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshopped the Legal-Moral-Ethical implications of inappropriate assessment, Principles of Assessment, Rules of Evidence, and Types of Evidence. We also discussed RPL/RCC, Holistic Assessment, Risk assessing Training, Appeals and Validation. Good discussion within the group and acknowledgement that professional development is required around this topic/skill.
Mining Industry Skills Centre Update	<p>Professional Development with John Tate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed the upcoming hypothetical sessions: <i>Secrets to a good night's sleep: Safety systems, training, and the importance of human error.</i> Invitation attached, and the proposed dates are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 June Brisbane 13 October Emerald 7 July Mt Isa 27 October Gladstone 22 September Mackay 17 November Toowoomba The 2 day PD sessions are proposed to start in 2011. <p>Restructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian gave an overview of the changes and responded to various questions. Discussed and identified the products we have, what services we offer the industry and benefits for the attendees and industry.

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Mining Industry Skills Centre Update (continued)	<p>Generic Induction- GI v3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ran through changes to GI: Content remains the same; delivery method is changing by introducing more flexibility • Handed out flow chart of competencies, and discussed FAQs and the proposed Quality Framework. • Geoff (AIT) indicated his RTO is licensed to deliver the GI but due to pending audits hasn't had a chance to look at the system. In light of the discussions below we requested Geoff to have a look and give us feedback please. • There were a number of issues and concerns raised, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How will we distinguish between new and old GI cards and competencies? • By not delivering the First Aid competency are we in breach of the Act for legislated competencies? • Are SSE's aware of these changes? • What are the regulations around Fire Fighting are there any legislative requirements? • Are we diluting the GI to a point that it may be insignificant? • If someone walks in and advises they have the skills and knowledge to RPL the GI is there an RPL document. RTO's are compelled to offer RPL/RCC, challenge testing. • There was discussion around the Cannington Fire Fighting competency (BR to follow up with new contact) • Comment and concern expressed about the LLN skills of some people seeking to do the E Learn part of GI. • BR to email Trevor Brown and request his comments on the Legal implications of not delivering First Aid as a compulsory unit; BR to look at the e-Learn component with others, and discuss as required (ongoing); BR to send other questions to David Fell for comment/guidance.
	<p>Training Quality Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advised that this product is available under a licensing process, and assists organisations to gather vital details on the appropriateness of an RTO and the people to be used on delivering the identified training. Can also be used as an Audit tool within your own organisation. • Has received good reviews from users and is applicable to organisations in the resource sector and RTOs. Separate from GI Quality Framework. • Package includes up to 8 days of consultancy to assist with implementation, and 2 annual reviews of the documentation to ensure currency with various acts and AQTF.
	<p>Apprenticeship Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online workforce development tool to assist resource sector enterprises to increase their uptake of apprentices; and manage and develop their apprentices. Framework completed by October 2011. Received very positive response. For more information or to become involved contact Michelle Sprigg msprigg@miskillscentre.com.au. (BR to ask KL/MS to contact MD).



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Mining Industry Skills Centre Update (continued)	<p>Automation for Success</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report is now available, please contact klister@miskillscentre.com.au or msprigg@miskillscentre.com.au for more information. <p>2010 Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advised dates and content of 2010 Conference, handed out flyer and nominations for Awards, combined network on PM of 1 September
Local Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BR raised the change over to RII competencies being Sept 1st 2010. MD advised some issues as that they have had advice that the date has changed. BR to ask Greg Taylor to contact DM. MD also indicated still issues with the Environment unit in RII, BR will raise with SkillsDMC at the next meeting and Greg will contact MD. Q Was there to be any case studies around the Supervisor Framework at the Conference? Deb advised not planned at this stage. We have had a great deal of interest but as the process was on the website free of charge we are unsure who has utilised/implemented. MD requested that we pass on to the Delivery team his appreciation of their support with the RITF and keep up the great work (BR) LC : Being hit by the inspectorate around Fatigue Management, do we know of any programs/contacts that may be of assistance? (BR to research and advise). EK indicated that the Deputy PM was visiting their office today and would try to get the question regarding National VET from 2011 on the agenda. EK has since advised that this wasn't possible, however referred us to a news release (BR circulated).
General Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting closed at 11.15am, next meeting to be held on 1 September (combined meeting in Brisbane). Additional regional meetings plus professional development will commence from late September through to late November. Next regional meeting to be held in Charters Towers.