



Skills for study work and life

Thank you from the ACFE Board

15 December 2021

Dear colleagues,

As another year draws to a close, on behalf of the ACFE Board, I would like to thank you all for your remarkable work. Although it has been a hard year, you have all maintained your passion, commitment to learners and achieved amazing things.

The Board takes great pride in being stewards of such a vibrant and diverse sector and in working with Learn Locals, the Department, our stakeholders and through the vision and great leadership of our Minister, to make a difference to so many Victorians through the benefits of pre-accredited training.

Our Learn Local sector changes the lives of thousands of individuals across our communities. It provides vital opportunities for people to re-engage and participate in a positive learning experience and gain the confidence and skills they need in life, in study and in work. The Board greatly appreciates the work that you do every day to help learners achieve their dreams.

Last week we were able to shine a light on some of the important work of the sector at the 2021 Learn Local Awards. And what a wonderful event it was as we celebrated the 15th anniversary of the Awards and had a chance to catch up in person.

Congratulations again to all of the winners and finalists. You can read their stories on the Learn Local Awards website and I am sure you will be impressed by their work, dedication, innovation and what they achieved.

There were some wonderful videos, many very moving, shown at the event celebrating the 15 years of the Awards. Thank you to all those Learn Local staff and learners who took part in the videos. I encourage you all to take a look at them on the Learn Local Facebook page, they truly reflect the Learn Local spirit and impact.

A big thank you also to Melton South Community Centre for the beautiful table centrepieces that were designed and created by learners undertaking the Learn Local Introduction to Floristry course. They were a stunning addition to the event.

At the Awards, we celebrated just a few of the success stories, but we know that across Victoria there are hundreds more that could be told, stories that reaffirm the importance and impact of our Learn Local sector.

The Board has and will continue to focus on communicating the value of the sector and the new tagline 'Skills for study, work and life' will be used to promote the sector with stakeholders and campaigns planned for the future. I encourage you all to take a look at and use the updated Learn Local Brand Guidelines that will be released this week and join us in championing this wonderful sector.

Again, on behalf of the ACFE Board, I wish to convey to you all, a sincere and heartfelt thank you. Have a very well-deserved rest and some fun over the break. See you in 2022!

We look forward to a positive year ahead as we continue this exciting journey together to ensure that our sector continues to shine.

Regards,

Maria Peters Chairperson

Adult, Community and Further Education Board