



Smart News

Smart City Vocational College

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Welcome to the second edition of Smart News for 2006. As you should all be aware, nominations for the Queensland Training Awards 2006 closed on March 31st.

Regional judging will occur in April and May, and regional finals will be held in June. Good luck to all those who have entered.

The Smart City Vocational College Advisory committee will hold its second meeting taking place on Wednesday the 17th of May at the Criterion Hotel. It's a great opportunity for all to see what Smart City is all about and a chance for businesses to see what we can provide in training.

The current Business Services Training Package is in stage one of review. This stage involves the research and data collection phase, resulting in the development of a discussion paper.

From mid-March to April 21st, Innovation and Business Skills Australia (ISBA) will discuss the contents of the paper to develop priorities for the redevelopment of the Business Services Training Package. Stage two will be completed in November 2006 and involves the development or redevelopment of units, skills set and qualifications identified in stage one.

For more information contact Margaret Lanchbery of IBSA on 03 9815 7000 or margaret@ibsa.org.au

Finally, just a friendly reminder that if you have changed your details, please let us know so that we can update your file. You are also required to notify the Department of Employment and Training of any change of details. This ensures that at the end of your training you will receive prompt delivery of your certificate and completion paperwork.

Jobs Queensland News

Jobs Queensland is in full swing with six employment and training based programs currently in progress. Four of these are 16 week Community Jobs Plan- Work Placement programs employing 40 long term jobseekers which are operating in the following locations- Rockhampton City Council, Livingstone Shire Council, Capricorn Adventist Retirement Village Yeppoon and the Police and Citizens Youth Club at Biloela. The projects are horticultural and basic construction based projects working with not for

profit organisations to improve infrastructure and facilities to benefit the wider community. The main advantage of these projects is that the jobseekers are employed and paid a wage assisting them in returning to the workforce.

The Queenslanders Working Together program providing training in Business and Hospitality for Parental Jobseekers and a new Pilot Program are the other programs currently on offer with Jobs Queensland. The Pilot Pro-

gram will offer long term unemployed people access to training in Business and Horticulture with the opportunity of gaining employment. These programs in total will assist in excess of 100 long term unemployed persons and those at risk of long term unemployment the opportunity to gain new skills through training and the brighter prospect of future sustainable employment. *Jobs Queensland Creating Opportunities!!!*

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Special points of interest:

- April 1st - April Fools day
- April 14th- Good Friday
- April 17th- Easter Monday
- May 1st- Labour Day
- May 17th- Advisory Committee Meeting (Rockhampton)
- May 20th-21st- Relay For Life
- June 7th- Rockhampton Show Holiday
- June 12th- Queen's Birthday

Staff Profile

Name: Ellie Roach (Bloody Elle)
Role at Smart City: Training Consultant
Starsign: Libra
Pets: Husband
Hobbies: Reading and having fun
Likes: Socialising, meeting interesting people, good food and wine
Dislikes: Bad hygiene, false people

Three things you *cant* live without: My husband Steve, my grandson Cameron, and laughing a lot

Three things you *can* live without: Self opinionated people, whingers, boring people

If you were stuck in the middle-of-nowhere, who or what would you want to be stuck there with: My husband and grandson, as well as lots of books and Lego to amuse my grandson.



Quotes of the Month

“Life is raw material. We are artisans. We can sculpt our existence into something beautiful, or debase it into ugliness. It's in our hands.”
- Cathy Better

“People demand freedom of speech to make up for the freedom of thought which they avoid.”
- Soren Aabye Kierkegaard (1813-1855)

Thanks to <http://www.cs.virginia.edu/~robins/quotes.html> for this months quotes

“The difference between 'involvement' and 'commitment' is like an eggs-and-ham breakfast: the chicken was 'involved' - the pig was 'committed'.”
- unknown

“Smoking kills. If you're killed, you've lost a very important part of your life.”
- Brooke Shields

Did You know?!

- In 1976, a Los Angeles secretary named Jannene Swift officially married a fifty pound rock. More than twenty people witnessed the ceremony.
- A chicken once had its head cut off and survived for over eighteen months, headless.
- A jiffy is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second. Thus the saying, I will be there in a jiffy.
- Bamboo plants can grow up to 36 inches in a day.

Thanks to <http://www.amusingfacts.com/> for this months *Did You Know*

Jokes of the Month

✘ Donald Rumsfeld is giving the president his daily briefing. He concludes by saying: "Yesterday, 3 Brazilian soldiers were killed."

"OH NO!" the President exclaims. "That's terrible!"

His staff sit stunned at this display of emotion, nervously watching as the President sits, head in hands.

Finally, the President looks up and asks, "How many is a brazillion?"

✘ A preacher woke up one Sunday morning and looked outside and saw it was a beautiful day. He decided to skip church and go play golf. So he called the junior pastor at his church and told him he was sick and couldn't give the sermon. The junior pastor told him not to worry, he would deliver the sermon.

The pastor drove about 40 miles away from town to avoid being spotted. As he was setting up his first drive on the first

hole, Jesus leaned over to God in heaven and asked him, "Are you going to let him get away with this?"

God told Jesus not to worry, he would handle it. Right as God said that, the preacher hit the drive of his life. The ball traveled all 450 feet to the green, bounced once, and rolled in the hole. The preacher was ecstatic. Jesus asked God, "Why would you let him do that?"

God said, "Because, who is he going to tell?"

Thanks to <http://www.comedy-zone.net/jokes/feature/month.htm> for this months jokes

Relay For Life

Relay For Life 2006 is just around the corner and this year Smart City Vocational College has registered a team in the annual fundraiser for the Queensland Cancer Fund.

Relay For Life is an overnight team event to raise funds for cancer research, education and patient support programs.

The challenge is for teams of 10 or more to complete a relay-style walk or run. Team members take turns to keep their baton moving overnight, enjoying the sensational festive atmosphere created through entertainment, camping, spot prizes and, most importantly, the vibrancy of the hundreds of lively people on the track!

The highlights at each event include the Opening and Closing Ceremonies, the Survivors' Walk and the Candlelight Ceremony.

This event is held on the weekend of May 20-21 in Rockhampton and is a lot fun for all involved. For the weekend, Smart City will be under the guise of the 'Smarty Pants' with a costume to suit.

Our fundraising target has already been reached thanks to our sponsors Smart City Vocational College and Jobs Queensland, however further donations are more than welcome. Contact Selina on 4927 6955 for further information on how to donate. Stay tuned for the next Smart News Newsletter for fun photos of the event.



Pictures and some text has been supplied by the Queensland Cancer Fund



Skilling Solutions Queensland

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is one way that you can have current skills and knowledge assessed by a registered training organisation to see if they meet today's industry standards.

RPL could provide you with a full or part qualification. It could also be used to identify what training you may need to

complete a qualification.

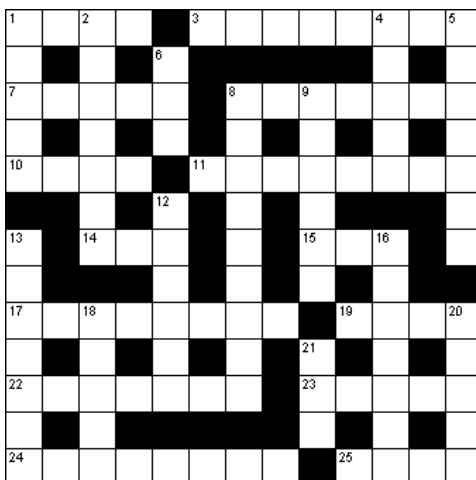
Skilling Solutions Queensland is a pilot project being set up by the Queensland Government as a one-stop-shop to help you make smart training choices

When you come in or call Skilling Solutions Queensland, you talk to a trained

consultant. You tell that person what you've done and what you want to do and they give you up-to-date information on training and career options.

For further information contact Karen Sloan of Skilling Solutions Queensland on 1300 654 687 (192-208 Bolsover Street).

Crossword



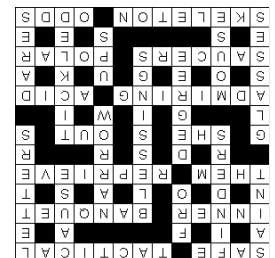
Down

1. The patience of a ___ (5)
2. ___ keepers (7)
4. ___ and effect (5)
5. A man of ___ (7)
6. To and ___ (3)
8. Count your ___ (9)
9. Keep on the straight and ___ (6)
12. The third ___ (6)
13. Ladies and gentlemen, raise your ___ (7)
16. ___ pink (7)
18. Cat and ___ (5)
20. Who ___ wins (5)
21. ___ and downs (3)

Across

1. Better ___ than sorry (4)
3. A ___ retreat (8)
7. The ___ circle (5)
8. A beggar's ___ (7)
10. ___ and us (4)
11. A last minute ___ (8)
14. ___ stoops to conquer (3)
15. ___ of order (3)
17. ___ glances (8)
19. The ___ test (4)
22. Cups and ___ (7)
23. ___ bear (5)
24. A ___ in the cupboard (8)
25. ___ and evens (4)

Thanks to <http://www.puzzlechoice.com/> for this months crossword and solution





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