eLearning Forum

September 27, 2012 - GippsTAFE Academy, Traralgon

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
PROFESSOR GILLY SALMON
Pro Vice-Chancellor, Learning Transformations, Swinburne University of Technology

OTHER SPEAKERS
MITCH HUGHES
Lead Educational Designer, Monash Virtual Learning Environment Program

SAMANTHA GARRETT
Business Analyst (Google Product Specialist), eSolutions, Monash University

BRAD BEACH
Manager, Innovation and International Programs, Central Gippsland Institute of TAFE (GippsTAFE)
MORNING TEA  
(Morning tea available from 9.00am - 10.00am)

MORNING SESSIONS  
(10.00am - 12.00pm)

SHOWCASE – LEARNING AND TEACHING INNOVATION  
(10.00am - 10.40am)  
MITCH HUGHES  
Lead Educational Designer, Monash Virtual Learning Environment Program

This presentation will explore the diversity of teaching approaches within Monash University and demonstrate how technology can play a central role in providing rich feedback to build a learning community, construct deep knowledge of content, support individual differences and create strong learner-teacher relationships.

Mitch Hughes will present a range of examples of learning and teaching innovation from Monash using the Moodle 2 platform. Monash now has eight faculties with representation from every Monash campus using Moodle as their learning management system, including the Schools of Applied Sciences and Engineering, Business and Economics, Nursing and Midwifery, Applied Media and Social Sciences, the Faculty of Education, Centre for Art and Design and the Gippsland Medical School.

DISCOVERING GOOGLE APPS FOR EDUCATION  
(10.40am - 11.20am)  
SAMANTHA GARRETT  
Business Analyst (Google Product Specialist), eSolutions, Monash University

Google Apps offers educational institutions new ways to enhance communication and collaboration amongst staff and students. Monash University has embraced these powerful apps and is reaping the benefits of providing integrated and easy to use tools that are available anywhere, any time. This presentation will demonstrate how Google Apps can revolutionise the way staff and students approach every day teaching and learning tasks. It will explore the Google Apps for Education suite and why providing such cloud technologies is beneficial to both individuals and the organisation.

Practical examples of Google Apps in the classroom will be demonstrated. Suitable for educationalists from primary to tertiary levels who are interested in enhancing communication and collaboration in their classrooms and educational communities.

FACILITATING IN SYNCHRONOUS ELEARNING ENVIRONMENTS  
(11.20am - 12.00pm)  
BRAD BEACH  
Manager, Innovation and International Programs, Central Gippsland Institute of TAFE (GippsTAFE)

The use of synchronous eLearning environments, such as virtual classrooms, is on the rise. As technologies improve and as reliable high speed internet connections become more accessible to the community there will be a greater take-up of virtual classrooms as a method of providing eLearning solutions. Additionally, as the national broadband network rolls out we will see the introduction of more advanced synchronous environments which will make use of 3D graphical spaces.

In this session Brad will highlight the key elements of selecting and implementing appropriate synchronous eLearning strategies within the virtual classroom space. He will cover critical aspects of planning and designing a virtual classroom session and provide an understanding of the types of learning activities which are most suited to a synchronous environment as opposed to an asynchronous space.

LUNCH  
(12pm - 1.00pm)

AFTERNOON SESSION  
(1.00pm - 4.30pm)

HARNESSING TECHNOLOGY... AND WINNING HANDS DOWN  
(1.00pm - 4.30pm)  
KEYNOTE SPEAKER – PROFESSOR GILLY SALMON  
Pro Vice-Chancellor, Learning Transformations, Swinburne University of Technology

The drivers in education are many and complex. The use of information and communication technology to support flexibility is often a central to hopes. Often the lure and the glamour of the technology diverts our attention. But instead Gilly Salmon will discuss how to harness it, how to ride it, and how to win the race to provide a wonderful learning experience.

AFTERNOON TEA  
(3.00pm - 3.20pm)

Professor Salmon will take questions from 3.20pm - 4.20pm and the Forum will conclude at 4.30pm.
About the Presenters

PROFESSOR GILLY SALMON
Pro Vice-Chancellor, Learning Transformations, Swinburne University of Technology

Professor Gilly Salmon is one of the world’s leading thinkers in online learning. She researches and publishes widely on the themes of innovation and change in higher education and the exploitation of new technologies of all kinds in the service of learning.

She is internationally renowned for her significant contributions to online education, including research, innovation, program design, teaching methods and the use of new technologies.

Gilly has recently been appointed as Pro Vice-Chancellor, Learning Transformations at Swinburne University of Technology. She took up her appointment at Swinburne in January, 2012.

Previously, she was the Executive Director and Professor (Learning Futures) at the Australian Digital Futures Institute, based in the University of Southern Queensland, Australia and was Professor of eLearning and Learning Technologies, and Head of the Beyond Distance Research Alliance and the Media Zoo, at the University of Leicester in the United Kingdom.

Recent books include Podcasting for Learning in Universities. The third edition of her seminal book, E-Moderating: the key to learning and teaching online is now available: www.e-moderating.com

MITCH HUGHES
Lead Educational Designer, Monash Virtual Learning Environment Program

Mitch Hughes is the Lead Educational Designer with the Monash University Virtual Learning Environment (VLE) team. His role includes consulting with schools and faculties on Moodle unit design and developing exemplars of online learning. Mitch presents at training sessions for academic staff in the transition to Moodle 2 and is actively involved in the preparation of ongoing training resources for the VLE program.

SAMANTHA GARRETT
Business Analyst (Google Product Specialist), eSolutions, Monash University

Samantha Garrett is a Business Analyst within Monash University’s eSolutions Education Portfolio. She specialises in Google’s collaborative and educational technologies, and is passionate about providing the University with innovative ways to teach, learn, research and work together. Samantha has worked at Monash University since 2006, undertaking a variety of user-focussed roles that have allowed her to build a strong knowledge and appreciation of the unique education environment. In her current position, Samantha works closely with Google and the University community to deliver new technologies and enhance the use of existing tools.

BRAD BEACH
Manager, Innovation and International Programs, Central Gippsland Institute of TAFE (GippsTAFE)

Brad Beach is responsible for the Gippsland Institute of TAFE’s international and eLearning activities and has over 14 years experience within the vocational education sector. GippsTAFE enrols over 4,000 individual students annually from Australia and around the globe into its eLearning programs. These programs are quite diverse – from Building and Construction, Hair Dressing and Design, to Business Studies and Community Services.

Brad was an “Australian Flexible Learning Leader” in 2001 and a mentor to the 2003 Flexible Learning Leaders. He is considered to be an expert in the application of innovative uses of collaborative and communication-based technologies to enhance education programs. In addition to receiving the Victorian outstanding teacher/trainer of the year award in 2004, Brad is often engaged to provide eLearning consultancy services across Australia and internationally to New Zealand, India and the United States.
There is **no charge** for this Forum for *Monash* or *GippsTAFE* staff. Morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch will be provided. **Registration is open now** and is essential for catering purposes and due to limited seating.

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