

**Fitness Community of Practice Meeting  
Monday 29 October 2007  
Training Room, Central TAFE – Leederville Campus  
Meeting Notes**

<p><b>Attendees:</b> Robin Lowery (AIF) Mark Zorbas (Central TAFE) Jason Washington-King (Central TAFE) Ric Johnson (CSSN) Heather Slaven (Challenger TAFE) Peta Garbin (Great Southern TAFE) Wayne Stuart (YMCA) Andre Watson (Swan TAFE) Rob Newton (ECU) Kevin Knapp (City of Belmont) Tanya Mills (DSR) Mal Gammon (FutureNow) Rachael Davidson (FutureNow)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Belinda Barnes (AIF) Hugh Pinnington (Notre Dame) Kylie Cormack (ECU) Paul Ahearn (West Coast TAFE) Liz Stirton (DSR) Marg Rhodes (South West Regional TAFE) Sally Bower (Central TAFE)</p>	
<b>Notes from Last Meeting</b>	Notes from the last Fitness Community of Practice Meeting were accepted.
<b>Actions from previous meeting</b>	<p><b>Diploma of Fitness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The outcomes regarding discussion of the Diploma of Fitness emanating from the Fitness Industry Technical Working Group (ITWG) meeting was handed out to all participants (see attached).</li> <li>- An Allied Health Working Group has been formed to look at the need for a Diploma of Fitness to work at an assistant level to Exercise Physiologists. FutureNow will look into getting information and the course of action recommended by this working group when available.</li> <li>- Gail and Peter from West Coast TAFE recently visited QLD to look at some of the partnership arrangements between TAFE and University providers delivering the Diploma of Fitness. The partnership model between the University of Queensland and Sunshine Coast TAFE was deemed to be the best model. Students who complete the Diploma of Fitness and then articulate to the UQ university course receive 1 year credit on their course of study. The partnership has been running for four years and has been working well. A partnership modelled on this one would be looked at if the Diploma of Fitness was delivered in WA. Gail and Peter have gathered resources from Sunshine Coast TAFE about the partnership arrangement to have a look at their model. There was support from the meeting for a Diploma along these lines to be included in the revised training package. Robert Newton of ECU also spoke strongly in support of the Diploma.</li> <li>- This support will be forwarded to Fitness Australia and Service Skills Australia.</li> <li>- <b>Action: Heather Slaven and Ric Johnson to action.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Industry and Training Issues</b>	<p><b>Articulation Progress to Date</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Heather Slaven (Challenger TAFE) has made email contact</li> </ul>

	<p>with Helen Parker (University of Notre Dame). They are in the process of organising a meeting to look at the mapping of course content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Robin Lowery (AIF) and AIF Education and Training Manager Grant have been in contact with Hugh Pinnington (University of Notre Dame) to look at the mapping of course content.</li> <li>- Central TAFE have continued to liaise with UWA ECU are happy to partner with TAFE colleges other than West Coast.</li> <li>- The Government has proposed \$1.8 million for a recreation facility at the ECU South West Campus. This will provide for partnership opportunities between the South West Regional College of TAFE and ECU South West Campus.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sport and Recreation Training Package Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A link to the document outlining the outcomes of the Fitness Industry Technical Working Group was emailed to all project participants. The Service Skills website (<a href="http://www.servicesskills.com.au">www.servicesskills.com.au</a>) will shortly launch a design improvement register which will allow users to register and submit feedback on the proposed changes to the Sport and Recreation Training Packages. Service Skills Australia will be holding face to face meetings with industry stakeholders in WA during February. FutureNow will keep project participants up to date with the progress of the training package review.</li> </ul> <p><b>Fitness Trainers for Children – Apprenticeship Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Perth metropolitan area and the South West of WA have been chosen to pilot an apprenticeship program run by Service Skills Australia. The program will allow fitness trainers to specialise in the delivery of exercise to children and young adolescents.</li> <li>- Applications are currently being sought for participants wanting to take part in the pilot (6 regional apprentices and 6 metro apprentices) and also host employers who would be willing to take a student for on the job practical experience. <b>(See attached forms).</b></li> <li>- Applications are to be forwarded to Service Skills Australia by January, with the pilot commencing in February. The group was encouraged to distribute the forms to anyone who might be interested in taking part in the pilot program.</li> </ul> <p><b>Department of Sport and Recreation Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tanya Mills gave a brief update to the group about the Education and Training division of the Department of Sport and Recreation. For clarification, Tanya’s position looks at those currently entering education and training and Steve Mason’s focus is on people already working in the sport and recreation industry.</li> <li>- The Department is in the process of reviewing the report completed by FutureNow into the provision of Sport and Recreation training in WA and will be identifying projects as a result of the recommendations to come out of this report. The department is also in favour of supporting the continuation of the Fitness Community of Practice project.</li> <li>- For issues regarding current education and training, Tanya is the contact person at Department of Sport and Recreation</li> </ul>
<p><b>General Business</b></p>	<p>All project participants were given the opportunity to give their feedback on the project and any comments they may have had. It was agreed by all participants that the project had provided the opportunity to create positive relationships and partnerships with the different training providers in order to work towards creating or improving upon current articulation arrangements between TAFE colleges and university providers. Members were very keen and committed to</p>

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