

e-Learning Project: On track to launch in January 2011!

"FACTS -vs-Myths"

I would like to share some information about what is happening regarding e-Learning in NSW, you may hear a lot of rumors' but here are the facts:-

e-Learning is NOT going to replace our Wood Badge training program and all that goes with it, especially the significant practical components. Nor is e-Learning 'watering down' the content and what is required of the Leader. e-Learning is another method of delivery, albeit a significant one, and it needs to be seen in that light. It will offer an avenue for greater flexibility in training delivery linked to current Branch training offerings in the Wood Badge training program, and beyond. (from the National e-news)



- Members who have started on our existing training (e.g. BL1 phased out March 2011, BL2 phased out June 2011 and BL3 phased out August 2011) will still have the opportunity to complete their training through the existing format until August 2011. RPL/Skills Recognition and other options are open to complete your training.
- e-Learning is sectional based, and gives you the opportunity to work at your own pace, at a time that suits you, when you have time.
- e-Learning has some other great benefits, for the first time ever, every state will run the same training program, allowing those members who often move (e.g. defense personnel) to travel with ease.
- Regions can run group sessions for those members who do not have access to a computer or broadband, they have facilities to assist you along the way on your training program.
- Each member will also be allocated a PLA (Personal Leader Advisor) to help them with their training, somebody to answer your questions and guide you along the way to complete your training.
- For those members who start e-Learning, they still have the opportunity to network and meet with other members in a sectional residential weekend, which will now be practically based, to give you the hands on skills you need for your pack, troop, or mob etc.
- The new training program now frees up two residential weekends that allows new Leaders to balance their Scouting with family commitments.
- e-Learning enables Scouts Australia to achieve our National Commissioner's vision that a new Leader will be able to complete their COAL (Certificate of Adult Leadership) within 6 months .



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