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UP Innovation Competition - Winners Announced!

The Microsoft UP Innovation Competition sought to uncover exceptional and innovative UP centre programs and to give public recognition to some outstandingly innovative and creative programs. The winner of the UP Innovation Competition 2007 is:

Nick Van de Peer
UP Centre: WorkVentures' Bowraville CTC
Project: "Indigenous Youth PC program"

This project hosted 17 Indigenous youth on a two-week long IT skills development program. It provided the participants with an opportunity for skills development and pathways to employment, outside the rigorous structure of traditional education. A hands-on, flexible and interactive education program was used to build capacities within the Indigenous students and enhance their problem solving aptitude and self-esteem.

The key concept of Nick's program was to implement and conduct training within the student's local community so that senior members of their community support them. The courses were run to a curriculum that was developed specifically for this target group.

During the process of training, the participants refurbished / rebuilt a PC, filmed and edited a digital movie, and on successful completion of the course took ownership of that PC as well as receiving a Certificate of Proficiency.

The judges selected Nick's project because it demonstrated a real innovative use of technology, achieved its objectives and had a lasting impact on the local community.

Runner-Up Prize

Dianna Newman & Daryn McKenny
UP centre: Awarbukarl Cultural Resource Association Inc. (ACRA)
Project: "Modern Ways for Ancient Words"

Through its community network, ACRA has commenced taking computer training to eager learners. Through the use of the UP Curriculum, Microsoft software and their own developed software (Miromaa) ACRA has been able to provide the necessary skills to Aboriginal communities around Australia to assist in the preservation and dissemination of the endangered traditional languages of Aboriginal Australia. Communities are realising the importance that technology can play by giving them the tools and skills to embark on reclaiming, preserving and disseminating these 250 plus native languages of Australia. The judges wanted to recognize the fantastic work that ACRA had achieved and to acknowledge the enormous social impact this project has.

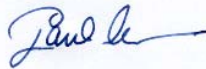
Special Judges' Choice Award

Robyn Hofmeyr
UP centre: The Winifred Fisher - Indigenous Knowledge Centre
Project: "NAIDOC PowerPoint Competition"

This UP centre is housed in the Indigenous Knowledge Centre (IKC) in Cherbourg, an indigenous town in SE Queensland. Their aim in the Cherbourg IKC is to encourage people to engage / re-engage with technology and learning in a creative and sustained way. This required the UP centre staff to overcome historical and cultural barriers and find ways to make learning meaningful to people. Robyn's NAIDOC PowerPoint Competition is one such strategy.

The judges felt that a special mention had to be made of this important project.

Finally, our thanks to everyone who participated in the UP Innovation Competition. There were many innovative and highly beneficial projects in the submissions we received, and we appreciate the effort that went into creating all of them.



Paul Clark
 Community Affairs Manager
 Microsoft Australia

Interviews



Hi Paul, congratulations on your appointment as Microsoft's new Community Affairs Manager. You're the first totally external appointment to that position and you come from the community rather than the corporate sector. Your background has been mainly seeking support for cultural or community projects and now you're in a position to offer that support. How does that role reversal feel?

Thank you. That's right, I have jumped the fence so to speak! After over ten years seeking support from corporations and major donors for charities and cultural institutions, I am very excited by the prospect of taking up the role with a company which has such a great track record of community support, and am looking forward to the challenge of managing Microsoft's Community Affairs Program.

[Read the rest of the interview here](#)

UP Centre in Focus

[Image](#)



[Description](#)

Location: Maddington, WA
Description: The Gosnells PCYC has a rich history of volunteer and community support, extending over 30 years and values its relationship with the City of Gosnells and the South East Metropolitan Police District. Gosnells PCYC has evolved over 30 years to meet the relevant needs of the community and as such has had to continue to change its delivery of programs.

There is now a strong focus on Crime Prevention, creating and implementing programs in partnership with other community agencies that have positive outcomes on young people's lives.

In recent years it has implemented UP Programs thanks to the support of The Smith Family, Microsoft and the City of Gosnells. The program has been able to target local youths and seniors who have had little or no computer access, in an area where there is up 60%

What's New

- Smartin' UP video (Cherbourg) **NEW**
- UPdate Newsletter No.8
- Podcasting tutorial - Part 1
- Blogging tutorial - Part 1
- Gosnells PCYC Open Day

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Unlimited Potential Conference Resources

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- UP Conference 2007

UP Resources for Community Centres

Type Name

- [Aldinga Online Safety handouts](#)
- [UPGlobalSummitCaseStudies](#)
- [Microsoft and the Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association Case Study](#)
- [2006 MVP Community Summary of resources](#)
- [MVPs Experts in Technology Communities](#)
- [UP TSF Overview Doc](#)

(More Items...)



Unlimited Potential Partners

- The Smith Family
- Work Ventures
- Australian Seniors Computer Clubs Association
- Yarnteen

Restricted Access Area

- Members Only Access
- Administration Area

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Microsoft Unlimited Potential Program

Technology skills can open a world of possibilities and help individuals actively participate in all facets of society.

Through Unlimited Potential and other initiatives, Microsoft aims to increase computer literacy among all members of the population regardless of age, background, education, location or socio-economic status. In Australia, Microsoft supports more than 200 Unlimited Potential Community-based Technology Learning Centres (CTLCs) located in rural and urban areas throughout the country, and the number of supported Centres is growing. In New Zealand, Unlimited Potential Learning Foundation (UPLIFT) course will be offered to 100+ trainers from community, voluntary and Maori organisations.

Unlimited Potential CTLCs help improve lifelong learning opportunities for disadvantaged people by connecting individuals and communities. Through local partnerships, Unlimited Potential creates affordable opportunities for local people to contribute to society and the local community.

Announcements

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[Free Digital Storytelling Online event 29th & 30th March](#)

[Workventures Jobseekers Guide available](#)

[Multimedia workshop resource CD's available](#)

[ASCCA's Barrier Free Access Kit](#)

Yarnteen Resource Kit launched at UP Conference 2007

Valuable Microsoft resources

- Microsoft NineMSN Online Safety Resource Centre
- Microsoft Child Safety Online - One stop for safety tips to keep children safe online
- Microsoft Most Valued Professional Program - Technical Advice and Experience from an international network of IT professionals
- Telecentre.org - an international collection of CTLC stories, resources and networks
- Net Squared - an online resource to help community organisations access web-based resources and knowledge
- UP 2005 Australian Community Conference: Agendas, photos and more
- Community Net Aotearoa: Encouraging information sharing between community organisations
- Think U Know: Internet safety education initiative in Australia



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