

Welcome

As we near the end of another busy year I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the key projects which have been our focus for 2009.



- We welcome a new TANZ member – Bay of Plenty Polytechnic.
- Academic Harmonisation Project.
- National Certificate in Business (First Line Management)
- National Diploma in Business
- New Zealand Diploma in Business
- Bachelor of Applied Management
- Examples of business staircasing opportunities
- Moodle Net (MNet) supporting web based collaborative delivery
- CareerForce: Hosting of National Certificate in Community Support Services (Vision & Hearing Screening) (Level 3)
- ITPQ discussions
- International discussions

But first we must sadly farewell Neil Barns and Terry Barnett.

From Phil Ker, on behalf of TANZ

It is with mixed feelings that we farewell Terry and Neil from the TANZ Board. We are happy for them as they move on to new ventures and experiences, but we are sad to lose two great colleagues, not only from TANZ but from the sector at large. Terry and Neil – your leadership, friendship and support will be missed.

From Neil

When TANZ was formed in 2000 I was a faculty dean at CPIT. The concept of institutions working closely together to share programmes, professional development and ideas in a truly collegial manner appealed to me right from the start. This spirit of sharing and working together for better educational outcomes is special and



something that I will miss when I leave CPIT in February 2010. I would like to wish all the member institutions and all of the hard working staff in the TANZ office well and I hope that they will maintain the spirit of open and honest cooperation that has epitomised this alliance and made it so successful.

Neil Barns
Chief Executive
CPIT

From Terry

As I put in place arrangements for my departure from NorthTec in March 2010, it has given me the opportunity to reflect on NorthTec's membership of TANZ since February 2008.



There is little doubt that TANZ is changing as the external operating environment shifts. The changes are both necessary and positive in my view. New opportunities and ways of doing business will open up around the new Bachelor of Applied Management programme as more TANZ members pick up delivery. NorthTec is targeting a 2010 launch. This programme, when supported by increasing internet bandwidth via the KAREN network, will provide a working model for a new level of co-operation between TANZ members. I am pleased that in leaving NorthTec I am leaving an institute with such a bright future based on the opportunities for co-operation which lie within TANZ.

After 20 years in the polytechnic sector I can honestly say that working with the current TANZ operation and seeing its future possibilities are a professional and personal highlight for me.

I wish you all well for the future.

Terry Barnett,
Chief Executive
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NorthTec

Welcome to Bay of Plenty Polytechnic (BoPP)

TANZ is pleased to welcome a new member – Bay of Plenty Polytechnic.

Neil Barns (TANZ Convenor) said, “One of the challenges for TANZ this year has been to confirm the basis of its future membership. Unlike other alliances in the sector TANZ does not aim to be a representative body, nor is its primary role to advocate positions for or within the ITP sector. TANZ is about practical and meaningful collaborations that improve each of our institutions. There has been a lot of interest in TANZ membership from the ITP sector and it was therefore difficult to balance the desire to admit willing new partners with the wish to keep TANZ small in number. After a long process it was a unanimous decision by the member institutions to invite Bay of Plenty Polytechnic to join TANZ, an invitation that we were delighted to have accepted.”

TANZ has made progress on a number of shared developments in 2009 and will continue to roll out new collaborative projects in 2010. We do not seek any kind of peak body status but will continue to offer services to others in the sector who see the value of what we collectively produce.”

Alan Hampton, Bay of Plenty’s Chief Executive, said “Partnerships have long been a strong characteristic of Bay of Plenty Polytechnic’s strategic development. Successfully being accepted into TANZ is a very important opportunity, consistent with that strategy.”



Bay of Plenty Polytechnic has already experienced TANZ outputs eg First Line Management on-line and has considerable respect and value for TANZ achievements over the years.

The institution is convinced and committed to ensuring its contribution to the continued value of TANZ to its member institution, staff and students.”

Academic Harmonisation

At the October meeting of the sector Academic Directors / Managers all the information that has been developed through this 6 month project was presented for discussion and review. This was positively received with all information provided and made available for use. The intention is to continue with sector discussions at the April 2010 workshop / meeting.

The information is available on the TANZ website at

http://www.tanz.ac.nz/about_us/academic_harmonisation.php

National Certificate in Business (First Line Management) (Online)

This qualification continues to be successfully delivered through a number of ITPs. This material is actively kept current and continuously moderated so that learners can be assured of accessing frequently updated material. Feedback from the learners continues to be positive. There have been requests for learners to be able to access the individual courses. This is currently being researched.

National Diploma in Business (Online)

Updates of this curriculum now align with the NZQA changes. The new qualification is available for institutions to offer to learners.

New Zealand Diploma in Business (Online)

This year has seen the commencement of a number of year 2 NZ Dip Bus papers for web based delivery. This is to support both this qualification as well as the Bachelor of Applied Management qualification.

Bachelor of Applied Management

This year has seen a number of key activities occur with this programme. Otago Polytechnic and CPIT continue to work in close collaboration to ensure consistency of material and learner outcomes.

NorthTec has now commenced the required academic processes to aim for mid 2010 delivery of this degree.

A joint staff workshop occurred in 2009 to facilitate shared review and update of course material.

Business Qualifications

TANZ is now able to offer learners via a number of institutions access to a range of business qualifications with the same curriculum that can progress through to degree level.

At level 4 the National Certificate in Business (First Line Management) or the National Certificate in Business Admin both articulate for different credit levels into the National Diploma in Business or National Diploma Business Administration. Each of these level 5 qualifications articulate into the Bachelor of Applied Management.

What does this mean?

- Nationally consistent curriculum
- National network of provision
- Articulation opportunities
- Working towards academic harmonisation between participating institutions
- Clear staircasing options / opportunities for learners

This is being supported by the Moodle network developments.

What is the Moodle Network (MNET)?

Courses being delivered

There are a number of programmes being delivered through this network including National Certificate in Business (First Line Management), National Diploma in Business, New Zealand Diploma in Business, Bachelor of Midwifery, Certificate in eLearning Design and Development as well as a range of courses including Research Methodology.

MNet (Moodle Networking), is the name given to the networking functionality of the Moodle platform, (an online learning software delivery platform, Learner Management System - LMS).

What are the key types of networking – what do they mean?

Hub & Spoke is a model of networking where the online course content is centrally located to provide ease of content updating and maintenance, and institutions (the Spokes) link to the hub through their own instance of Moodle to deliver online courses, either in collaboration with other institutions or in a stand alone delivery.

Peer to Peer distributed networking is an alternative model of delivery to the Hub and Spoke Model, in which two or more institutions network their Moodle instances to jointly deliver online courses, sharing learners, courses, resources and /or tutors.

Current Status

All TANZ institutions are using the MNet functionality, and using all forms of networking ability.

What brand does a student see?

In both Hub & Spoke and Peer to Peer distributed networking the learner's home institution branding follows the student thus providing a continuing connection with their home institution.

Resources available

There are a range of resources available including a Network Support site for various programmes including National Certificate in Business (First Line Management) and a range of Technology for Learning staff development courses.

There are also discipline specific areas which provide support, communication tools and resources for various communities of practice. These include access to project sites to facilitate activities and discussions between key persons. These include various staff development opportunities offered which have been very well received by staff including discussion between programme managers, tutors, eLearning advisors and Moodle administrators. There are also a range of support sites for existing or planned MNet based projects including training support, IT support, eLearning advisor support, Moodle

Administrator support and allied staff support for groups such as Librarians. Work is also occurring on providing various courses via the network to local schools.

Careerforce - National Certificate in Community Support Services (Vision & Hearing Screening) (Level 3)

Careerforce, the ITO for the Health and Disability sector, has recently launched this new qualification using the TANZ online platform. This programme is aimed at technicians, employed by DHBs, who carry out vision and hearing screening tests on younger, school age children.

Mark Pearce, Pathway Development Manager for Careerforce comments:

“Using the TANZ online option enabled Careerforce to nationally reach all Vision and Hearing Screening technicians, many of whom work alone. The online resources, involving some quite technical diagrams, have been made interactive and early feedback from trainees is very positive. The use of a fully-qualified online tutor has also helped with the communicating of best practice and specialist knowledge among the enrolled trainees.”

ITPQ Discussions

ITPQ have been very supportive of TANZ developments particularly related to the Bachelor of Applied Management. Further work will occur in 2010 to enable continued focus on collaborative delivery.

International discussions

2009 has been the year for TANZ to commence researching international opportunities and strategies. A number of early discussions are occurring. This will become a key focus for 2010.

In Closing – Seasons Greetings

This is an opportunity to wish you all Seasons Greetings and hope that the festive season allows time to relax, reflect and refresh – in time to welcome 2010.

To all who have participated and supported TANZ through 2009 – I thank you and look forward to working with you all again next year.

SEASONS GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR 2010

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