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*There is no passion to be found playing small - in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living.*

**Nelson Mandela**

## Learning: Pushing Your Boundaries

One philosophy I have is that I try to do one thing a day that scares me. It helps me to grow and constantly extends my boundaries.

This week I had the privilege of attending the Level 1 driver training course at the Porsche Driver Training facility at Mt Cotton as part of a two day Porsche Presidents meeting.

The Mt Cotton experience took place on Day 2. The Porsche Driver Training Centre brought in professional racing car drivers who spent the day generously sharing their professional expertise.

I would have to say I was the least experienced in the group in terms of pushing cars to their limits. In fact I was scared that the others would think less of me because they were clearly better drivers. But part of pushing your boundaries to surround yourself with people who are better at things than you ☺.

I ended up doing a few 360 degree spins before I mastered the handling on the skid pan. The first time we tried anything new I was a bit timid but I gave everything a go. There is something sweet about not giving in to the fear. I spent much of my day whooping, cheering and laughing. My confidence grew as the day went on and by the end of it I was flinging cars around on a wet course and pushing the cars till I felt them start to lose control and then I calmly did what I needed to do to get the cars back on the straight and narrow – it was awesome!!

So what does this have to do with you? We are nearly at the end of another year and for many of you it is time to start making those New Year's resolutions. Consider making a resolution to learn one new thing every day next year. Push your self imposed boundaries - you will be a completely different person in a year's time.

In fact, why wait till next year? Why not start today – just do one small thing that scares you, like entering the competition on p. 3 ☺.

Danette

## 2009 ACCREDITED PROGRAMS



Magical Learning wants to help you open doors to your future – with a Nationally Accredited Qualification.

### **Advanced Diploma of Government (Financial Management)**

Starts 3 February 2009

### **Advanced Diploma of Government (Human Resources)**

Starts 3 February 2009

### **Certificate IV in Government (Procurement)**

Starts 4 February 2009

### **Accrual Accounting**

Starts 5 February 2009

### **Certificate IV in Government (Financial Services)**

Starts 5 February 2009

### **Diploma of Government (Human Resources)**

Starts 13 February 2009

### **Diploma of Government (Contract Management)**

Starts 13 February 2009

### **Diploma of Government (Financial Services)**

Starts 13 February 2009



## 2009 MAGICAL LEARNING EVENTS

**We are excited about the delivery of the following new learning events:**

### **New Supervisors**

4-6 February 2009

Cost \$1,600

### **Promote the Values and Ethos of Public Service**

13 February 2009

Cost \$595 – full day workshop

### **Establish and Maintain Strategic Networks**

17 February 2009

Cost \$595 - full day workshop

### **Manage Compliance with Legislation in the Public Sector**

24 February 2009

Cost \$595 – full day workshop

### **Budgeting and Effective Financial Management**

27 February 2009

Cost \$595 – full day workshop

### **Running Effective Meetings**

19 March 2009

Cost \$395 - half day workshop

**Remember to ask about our Magical Learning Club and group discounts.**

**For more information about any of our learning programs, call Wendy at Magical Learning on 6273 2221.**

## RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING

### Who can apply for recognition?

Anyone who believes they have the skills and knowledge identified in the outcomes of a unit is encouraged to apply for recognition. The following factors may help you in deciding whether an application will be successful.

- Do you have the underpinning knowledge required in the unit?
- Can you demonstrate the skills required in the unit?
- Can you apply the knowledge and skills in a work situation?
- Can you apply the knowledge and skills in a range of work situations?
- Are your knowledge and skills current?
- Can you provide evidence of your skills and knowledge?

### What support is available?

Your Magical Learning assessor will work with you to identify appropriate and sufficient evidence throughout the recognition process. It is your responsibility to gather the evidence and present it for assessment. When you have your planning meeting with your assessor, they will guide you on how to present the evidence and discuss the critical aspects of evidence.



## USER CHOICE

Magical Learning is able to offer training services to Government Departments employing Trainees for the following qualifications:

- ✓ Certificate III in Government
- ✓ Certificate IV in Government
- ✓ Certificate IV in Government (Financial Services)
- ✓ Certificate IV in Government (Procurement)
- ✓ Certificate IV in Government (Project Management).

For more information on User Choice Funding and how it may help you or your organisation, please telephone Wendy Brigg on 6273 2221 or via email at [wendy@magicallearning.com](mailto:wendy@magicallearning.com).

## COMPETITION

Looking to make a difference in your life in 2009?

Email us what you would like to achieve in 2009 and why you think you should win this competition.

Email your answers to [club@magicallearning.com](mailto:club@magicallearning.com).

Competition closes 6 February 2009.

This month's prize is two coaching sessions with Danette to help kick-start your 2009 goals.



## REVIEWS

### Movies

'Seven Pounds' starring Will Smith.

Grahame and I watched this movie last night. It blew us both away. It is a story about a man, Ben Thomas, (who is played by Will Smith) who is not all he seems. Throughout the story there are flashbacks to Ben Thomas' previous life (which all ties together at the end).

Parts of the movie are a bit dark and gritty but the ending will have even the hardest of you in tears.

I don't want to tell too much as it will give away the ending but if there is only one movie you go to see in 2009 then make it this one. This movie is potentially life changing and certainly inspiring.

**Six** out of five stars (it is awesome!)

*I don't think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday.*

**Abraham Lincoln**

### Books

'Outliers' by Malcolm Gladwell

Malcolm Gladwell has already written a couple of books including 'Blink' and 'Tipping Point'. 'Outliers' is a book about the real reasons behind success.

I have read many books on success and this one is the best I have read in a long while.

If you want to be successful or want to help your children with success then this is recommended reading.

Five out of five stars

## E-LEARNING COURSES

Magical Learning is pleased to announce that we are now offering the following courses by e-learning:

- ✓ Certificate IV in Government
- ✓ Certificate IV in Government (Financial Services)
- ✓ Certificate IV in Government (Procurement)
- ✓ Certificate IV in Government (Project Management).

From February 2009 we will be offering all of our diploma courses by e-learning.

From April 2009 we will be offering all of our Advanced Diploma courses by e-learning.

Please contact Wendy Brigg on 02 6273 2221 or [wendy@magicallearning.com](mailto:wendy@magicallearning.com) for more information.

*We are prone to judge success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles, rather than by the quality of our service relationship to humanity.*  
**Dr Martin Luther King Jr.**

## FLEXIBLE LEARNING

We are also very excited to announce that **all** of our accredited learning programs are now available via distance/ flexible delivery - a great option for those of us who find it hard getting to a classroom.

Please contact Wendy for more information on 02 6273 2221 or at [wendy@magicallearning.com](mailto:wendy@magicallearning.com).