**Digital Matters: skills to live, learn and work in a digital world.**

Date

Learn Local providers have joined forces to support Gippslanders in 2020.

It’s all part of a new Digital Matters short course about to start in Term 4. The course provides a safe entry point for adults to learn everyday skills to live, learn and work in a digital world.

Learn Locals in Gippsland developed the course in response to research showing that up to 90% of jobs these days require digital and computer skills and that many people need to upskill to participate effectively.

Digital expansion has crept into every part of our lives and work, which has seen rapid changes over the last few years and has been further accelerated by COVID-19.

Some of the bigger changes in our world include the following:

* Key Government and community services requiring online accounts/profiles such as MyGov
* Companies utilising HR management information systems for leave, payroll, shift scheduling conducted online
* Banking and shopping, services interacting with their customer and suppliers through IT
* Companies utilising virtual training for induction, workplace health and safety, professional development
* Relationships, dating and social media, connecting with family and friends.

Digital Matters is led by a skilled teacher who will support a group of six to eight adult learners to participate in a short flexible course starting with a face-to-face setup followed by five or six online small group sessions between 60 and 90 minutes (usually run over several weeks). This course is the perfect way to overcome your fears and learn digital skills.

The Digital Matters course is for anyone who wants to learn the basics of living in a digital world. It is especially relevant to people who would like to progress to further study and job seekers who do not have the skills to participate in online recruitment.

The xxxxxxx Learn Local Coordinator, xxxxxxxxxxx, said this was a great opportunity for learners in the community to enrol in this unique Learn Local course commencing date.

“A unique feature of the course is the 1:1 support provided to learn the basics of using digital technology and to help you overcome your specific technology challenges.” Ms/Mr xxxxxx explained.

“Skilled and experienced Learn Local tutors assist learners to develop the skills that matter in a safe learning environment. Digital Matters classes are small, friendly, relaxed and filled with people experiencing similar digital challenges.”

The course content is flexible and may include:

* Download digital content from the library
* Participate in Zoom catch-ups
* Study online
* Support home schooling.

You will learn how to:

* Set up your devices
* Connect to Bluetooth and Wifi
* Set up online accounts
* Navigate safely online.

To register for the *Digital Matters* course, contact the participating Learn Local in your area via the Gippsland Learn Local website or contact xxxxx Learn Local:

Contact details

Name:

Phone:

Website:

For more information contact:

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