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PROGRESS

Over the last two weeks – Monday 12th May to Friday 23rd May Finance and Procurement staff along with a number of volunteers from around the University participated in User Acceptance Testing (UAT) in the test environment of Oracle Financials R12 E-Business Suite and iProcurement.

The feedback has been very positive with no significant issues reported and iProcurement has been embraced well by all who have had a test run of it.

Thank you so much to those that volunteered to assist us in the UAT. Your enthusiasm and generosity has been very much appreciated and has greatly contributed to this project proceeding positively.

Efficiencies have been identified within Finance by streaming processes. One such process is the Scholarship and Prizegiving payments. These will be more automated and funds will be transferred to recipients bank accounts rather than cheques produced. Other efficiencies were highlighted in our Newsletter no. 3.

Left to Right: Steven Solomon, Penny McHugh, Rosemary Cormick, Dave Zachar and Mark Maderal during the Accounts Payable Workshop.

User Acceptance Testing Workshops

Key Dates

Project launched
24th October 2013

Training and User Acceptance Testing (UAT)
March to May 2014

Further end user training
May/June 2014

Planned cutover to R12
12th – 18th June 2014

FURTHER UPDATES

Business Systems will keep you updated on the progress of the project. This newsletter along with future updates can be accessed at our webpage http://www.cdu.edu.au/finance/financial-services
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Office of Strategic Procurement Services Team - Buyers Work Centre Workshop

Claudia Hawker and Tanya Kalinowsky working through the iProcurement manual, during the User Acceptance Training Session

TRAINING

Our Finance Systems Training and Liaison officer Anna Ikonomou has just visited Katherine to provide training to staff in the new upgraded Oracle R12 e-Business System. Katherine staff were very welcoming and Anna was able to enjoy a personal tour of the Katherine Rural Campus by Diane Snell, who has been at the campus for nearly 25 years.

The Katherine Campus is located 16km north of Katherine and 300km south of Darwin.
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Left to Right: Danielle Choveaux (joined us from the Katherine Town Centre) and Genevieve Gilligan working through the iProcurement Requisitioning process, during the Katherine End User Oracle R12 Training Workshop.

Diane Snell, Anna Ikonomou working through the iProcurement receipting process, during the Katherine Training Workshop.

Diane Snell: on her way back to continue the tour, after checking on Teddy who was taking a nap. Teddy or (Official: Dreams of Glory) is one of the oldest horses on Campus.
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The ‘Shine time’ Mares names are; Cheyenne, Chickeetah and Shiloh

Katherine Stallion: Sir Rupertswood Shine time

We realise that some these photos taken at the Katherine Rural Campus are not related in any way to the Oracle Financials R12 upgrade but they are nice photos. 😊
This year’s Stud Cattle show team: Jess and Troy are in the process of getting them ready for Katherine and Darwin shows.

NEXT WEEK
Anna will be travelling to Alice Springs Campus on Monday 2nd June, to deliver training to the staff there. Training will include an overview of the Procure to Pay Process changes from the Oracle 11i version to the Upgraded E-Business R12 System. All existing Alice Springs Oracle Staff members have been notified and scheduled for the training. Users who are unable to attend have already discussed alternative training which will be provided by Jo Carlesso – Finance Business Manager ASP.

An email was sent to all active, existing elVIS – Oracle Financial users inviting them to attend workshops to allow them to become familiar with the new system.

There are a number of different dates and session to choose from.

Please ensure you are booked into one of these sessions as access to the upgraded system will not be granted if you have not attended a session.

Those who perform ‘Approving’ only in the system will be contacted separately to arrange a customised training session for approving.

CUTOVER TO NEW VERSION
The cutover to the upgraded system is planned to begin at 12 noon on Thursday 12th June 2014 and will take approx 5-6 days. This means we plan to take Oracle Financials offline from 12th June till the system has been upgraded and released to the general University community by start of business on Wednesday 18th June 2014. It may be possible that it will be available one day earlier but that will depend on how smoothly the upgrade goes.

FURTHER INFORMATION
The Project newsletters can be found at the following site:

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