



(Evans and Schlek finish the stage together). Check out his B&B for yourself on [Google Images](#) and you will understand why it took him most of the day. Fermor has an extensive vocabulary. What does he mean by "a bosky slope"? Touch the word with your finger on the iPad and it displays the definition: "covered by bushes or trees".

The bottom line? The iPad as an e-book reader greatly enhances the reading experience. The ability to quickly cross reference content extends the printed word into the visual, aural, geographical and linguistic domains. This adds richness and texture to the content and makes the reading experience much more immersive. Patrick Leigh Fermor died last month at the age of 96. Along the way he operated behind German lines in Crete during World War II where he organised the Cretan resistance and captured the German Commandant, swam the Hellespont, climbed in the Andes, wrote several books and, some say, became the inspiration for the James Bond character in Ian Fleming's books. Fermor's [obituary](#) makes interesting reading.



In more recent years Fermor's book inspired Nicholas Crane to emulate his trek in 1993 by walking from the Atlantic to Istanbul via the Pyrenees, Vosges, Alps and Carpathian mountains. Sadly for Nicholas there were no palaces or Romanian Countesses but his account of the journey in [Clear Waters Rising](#) makes good reading and his writing style is more approachable than that of the erudite and logophilic Fermor.

*Nicholas Crane - the Umbrella Man*

With warm regards

Nigel Davies  
**Director, NDA**



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## Case Study - Cradle Mountain Water

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NDA is a regular participant in Skills Tasmania's *Productivity Places Program* (PPP), including four successful tenders in the current round of funding. This case history is of a successful tender we made in partnership with Cradle Mountain Water. The account may assist clients who are unaware of the potential benefits of the program.

Cradle Mountain Water (CMW) was formed in 2009 by the merger of the water and wastewater components of the nine north west councils and bulk water authority Cradle Coast Water. As with all mergers some of the key issues facing the new body include welding together staff from different backgrounds into a coherent team and standardising on new policies and procedures.

Kerry Fox, the Training and Development officer at CMW, approached NDA to discuss how we might assist. Together we made a joint submission to the PPP program for funding to assist eleven staff in completing Certificate IV qualifications in [Frontline Management](#), [Business](#) and [Training and Assessment](#).

The guidelines for the program also permitted us to apply for additional funding for skill set training - short courses targeted at specific skill requirements. We applied for nationally accredited units that aligned with the NDA courses for [Performance Management](#), [Managing Change](#) and [Team Building](#).

The application was successful. CMW was awarded \$26,880 for the qualifications and \$5,280 for the skill set training. This represents 80% of the cost of the training, with 20% to be paid by CMW (firms with less than 100 staff are only required to contribute 10% of the total training costs).

NDA will present the skill set training in the form of three by one day courses. To add value for the client we have agreed that an additional six line staff from Cradle Mountain Water may attend these training sessions at no extra cost. This will ensure that all key management and line staff in the new authority participate in team building activities and receive consistent training in standards and procedures.

In addition to this, Cradle Mountain Water staff will receive nationally accredited qualifications and statements of attainment for all training successfully completed. We welcome your enquiry to partner with NDA in the next round of PPP funding if this case history stimulates your imagination. **Call 1300 765 736 and ask to speak with Chris Carlson.**



## Personal Wi-Fi Hotspots

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How many wireless contracts do you have? A quick scan around our abode finds my mobile, Helen's mobile (Wife-Fi?), the Telstra fixed phone line with a wireless router serving a desktop PC and a plug in dongle for road trips with the lap-top - total four contracts.

It is of interest, then, to learn that an iPhone 3 or 4 running the iPhone4 operating system can operate as a 'personal hotspot' and provide wireless services for up to four devices. In my case there seems to be the potential to replace the fixed phone line (with its fixed monthly fee plus usage charges), the lap-top dongle and support a Wi-Fi only iPad - but does it all add up?

On the basis of some fairly simple tests the line speed seems to be perfectly adequate, but what about download limits? Since the unlamented expiry of the original Vodafone contract last month the iPhone has operated on Telstra pre-paid mobile broadband at a cost of \$40 per month for up to 1Gb of data.

My monthly iPhone data usage is only around 160Mb - plenty of spare capacity, then, but is it enough to support the other devices?

- The dongle contract is for \$39.95 / month with an average data download of 100Mb / month. That contract can be cancelled for a saving of nearly \$480 / year and still leave about 740Mb spare capacity per month.
- The iPad doesn't have a wireless contract so no saving there. There is a benefit, though, in greatly increased convenience through the ability to use the iPad anywhere that the iPhone has reception.
- The BigPond fixed line plan is for \$69.95 / month with a download limit of 50Gb and an average usage of about 8Gb / month. Unfortunately this is well in excess of the 1Gb iPhone contract. To accommodate this level of usage would require a 10Gb pre-paid data allowance at a cost of \$150 / month, more than erasing any savings that might be made from cancelling the fixed line phone contract.

Conclusion: The iPhone personal Wi-Fi hotspot capability has the potential to reduce expenditure on wireless contracts and increase the utility of Wi-Fi devices that do not have an independent wireless capability. However it is unlikely to have sufficient data download capacity at an economical rate to substitute for fixed line Internet access.



## Certificate IV in Training and Assessment

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NDA offers TAE40110 [Certificate IV in Training and Assessment](#) based on the classroom courses [Learning Design](#), [Training Delivery](#) and [Assessment](#). Being a specialised training company we like to think we do a reasonable job with this qualification. Here are some comments from people who have recently completed these courses:

*"This was a dynamic presentation...I was totally engaged from the opening line...the way the training was presented was so different to any presentation I have ever attended...this was hilarious and a fantastic way to finish a sensational training course"*

John Prairie, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

(See [TAE Review](#) to read the full letter we received from John following this course).

*"It was great to have so many practical activities to participate in."*

AR, Diagnostic Services Pty Ltd

*"It was really good doing the course at NDA and a pleasure dealing with the staff there who obviously enjoy the work that they do. The customer service standard shown by NDA (promptness of response to queries and client contact generally) was quite impressive."*

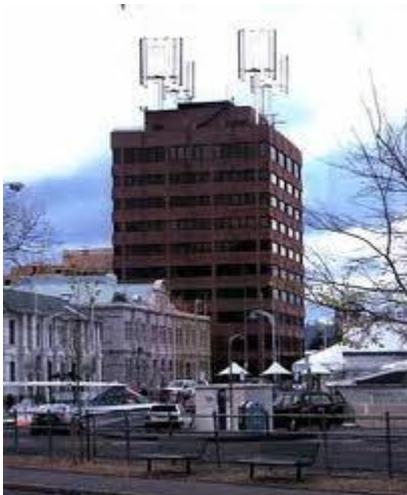
CB, Transend Networks

This course will give you the accreditation and, just as important, the skills to train and assess people at the workplace - why would you go anywhere else for this qualification? **Call Kristina on 1300 765 736 for more information about NDA's Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.**

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## Wind power

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Vertical axis wind turbines are a bit 'on the nose' in Tasmania following the problems

at Hobart's Marine Board building. However some [recent research](#) indicates that vertical axis 'eggbeater' turbines like the [Windspire](#) can increase the efficiency of windfarms by a factor of 10. Apparently it is all to do with the spacing of the turbines. I quite fancy a couple of these little beauties in the back garden...



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## Your feedback

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*I always enjoy reading the newsletter and certainly got a laugh from your technology predicament – good to know it ended happily! This time I clicked on the link to the exercise bike – because I wanted to see if it was made up of paperclips, staplers, sticky tape etc. One of those pesky little typos that doesn't get picked up by spellcheckers.....*

*Cheers – Tina  
Tina Pinkard  
Postgraduate Course Administrative Officer  
School of Nursing & Midwifery*

What is Tina referring to? Check the original text (below). If it takes more than 10 seconds to figure it out you might be interested in joining me on NDA's [Basic Business Writing Skills](#) course.

### **Tour de France indoor cycle**

*This stationery exercise bike lets you key in a Tour de France stage from Google Maps then tilts the bike back and forwards as you ride the stage to simulate the gradient.*

## Forthcoming Training Courses

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The following courses will shortly be presented by NDA, some at significant discounts on standard rates (**to obtain the discount, please phone Jodie on 1300 765 736** and mention this email when making bookings):

### **Hobart – IT Courses**

[Excel Basics](#) 4 Aug \$240

[Excel Introductory](#) 4/8 Aug - \$480

[Excel Intermediate](#) 8/9 Aug - \$384 (**20% discount**)

[Excel Advanced](#) 9/12 Aug - \$480

[Microsoft Project](#) 10/11 Aug - \$480

[Outlook](#) 11 Aug - \$240 - **two spots free**

[Access Intro / Intermediate](#) 15/17 Aug - \$384 (**20% discount**)

[Word Introductory](#) 16/18 Aug - \$480

[Word Intermediate](#) 18/22 Aug - \$480  
[MYOB Setup and Operation](#) 18/19 Aug - \$570  
[Word Advanced](#) 22/24 Aug - \$480  
[Introduction to PCs with Windows and Office](#) 24/26 - Aug \$480  
[PowerPoint](#) 25 Aug - \$240

**Hobart – Business Skills Courses**

[Conflict Resolution & Assertiveness](#) 5 Aug - \$285 - **two spots free**  
[Superior Customer Service](#) 12 Aug - \$285  
[OH&S in the Workplace](#) 17 Aug - \$285 - **two for the price of one**  
[Basic Business Writing Skills](#) 23 Aug - \$285  
[Professional Telephone Techniques](#) 25 Aug - \$285

**Launceston – IT Courses**

[Excel Basics](#) 4 Aug \$240  
[Excel Introductory](#) 4/8 Aug - \$384 (**20% discount**)  
[Excel Intermediate](#) 8/10 Aug - \$480 - **course full**  
[Microsoft Project](#) 9/11 Aug - \$480  
[Access Intro / Intermediate](#) 15/17 Aug - \$480  
[Word Basics](#) 16 Aug - \$240  
[Word Intermediate](#) 18/22 Aug - \$480  
[MYOB Setup and Operation](#) 18/19 Aug - \$570 - **one spot free**  
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[Excel Advanced](#) 10/12 Aug - \$480  
[Word Basics](#) 16 Aug - \$240  
[Word Intermediate](#) 18/22 Aug - \$480  
[Outlook](#) 29 Aug - \$240  
[MYOB Setup and Operation](#) 30/31 Aug - \$570

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