

Campaspe Cohuna Local Learning & Employment Network Inc

Down to work— Working Groups at the CCLLEN

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Working groups are looking at ways of increasing the employability skills of young people, increasing parent and family engagement with schools and the recruitment of new members for the CCLLEN Board.

Board members Kate Fogarty, Trish Bradley & Trish Martin, are the respective convenors of these groups.

At the first series of meetings held at St Joseph's College on October 18th a great deal of enthusiasm and ideas for action were generated.

Organisations involved, besides the CCLLEN, included Campaspe College of Adult Education, Local Employment Training Services, Lead On, Youth Connections, Transfield Services, St Luke's, Shire of Campaspe, Australian Industry



Group, Heinz and the Murray Business Network.

The LLEN's underlying aim is to see young people successfully transition through school and into employment, further education & training or employment. These working parties will assist with initiating and implementing relevant dynamic strategies that will enable the CCLLEN to achieve its Strategic Goals.

Transitions & Pathways Network—Professional Development

Wednesday December 8th at Coriander Functions, Northern Highway Echuca.

An exciting and topical day is planned by the CCLLEN for staff from our education and associated sectors. Mrs Melva Johnson will give a 'Welcome to Country'. Dr. Alf Bamblett from the Victorian Aboriginal Community Services Association will present on the topic of cultural awareness in the context of pathways planning, careers and transitions for young people.

Planning the Professional Development Day



Workshops will be run by Loddon Mallee Region Department of Education and Early Childhood Development staff. Topics to be covered are:

- The development of a staged response checklist for engaging and re-engaging students
- The development of schools to services/ agencies protocols
- The school exit process / exemption process.

Benj Binks from 'ABC Open' will speak about an exciting new project for young writers in regional Australia.

Profiling CCLLEN Treasurer—Jason Russell

Jason, who lives in Moama, currently holds the position of Manager, Community Development and Services at the Gannawarra Shire Council. This executive position is responsible for Children's Services, Aged & Disability Services, Community Planning, Environmental Health, Youth, Recreation, Indigenous and Community Housing & Transport. Between 2006- 2009 he worked for the Central Murray Area Consultative Committee, as Project Manager and then

Executive Officer. Prior to moving to this role, Jason worked in the Funds Management industry in a range of management roles for ANZ Funds Management and then later Allianz Global Investors. Jason has been the Treasurer of the Murray Business Network and is currently on the Boards of St. Mary's Primary School, Southern Mallee Primary Care Partnership, Southern Mallee Transport Connections Partnership and the Gannawarra Non Emergency Transport Service.

Lead On Plans Sunnylot Festival—December 11th, 2010

**'SUNNYLOT
WILL SHOWCASE
THE TALENTS OF
OUR YOUNG
PEOPLE
THROUGH THEIR
VISIONS &
ACTIONS'**

Lead On Echuca/Moama, managed by Glynis Kelly, is a youth program that finds innovative ways of engaging & connecting young people to business & the broader community. Lead On provides real life experiences through projects.

The **SunnyLot Festival** is one such project. The idea came from a National Youth Week forum which identified Echuca as a town of festivals, but none

specifically involving young people. SunnyLot Festival will allow headline artists to perform in a rural area and will provide a platform for young people to organise and be in command of an event. Go to www.sunnylot.com.au for details.



Vocational Education & Training Teachers meet over dinner

Alison Dunstan, CCLLEN Workplace Learning Coordinator hosted a very successful VETiS dinner at BRIT's Kickham's Mill Training Restaurant on Tuesday 19th October. Whilst the night was a rare chance to meet with other colleagues, it was also an opportunity for VET teachers & trainers to indicate their interest in establishing a regional VET teacher & trainer network.

In other news— Sixteen nominations from five schools have been received for the



2010 VET Awards. These awards will recognise outstanding achievement by Vocational Education & Training in School's (VETiS) students.

Thursday, Nov 18th sees an Industry Open Day for Year 9 students at Kyabram P-12 College. Approx twenty four local businesses & one hundred and thirty students will be involved.



Enjoying the VET teacher's/trainer's dinner at BRIT

Indigenous Perspective

Indigenous perspectives are one of three 'cross-curriculum dimensions' in the new national curriculum

Why should students learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, cultures and perspectives at school?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, cultures and perspectives teach Australian children about their country's heritage and original inhabitants as well as the ongoing impact of colonisation and how we have come to be the society we are today. Aboriginal peoples are the oldest continuing culture in the world, have occupied this continent for over 40,000 years & are an important part of our national identity.

**The Aboriginal Flag
Designed by
Indigenous Elder
Harold Thomas in
1971**



The flag symbolises Aboriginal Identity. Yellow represents the sun (giver of life) and yellow ochre. Red represents the red earth (the relationship to the land) and the red ochre used in ceremonies. Black represents the Aboriginal people.

Mrs Melva Johnson is the Chair of the Local Aboriginal Education Consultancy Group (LAECCG) in our area.

Cyber Safety Information Sessions October 2010

Cyber safety is an increasingly serious issue in this technological age. Being aware of the issues enable community members to take positive steps towards protecting themselves and their families. Parents, students and members of the public have recently had the opportunity to be better equipped to manage life with the expanding usage of the internet and mobile phones after attending a series of cyber safety sessions at St Joseph's College, Echuca College and Mowtown Anglican Grammar. The CCLLEN and School Focused Youth Services worked

with Welfare Coordinators from each of the three schools to organise the parent and community sessions and design and print brochures. Rushworth, Cohuna, Kyabram and Rochester Colleges have also held Cyber Safety programs. A website to visit:

www.cybersmartkids.com.au



Campaspe Careers Professional Learning Network

This network generally meets monthly, usually at the Heygarth House offices of the CCLLEN. Career practitioners from each of the secondary schools in the region meet to discuss issues of common concern regarding career pathways for their students.



**Supporting
students explore
career options.**

TAFE, ACE, RTO's, Job Service Providers, University Representatives and Education Department representatives also attend. Guest speakers provide professional development to members. Delia Currie from St Joseph's College is the current Chair.

The Network is affiliated with the **Career Education Association of Victoria**, the peak body for secondary school career practitioners, work experience, VET and MIPS coordinators.

Unlocking jargon



Test your knowledge of these education related acronyms:

RTO	MIPS	VETiS
VCAL	CEAV	KCLC
VCAA	LAECG	AQF

Take a lolly if you get them all correct.
(Explanations below)



Quote for the day
**'What sculpture is to a block of marble,
education is to the human soul'.**

Joseph Addison

Gannawarra Shire Council Youth Strategy

The Youth Strategy aims to ensure that Council & the wider community considers the needs of young people and significantly contributes towards making the Shire a better place for young people to live. Consultants engaged to deliver the strategy conducted a survey to assess young people's needs and aspirations throughout the community and to find out just what they wanted from their Council. The input of young people into the process of developing the strategy has been valued.

Cohuna and district, in the CCLLEN service region, is part of the Gannawarra Shire.

Jason Russell, Gannawarra Shire Executive Manager, Community Development and Services said 'It was important for schools, sporting clubs and other groups with significant memberships of 12 to 25 year olds to review the draft and provide feedback. The draft is available for public viewing on the website: www.gannawarra.vic.gov.au

It is expected that the Youth Strategy will be ratified by council in late December.

2011 International Airshow

The CCLLEN has been successful in gaining funding from the Careers in Manufacturing Program to take thirty four students and four teachers to the Australian International Airshow and Aerospace & Defence Exposition at Avalon in March 2011. The students from Kyabram P-12 College, St Joseph's College Echuca, Cohuna Secondary College and Echuca College will attend the student information day where they will hear about careers in aviation, aerospace and defence. Students will find out where the jobs are, understand the skills & training pathways required, meet key industry employers and hear from young people currently working in the sectors. The students will also have the chance to visit the exhibitions and see some of the action on the day.

Acronyms unlocked (from above)

RTO: Registered Training Organisation

MIPs: Managed Information Pathways

VETiS: Vocational Education & Training in Schools

VCAL: Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning

CEAV: Career Education Association of Victoria

KCLC: Kyabram Community Learning Centre

VCAA: Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority

LAECG: Local Aboriginal Educational Consultative Group

AQF: Australian Qualifications Framework

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