

# CCLLEN Bulletin

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**Campaspe Cohuna Local Learning & Employment Network Inc**

## Revitalisation of the CCLLEN

### Special points of interest:

- *New Staff*
- *New Contracts*
- *New Board*
- *New Office Space*
- *New members*

*All part of*

*An Enhanced LLEN*

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Welcome to the first bulletin of the newly revitalised Campaspe Cohuna Local Learning and Employment Network.

### New Staff

Anne Trickey took up the role of Executive Officer in mid-June. In August Bev Werner commenced as Partnership Broker along with Alison Dunstan as Workplace Learning Coordinator. Maree Loader continues in Office Administration.

### New Contracts

This year the LLEN contract was enhanced and now includes the new role of Partnership Broker as part of a national initiative across state, territory and federal governments.

CCLLEN also won a new state contract for the delivery of Workplace Learning Coordination.

### New Board Executive

CCLLEN has a new Chairperson, Deputy Chair and Treasurer. There are two new members on the board.

## The new faces at the CCLLEN

### Anne Trickey – Executive Officer

### Bev Werner – Partnership Broker

### Alison Dunstan – Workplace Learning Coordinator

**Profiling Anne:** Anne grew up on a dairy farm at Shepparton East. She has worked for a number of community not-for-profits, most recently Careers Connection LCP covering a region which included the CCLLEN region.

Last year Anne was Executive Officer of Careers Connection, and earlier this year she



Heritage listed Heygarth House—  
home of the CCLLEN

### New Office Space

CCLLEN and Lead On swapped office areas. This has given CCLLEN more space for the increased staffing. Now as you come into Heygarth House, Lead On is to your right, and CCLLEN is on the left.

### New Network Members

A warm welcome to our new members.

**For more information on these changes, please read on!**

was Careers Centre Manager at Notre Dame College in Shepparton. Anne has a Graduate Certificate in Careers Counselling, a Graduate Diploma in Careers Education and Development, Certificate IV Training & Assessment, and Certificate IV in Business (Governance).

In 2008 Anne completed the Fairley Leadership Program. Anne has a strong interest in career education and development. She believes young people need to have access to a range of education and employment options, along with the support and information they need to make good decisions.

## What is the CCLLEN?

The CCLLEN is a grouping of organisations and individuals interested and involved in the wellbeing, education, training and employment of young people. Our core objective is to improve participation, engagement and attainment and transition outcomes for young people 10 –19 years. There are 31 LLENs across Victoria. The CCLLEN's geographic boundary is inclusive of the Shire of Campaspe and Cohuna in the Ganawarra Shire.

Government reforms at the end of 2009 resulted in a National Partnership between the Commonwealth and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) in Victoria. LLEN's are funded via this Partnership.

The CCLLEN's stakeholder group encompasses education and training providers, business and industry, community organisations, and parents and families. The CCLLEN will be undertaking the of brokering partnerships with these stakeholders to assist with the successful transitioning of our young people through education and training into employment.

The age range of young people we work with has broadened from 15 to 19 year olds to 10 to 19 year olds. We therefore look forward to working with the Primary Schools in our region. We also look forward to establishing and promoting relationships with the parents and families of our young people.

The new **School Business Community Partnership Brokers Program** will see the CCLLEN working in an enhanced role to negotiate and establish lasting partnerships between schools, business, community groups and parents and families to improve education outcomes for young people.

Under the **Workplace Learning Program**, our Coordinator will work with Secondary Schools, TAFE's, Adult and Community Education providers and local employers to coordinate work placements for School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships, Structured Workplace Learning and Work Experience.

## CCLLEN's Strategic Plan

**CCLLEN HAS A  
FOUR YEAR  
STRATEGIC PLAN  
WHICH IS  
REVIEWED  
ANNUALLY**

### Our Strategic Goals :

- *To improve post compulsory education outcomes for young people, (15 to 19 years old)*
- *To improve indigenous student (10 to 19 years old) education pathways and attainment*
- *To improve the employability skills of Years 9 & 10 students through enhanced career & transitions and workplace learning programs*
- *Improve and increase the partnerships and connections between education and training providers with community groups to support the wellbeing, education and transition outcomes of young people (10-19)*
- *Increase and improve parent and family engagement, especially at Years 7, 8. & 9 with education, training and pathways planning.*

A number of targets and strategies have been identified to achieve these goals.

## What Is Workplace Learning?

Under the **Workplace Learning Coordination Program**, Alison Dunstan will work with Secondary Schools, TAFE's, Adult and Community Education providers and local employers to coordinate work placements for School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships, Structured Workplace Learning and Work Experience.

**School Based Apprenticeships & Traineeships (SBATs)** enable Secondary school students, across a wide range of fields, to work for an employer and train towards a recognised

vocational or trade qualification whilst completing their secondary school studies. The norm is that a student will attend a work place or TAFE type institution one day a week and then regular school classes the other four days.

**Structured Workplace Learning** involves senior secondary students undertaking supervised time within a workplace to put into practice the skills they are learning as part of an accredited course they are undertaking as one of their school subjects.

**Work Experience** is all about 'observing'. Secondary school students are placed short term with a host employer to gain an insight into the industry and related careers.

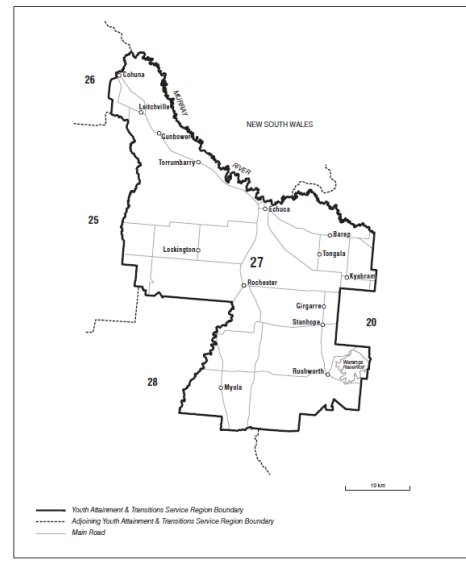
**Recognition of excellence in Workplace Learning.** The CCLLEN will this year recognise students who have demonstrated excellence in their Vocational Education & Training (VET) studies. A prerequisite is that students will have completed a work placement. We will also recognise and thank our extremely valuable host employers.

## Environmental Scan—basis for our Strategic Plan

Issues raised for the CCLLEN in our recent Environmental scan include:

- Increase in early school leavers
- Decline in share of students going on to further education
- Increasing youth unemployment
- Youth health, drug and alcohol use
- School retention rates
- Large numbers of disengaged young people (especially indigenous young people)
- Indigenous issues (the entire above plus): Attendance, limited number of counsellors and services and the need to better inform community agencies on the needs of the indigenous community.

VICTORIA  
 YOUTH ATTAINMENT & TRANSITIONS SERVICE REGION:  
 VIC27: CAMPASPE COHUNA



Map showing Youth Attainment & Transitions Service Region Boundary, Adjusting Youth Attainment & Transitions Service Region Boundary, and Main Road. Includes logos for Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations and SKM.

## Co-Tenants in Heygarth House

Co Tenants are

- Lead On Echuca Moama Inc.,
- Echuca Moama Beacon Foundation,
- Shire of Campaspe Community Aged Care,
- Mirrimbeena Aboriginal Education Group and
- Loddon Mallee Housing Services.

In this issue we profile—

### Loddon Mallee Housing (LMH)

LMH provides a broad range of housing and homelessness services. Scott Jelbart is the Case Manager.

**'MIRIMBEENA ABORIGINAL EDUCATION GROUP HAS A RANGE OF CLASSES FOR ABORIGINAL AND NON-ABORIGINAL STUDENTS' - CLIVE ATKINSON**

### Mirrimbeena Aboriginal Education Group.

Mirrimbeena encourages the youth and adults of Echuca and district to return to study or work, or to embark on some form of industry training. Mirrimbeena offers education and training opportunities. Its purpose includes fostering the spirit of reconciliation by encouraging local Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people to access education and training together. During its nine years of operation the organisation has been instrumental in training and gaining employment for many Aboriginal people. Clive Atkinson is the Group's Manager.

## Thanks for your support

### John Blair

Many thanks go to John for taking on the role of Acting Executive Officer at the CCLLEN during the first half of 2010. John, the CCLLEN inaugural Executive Officer and a former Principal of Echuca Secondary College, came out of retirement to do a fine job of keeping our organisation on track.

### Thank you Brendan and Matt

Brendan Hogan and Matt Sharp provided valuable support and advice as members of the CCLLEN Board of Management and have recently retired from the Board. Thanks go to them for their service over the last few years.

Gratitude is also expressed to Peter Williams who ably stepped in as Acting Board Chair in January this year.

## Unlocking jargon

Jargon can be the bane of our lives:

What do the following acronyms stand for? (Virtual lollypops as prizes!)

**ACFE LLEN DEEWR  
 CGEA MIPS DEECD  
 KODE RYAN SFYS VASS**

See answers next page



## Introducing our New Chair and Treasurer

### Chair – Kerrie Raglus

Kerrie's current work role is as Student Pathways Manager at Rushworth P-12 College. She has been on the CCLLEN board for a number of years – getting involved initially to represent her own school/community and to insure that better outcomes for young people were made available across the CCLLEN area, but especially to look out for the smaller centres. Kerrie has been passionate about, and involved in, education for over 25 years. She gets great satisfaction out of being a part of a young person's journey on their career path. Kerrie is excited about the future of the CCLLEN and sees it to be one of re-invigoration – where industry, the community, parents & families and young people will work together to the advantage of all. The catch phrase - 'it takes a village to raise a child' rings very true for Kerrie.



### 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, 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.

Welcome to two new Board Members - James Mulraney and Daniel Mackrell (Deputy Chair).

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## Other News

### New Regional Career Development Officer Appointed.

Alan Davies will work with P-12 and Secondary Schools from all sectors, as well as Adult Community Education (ACE) and TAFE Providers with a view to enhancing career development services to young people. Contact Alan on 0459 801 524 or [davies.alan.at@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:davies.alan.at@edumail.vic.gov.au)

### Echuca Moama Community Strategic Planning .

CCLLEN members are invited to express interest in becoming members of a new leadership group - the *Echuca Moama Brains Trust*. The Brains Trust, an initiative of the Campaspe and Murray Shires has the task of finalising the Echuca Moama Community Strategic Plan 2010 – 2013.

For further information, or to nominate for the Brains Trust, contact Mari Q, District Planning Officer, at [m.q@campaspe.vic.gov.au](mailto:m.q@campaspe.vic.gov.au) or 5481 2269.

### Cyber Safety Community Information Sessions

Coming soon. A joint project of St Joseph's College, Echuca College, Moama Anglican Grammar, CCLLEN & School Focused Youth Service.



### Acronyms 'busted' (from previous page)

- Adult, Community & Further Education
- Local Learning & Employment Networks
- Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (about to be re-named!)
- Certificate of General Education for Adults
- Managed Individual Pathways
- Department of Education & Early Childhood Development
- Koorie Open Door Education
- Regional Youth Affairs Network
- School Focused Youth Services
- Victorian Assessment Software System