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

## Celebration and thank you from the EO

Our Annual General Meeting will be both a celebration and a thank you to our supporters and partners. It will be our opportunity to tell you what we have been doing in the past year, and as a thank you to our community, we have arranged a fabulous guest speaker.



Executive Officer Anne Trickey invites you to the AGM on Monday 23 May at 7.30pm in “The Venue” at Moama Bowling Club.

Graeme Joy is an explorer and adventurer who grew up in Echuca Moama. Now he is an entertaining presenter with a focus on high performing teams. He draws striking parallels between success in expeditions and success in business.

We have had a great response to our invitations to the AGM with many replies already in. However, it is not too late to RSVP. Please contact Lauren on 5482 6055 or [nesbit.l@ccllen.com.au](mailto:nesbit.l@ccllen.com.au)

## Rural Youth Advocacy and Support Initiative



This valuable initiative to provide a voice for young rural people and youth service providers was launched at Rochester and District Health Services on Thursday May 12<sup>th</sup>. The Youth Affairs Council of Victoria (YACVic) and the Victorian Rural Youth Services Network are partners in this initiative designed to research young people’s wellbeing across the state and provide stronger policy advice to Government.

The CCLLEN worked with YACVic Advocacy Officer Jessie Mitchell to facilitate the launch in Rochester. Rochester was chosen as the launch site because it provided an opportunity to recognise the contributions of young people and their support workers who have been working hard since the town was affected by floods.

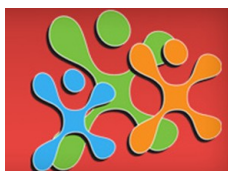
The Project was launched by Mr Damian Drum, MLC, Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Development.



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**This week is National Career Development Week**



## Apprenticeship Information Session at Rochester

The Apprenticeship/Traineeship Session held at Rochester Secondary College on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011 was a great success. The session, attended by students and parents, was a collaborative project between the Secondary College, Australian Apprenticeship Centres CVGT & MEGT and the CCLLEN. Contributing also was the adroit Australian Defence Force Trades recruiting team. Donna and Trish, from CVGT and MEGT respectively, presented on the 'nuts and bolts' of obtaining, working through and completing apprenticeships or traineeships. Local apprentices and an employer sat on a very popular question and answer panel. The caution was given that prospective employees should be careful with their cyber profiles. (This is something we should all consider when using social networking sites!)



Hairdressing Apprentice Elly and her employer

Feedback from the night included: 'Thanks, this has helped by showing that there are many options', 'The night covered a great range in a good amount of time'.

CCLLEN believe this information session model is one that other communities might like to consider running and would welcome enquires.



Apprenticeship Panel



CVGT and MEGT representation



Careers Teacher Chris Driscoll and students

## CCLLEN takes on facilitation role

Assisted by the Shire of Campaspe and the Campaspe Primary Care Partnership, the CCLLEN has taken on the facilitation role for the **Campaspe Youth Services Network**. Twenty four people from seventeen local community organisations attended the first 2011 meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup>. The goal of the network is to *'provide an opportunity to share information and connect with youth service organisations and practitioners across the Shire of Campaspe.'*

Participants come from regional Schools, Welfare & Community Services, the Primary Care Partnership, Local & State Government, Commonwealth Services and the CCLLEN. Participants are encouraged to promote their organisation's services, exchange business cards and bring along literature. Upcoming 2011 meeting dates in the Shire's function room are: June 30<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup> and November 24<sup>th</sup>. New members are welcome.



The March meeting in process

## Cooperative Partnerships Workshop

The CCLLEN's December 2010 Transition & Pathways forum raised the importance of agencies and schools working together to support young people. There were clear requests for more information on how to manage school transitions & exits, referrals to agencies and required documentation. The Compact for Young Australians (including the change to school leaving age) created the need to ensure young people under 17 and their parents are well informed. Notably there are government requirements and financial allowance implications for withdrawing from education or changing to a non-school setting. At a **Cooperative Partnerships Workshop** on March 15th the CCLLEN brought together key players to develop procedures for co-operatively working together to support young people through the above mentioned and other processes. Principals and key staff from all secondary schools in the CCLLEN region, Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE (BRIT), Echuca Campus, Campaspe College

of Adult Education (CCAЕ), Kyabram Community Learning Centre, (KCLC), Youth Connections and Centrelink attended. Presentations were given by Centrelink, Youth Connections, BRIT on their Connect 2 Ed program, CCAЕ and KCLC. Loddon Mallee Region of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) workshoped the school exit form and associated processes. The session concluded with participants agreeing on the things that are important and required when guiding young people through school and into other education and training settings and/or to the workplace. Some ground rules for future partnerships were discussed and commitments were made to set up and participate in an ongoing **Working Group**. More info on our website at - <http://www.ccllen.com.au/latest-news/23-cooperative-partnerships-workshop.html> The working group has since met and commenced drafting referral protocols.



St Joseph's College, Regional Career Development Officer, Youth Connections and MEGT in conversation.



KCLC and Echuca College compare notes

## Workplace Learning Coordinator

Alison Dunstan, Workplace Learning Coordinator, has been busy uncovering careers at Echuca Regional Health (ERH) that students would perhaps not normally associate with working at a hospital! A visit to the Hotel Services Department of ERH uncovered nine potential career options ranging from Store Person/Warehouse Operations, Patient Transfer, Cooking, Food Monitors and Operation to Orderly Services and Security! It's fascinating to see the Hotel Services Department in action, and the integral role it plays in the day to day operation of the hospital. Work placements are available in this department.



Patient meal organisation and distribution at Echuca Regional Hospital

**'Education – Speak' Jargon Busters**

What do the following acronyms stand for?

<b>AEU</b>	<b>BER</b>
<b>COAG</b>	<b>FTE</b>
<b>ICT</b>	<b>NAPLAN</b>
<b>RPL</b>	<b>SAT</b>

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The esteemed VETiS Hospitality competition, the **Murray River Culinary Challenge** is ready to kick off in Term 3 with students from Echuca, Kyabram, Shepparton, Swan Hill, and Deniliquin regions participating. This year, the competition Grand Final returns to Echuca and will be held at the BRIT campus.

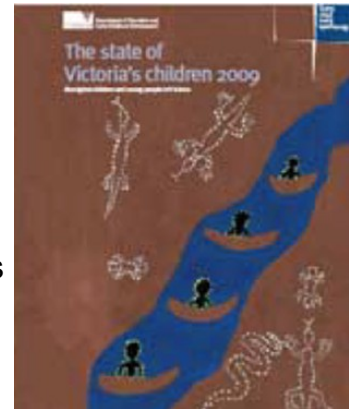
## Indigenous Perspective

### Report on the State of Victoria's Children 2009: Aboriginal Children and Young People in Victoria.

This detailed report is directed towards obtaining an understanding of Aboriginal children and families in a comprehensive review of how Aboriginal children from birth to 18 are faring, focussing on health, wellbeing, learning and development.

As well as the report in general, there are specific profiles for Local Government Authorities on disc. The CCLLEN has copies available of the report and discs for the Shire of Campaspe, The Cities of Greater Shepparton and Bendigo and for the Loddon Mallee region in general. The data provided in the report and on disc can be used to underpin planning for improvement at a program, local government and state-wide level. It contains the most up to date hard data and evidence that can be used for strategic planning, submissions and proposals. For example we may know, anecdotally, about barriers to Aboriginal achievement, but to be able to move forward need evidence of the barriers.

CCLLEN staff attended a workshop on reading and using the data in the report.



### Koorie Engagement Support Officers (KESOs)

KESOs are now employed in all Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) regions to deliver support and services to Koorie children and their families.

The duties of the KESOs may include: coordinating the implementation of targeted educational and early childhood initiatives for Koorie children and young people; providing expert advice to early childhood services and school communities about models of effective support for Koorie children and young people; advising school staff in respect to the education of Koorie children and young people and the Koorie community as a whole; interpreting and analysing data; liaising with

early childhood services, schools and regional officers to identify and access support mechanisms, programs and initiatives aimed at improving attendance and implementing strategies to increase the engagement of Koorie families in their child's learning.

KESO's in the Campaspe Region include Kelly Anne Edwards at Echuca East Primary School, Wayne Cowley at Echuca College, Paul Clarke at Echuca 208 Primary School, Shelley Atkinson at Echuca South and Kate Adamson at Kyabram P-12 College. Laurence Moser, based in Swan Hill, is the Koorie Transition Officer for the Loddon Mallee DEECD region.



## Avalon Airshow



Echuca College and Rochester Secondary College Students

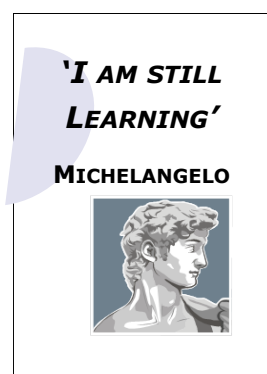
On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March students from Rochester Secondary College, Echuca College, Cohuna Secondary College, Kyabram P-12 College, and Rushworth P-12 College travelled to Avalon Airport to participate in a Careers and Skills in Aerospace and Aviation student information day.

The highlight for the students in the morning session was hearing from Young Ambassadors who work within the industry.

These young people talked about their career, their career pathway and the best things about their job. They included an apprentice aircraft maintenance engineer, an aeronautical engineer, a Virgin Blue female captain, an air traffic controller (only 22 years of age and earning \$90,000 per annum), an apprentice in avionics, and finally, stunt pilot Matt Hall who became bored with flying FA-18 Hornets and switched to flying for Red Bull!

After the presentations, students were able to visit the many and varied displays, including hundreds of different aircraft. Some of these were put through their paces, including the Hornets, various aircraft from the World War 2 and Matt Hall then thrilled the crowd with a series of aerobatic moves in a stunt plane.

The Campaspe Cohuna Local Learning & Employment Network arranged for the students to attend, organised transport and sourced funding for the buses from Careers in Manufacturing.



### Busting the Edu-Speak Jargon

<b>AEU</b>	Australian Education Union
<b>BER</b>	Building the Education Revolution
<b>COAG</b>	Council of Australian Governments
<b>FTE</b>	Full time equivalent
<b>ICT</b>	Information and communication technology
<b>NAPLAN</b>	National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy
<b>RPL</b>	Recognition of Prior Learning
<b>SAT</b>	School Assessed Task
<i>Gold medal for 8 correct answers</i>	



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