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CYPS MEETING DATES 2024

FINAL 2024

Tuesday 10 December, CCLLEN Office.

OTHER DATES TERM 4

3 December - International Day of People with Disability

12 December - VCE Results

20 December - Term 4 Finishes

23 December - VTAC December Offers

CYPS MEETING DATES 2025

TERM 1

Tuesday 11 February, CCLLEN Office.

TERM 2

Tuesday 6 May, Kyabram (TBC).

TERM 3

Tuesday 5 August, CCLLEN Office.

TERM 4

Tuesday 21 October, Kyabram (TBC).

FINAL 2025

Tuesday 9 December, CCLLEN Office.



WELCOME TO ISSUE 5 OF OUR BULLETIN

Welcome to our final bulletin for 2024!

As we close out this year, I would like to express my deepest thanks to each of you for your incredible collaboration, support and contributions. Collaboration is at the heart of everything we do and this year has been a true testament to what we can achieve when we come together, combining our unique skills and strengths.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful and joyful Christmas. Enjoy the holiday season and time spent with your loved ones.

If you would like anything shared with the group, please send any correspondence to:

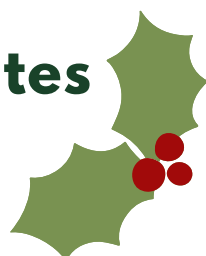
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Community and St Augustine's College Join Forces to Support Young Drivers Through TAC L2P Program

Following in the footsteps of Rushworth P-12 College and Rochester Secondary College, St Augustine's College in Kyabram has partnered with the TAC L2P Program to offer an in-school program for their students. This exciting initiative offers their students the opportunity to gain the essential driving experience they need to safely navigate the roads. Mentor, Norma Anderson, is working with four students on a Tuesday to assist them with the 120 hours of driving experience that is required prior to undertaking a licence test. A media release will be issued in the Kyabram Free Press, highlighting this initiative, and will hopefully result in some expressions of interest from future potential mentors in the Kyabram area.

Kyabram P-12 College have also expressed interest in an in-school program and L2P Coordinator, Nikki Harris, will speak with them in Term 1 next year to work on implementing the program for their students.

Rochester welcomes a new L2P Vehicle!

Due to funding received from the Rochester SES, we are pleased to announce that a new L2P vehicle has been purchased for the program and will be permanently located in Rochester. This will enable the program to reach learner drivers in communities such as Elmore, Lockington and Rushworth. The L2P Campaspe Program will be campaigning hard to secure more Mentors in Rochester and surrounding areas as the program continues to expand.



Congratulations to L2P Graduates!



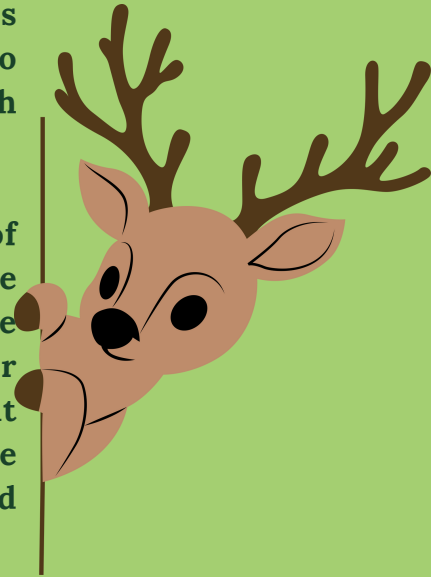
Congratulations to William, Manny, Bronte and Luiana, who successfully obtained their driver licence recently! Special thanks their Mentors, Bruce, Graeme, Maurice and Paul, for supporting them on their L2P journey.

We are always looking for enthusiastic people who can commit 1-2 hours a week to help young learner drivers gain the experience they need to get a licence. Please contact Nikki on 0428 474 014 for further information.

Junior Park Rangers - Update coming from Kimberley

As we reflect on another successful year of the Junior Park Rangers program, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Zoos Victoria's Kyabram Fauna Park for making this initiative such a valuable and enriching experience for our young participants.

The Junior Park Rangers program has long been a cornerstone of commitment to fostering a love and respect for wildlife and the environment. With each passing year, we continue to see the positive impact it has on local students, their families and the wider community. From discovering native animals to learning about sustainable conservation practices, the program provides a unique opportunity for students to connect with nature in meaningful and hands-on ways.



This year, we witnessed an outstanding turnout of young, enthusiastic rangers eager to learn and engage with the diverse ecosystem around them. Whether it was feeding the animals, helping maintain the park's grounds, or taking part in interactive educational sessions, these future conservationists not only gained knowledge but also developed a deeper understanding of the importance of preserving our natural world for generations to come.

We would like to acknowledge the dedication of Education Coordinator, Kimberley, and her team who generously gave their time, knowledge, and energy to make the program a resounding success. Their expertise and passion were evident in every activity and interaction, ensuring that each participant had a rewarding and enriching experience.

We would also like to acknowledge the families of our Junior Park Rangers for their support and encouragement. It was wonderful to see so many families attend the Celebration Day, sharing their young person's learning journey and growth throughout the program.

Thank you again, Kyabram Fauna Park, for another incredible year of the Junior Park Rangers program. We can't wait to see what next year holds!





We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the schools and students who participated in the MATES mentoring program this year. Your dedication, enthusiasm, and commitment have made this initiative a great success.

To the students: thank you for your openness to learning, your hard work, and your willingness to grow, both personally and academically. Your energy and curiosity have inspired your mentors and made a lasting impact on everyone involved.

To the schools: we deeply appreciate your support in fostering a positive environment for mentorship and for encouraging students to engage with the program. Your partnership has been crucial in making this year's MATES mentoring program a rewarding experience for all.

Together, we've made significant strides in creating stronger connections, enhancing personal growth, and building a brighter future for the next generation. We look forward to continuing this important work together in the years to come. Thank you once again for your invaluable contributions!

MATES Mentor Recruitment - Rochester

We are excited to announce that mentor recruitment is now open for the MATES mentoring program in Rochester! We are seeking dedicated and passionate individuals who are eager to make a positive impact in the lives of local students and will be advertising and campaigning for Mentors in and around the Rochester area. We are hoping to conduct a MATES Mentor Training Program in January 2025 in order to have Mentors ready to be matched at the commencement of Term 1 next year.

For more information, please contact Nikki Harris on 0428 474 014 or by email to harris.n@ccllen.com.au





Youth
Engagement
Resource
Platform



Update and upgraded: Youth Engagement Resource Platform

The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) is excited to share with you the (re)launched Youth Engagement Resource Platform (YERP). YERP is a dynamic tool designed to empower young Victorians and those who work with them.

The Youth Affairs Council Victoria's (YACVic) newly upgraded YERP is packed with valuable resources including articles, videos and infographics, all aimed at equipping young people and people working within the youth sector with the resources they need to make meaningful change.

For professionals working with young people, YERP provides essential tools on youth participation, fostering diversity and inclusion and developing youth work practices.

If young people are looking for information on getting experience, staying stress-free or how to get involved with advocacy, YERP has it all.

With input from 10 young co-designers from across Victoria, this platform was created with lived experience at its core, ensuring it reflects the needs of young people across the state.

To explore YERP, visit: <https://www.yacvic.org.au/yerp>



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Additional Funding

Just a quick reminder – we'd appreciate your input on any sustainable programs or projects that could make use of the additional funding received for CYP. Please send your suggestions to Nikki as soon as possible, so they can be reviewed and considered for the 2025 planning.



Dear Friends,

We are thrilled to invite you to embark on an incredible journey with us as we step into 2025 together. From January 13-17, I CAN Online will be hosting a dynamic 5-session intensive week filled with opportunities to have fun, showcase your unique talents, and connect with like-minded individuals. Explore our full schedule and group descriptions below:



Program Details

What & When? I CAN Online x 5 sessions January 13-17

*See group descriptions below.

Afternoon Sessions:

*Click on the session to apply.

5:00pm - 6:10pm (7-13 Yrs)

- [Transition to High School](#)
- [Dogs](#)
- [The Emotion Navigators](#)
- [Server Play: Introduction to Minecraft](#) *No Prior Knowledge only
- [YouTubers and Content Creators](#)
- [Dragons](#)

Evening Sessions:

*Click on the session to apply.

6:30pm - 7:40pm (8-22 Yrs)

- [Transition to High School](#)
- [Dogs](#)
- [The Emotion Navigators](#)
- [Heartstopper](#)
- [YouTubers and Content Creators](#)
- [Music/TV/Streaming The Stream Team](#): Your go-to gang for all things streaming - discussing favourite shows, binge-worthy series, and must-see movies across platforms.



Who? 8 - 9 "mentees/participants" join two of our I CAN mentors. All of our groups are offered on a mixed gender basis. We group participants as close to their age bracket as possible. ***Claim on NDIS.**

The full details can be found on our [website](#).

***Note:** All I CAN Staff are trained and hold current 'Working with Children Checks'.

Group Descriptions

[The Emotion Navigators](#)

Building practical tools to support your young person to develop their emotional regulation and awareness. Give them the skills to navigate emotions, build inner strength, and tackle life's adventures with confidence and calm.

[Transition to High School](#)

Starting high school in 2025? Our I CAN Online mentors know first hand what it is like; the first day, navigating schedules, homework. Join them and other people just like you to get prepared. ***This group fills quickly! - [Apply Now](#)**

[YouTubers and Content Creators](#)

A group where your young person can meet to discuss their favourite YouTubers and online content creators, including diving into the latest vlogs and tutorials.



[Introduction to Minecraft](#)

*** No prior knowledge needed**

A welcoming space for newcomers to explore the enchanting world of Minecraft! This group is designed for those with no prior knowledge, offering a friendly environment to learn the basics of gameplay, building, and crafting. Join us for hands-on sessions where we'll cover everything from navigating the interface to embarking on your first adventures.



Whether you want to create stunning structures, collaborate on projects, this is the perfect place to start your Minecraft journey with fellow beginners! We will be using a mixture of Zoom and server learning (Bedrock/Creative mode) to get you confident in interacting with the exciting world of Minecraft!

[The Stream Team](#)

Your go-to gang for all things streaming—discussing favorite shows, binge-worthy series, and must-see movies across platforms.

[Heartstopper](#)

A cozy community for teens who love Heartstopper! Join us to dive into the heartwarming stories of Charlie and Nick, discussing the themes of friendship and LGBTQ+ representation. Whether you're a fan of the graphic novels, the Netflix series, or both, this group is a safe space to share your thoughts, favorite moments, and fan theories.

[If you have any further questions, please email us at \[online@icannetwork.com.au\]\(mailto:online@icannetwork.com.au\)](#)

[All information submitted will be treated confidentially and with sensitivity.](#)

Upcoming Events

International Day of People with Disability

Join us to celebrate people living with disability in our community.

- Friday December 6
- 10 am to 2 pm
- Bendigo Library Gardens



Introduction into Hospitality

The Skills and Jobs Centre collaborated with Bendigo TAFE to support participants in the Intro to Hospitality Course at the Echuca Campus. Over three sessions, we worked with eight participants, including mothers returning to work and Workforce Australia participants, to help them build essential skills such as updating resumes and preparing for job readiness.

Throughout the program, participants gained hands-on experience in a commercial kitchen, learning vital skills such as meal preparation and table setting.

At the conclusion of the three-week course, participants had the opportunity to demonstrate their newly acquired skills by hosting a luncheon for potential employers and stakeholders.

We were excited to learn that one participant successfully secured both a job and an apprenticeship with Rich River Golf Club. This individual is now studying for a Certificate III in Commercial Cookery as an apprentice at Bendigo TAFE - Echuca Campus!





Upcoming Events



Healthy Ky Pop-up Clinic

2 - 20 December, 9am-5pm

Kyabram & surrounding towns

myhealthyky.com

All participants go in
the draw to win
1 of 3 \$50 gift cards
for a local Ky
business



Bringing heart and health to Kyabram
Empowering students, engaging communities
Just in time for Christmas!

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KYABRAM COMMUNITY MEAL & MINGLE

Join us for a delicious
weekly community
meal at the Kyabram
Community &
Learning Centre

NEW TIME 1pm

Every Thursday at 1pm
Kyabram Community & Learning
Centre

No Cost

Contact us for more information
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Applications for the next round of Audio Ability are now open until Sunday 22 December 2024.

You can fill out the EOI form to register your interest in the upcoming round, which will run from February to June 2025.

The Audio Ability Accessible Training and Mentorship Program is once again open for Expressions of Interest from participants and mentors!

Audio Ability is a free 16-week blended learning program that offers training and mentorship to people with disability who are interested in working in radio.

You and your mentor will work together to build your broadcast skills, gain confidence in the studio and learn about working and volunteering at your local community radio station.

The program includes:

- virtual workshops
- in-person training
- online self-paced modules
- personalised mentoring

We've delivered three rounds of Audio Ability so far, with participants stating they experienced increased confidence, independence, and development of social and professional networks.

Fill out your EOI now for the incredible opportunity to be a participant or paid mentor in this program by visiting:

<https://cmto.org.au/latest/audio-ability-call-out-2025/>

Our mailing address is:
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Australia



Get with it! Youth Participation Intro Training

🧑 Youth workers, team leaders, supervisors, managers, staff and volunteers that work directly with children and/or young people

📅 Two part workshop: Wednesday 4 and 11 December, 1 PM - 3 PM

📍 Hybrid: Online OR Level 2, 235 Queen St, Melbourne, VIC, 3000

💰 \$60 - \$210; [YACVic Member](#) discounts apply!

Youth participation acknowledges that young people are the experts in their own lives.

Do you need guidance to boost your youth groups, programs and advocacy? Does your team need to re-engage their passion and/or fill up their toolbox for effective youth participation?

At our Youth Participation workshop, we'll talk about the successes you're having and unpick the barriers you may be encountering to increase your confidence in working alongside young people.

Topics covered

- Discuss the fundamentals of youth engagement
- Embed the voices of young people within your work
- Share stories and workshop any challenges you are facing
- Learn about YACVic's model of youth participation (both successes and learnings)
- Graduates are invited to join the Youth Participation Practice Network (YPPN)



We
wish
you a
Merry
Christmas

and look forward to working with you again in 2025!