

CCLLEN Bulletin

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New Year, New Contracts, New Work

We are off to a great start for 2016. We began the year with a workshop for our Board, Staff and key stakeholders to begin developing our new Strategic Plan to guide our work over the next four years.

We have also attended state wide LLEN network meetings to share ideas with other LLENs and receive more information from the Department of Education & Training about our new contracts.

The Department is implementing new initiatives under Education State. LLENs will work with Education Department Regional Offices to align our work with Education State priorities, in particular those that reduce the impact of disadvantage.

Many of our annual events will continue, including Murray River Culinary Challenge, VET in Schools

Excellence Awards, and various careers activities. We will continue working with groups including Campaspe Youth Services Network, wellbeing networks, careers network and four Youth Partnerships. School Friendly Businesses will be invited to participate in activities.

New work will include an online portal for Structured Workplace Learning opportunities. This is a major component of our contract with the Department of Education & Training. Very soon we will invite School Friendly Businesses who wish to host students to list their opportunities on the portal.

Other new work includes a Youth Partnership in Echuca.

We look forward to including you in our work in 2016.

2016 Upcoming Dates

7 - 10 March - City Kids - Altona North PS

10 March - Goulburn Murray Water Open Day

18 March - Beacon Business Breakfast

14 April - LEAP into Health, Echuca Regional Health

21 April - Beacon Charter Signing

19 & 20 May - Food and Fibre Careers Days

23 May - CCLLEN Annual General Meeting



School Friendly Business

This program continues to grow from strength to strength. Towards the end of 2015 School Friendly Businesses participated in a number of our region's activities to support young people. These included the Let's Read launch in Kyabram, the Indigenous Health Careers Day at Echuca Regional Health and were sponsors in categories of the Vocational Education and Training (VET) Awards.

All schools and businesses have now received the 2016 semester 1 calendars. For varying reasons these are always highly anticipated and very popular. Deliveries of the calendars have provided a great opportunity for CCLLEN staff to talk with businesses and promote our role.

A mail out to all School Friendly Businesses will occur soon and contain a Youth Services Directory and other helpful information for working parents.



New School Friendly Businesses.....

- Tindarra Resort Moama
- McGillivray Electrical & The Workshop Coffee Shop Gunbower
- Peter Walsh MP for Murray Plains.

Stay tuned for more activities and information as the year unfolds.

Koori Homework Group

The homework group for Koori students is operating again this year. It is now held at Njernda, 86 Hare St Echuca every Wednesday during school terms, from 4 to 6pm. Fruit is provided for students to snack on.

Rosa Monaco is employed by CCLLEN to supervise the homework group and provide assistance to students. The Koori Engagement Support Officers from the schools regularly call in on the group.

City Kids

The City Kids Experiencing Country Life initiative provides metropolitan Years 5 & 6 students a chance to experience rural life and develop an understanding of the historical and contemporary role of regional and rural communities in Victoria. There is a common theme for the camps around local history, farming and food production but each camp is tailored to suit school needs. Our CCLLEN provides logistical and educational support for schools engaging with the program.

We funded the travel of three school groups: Beverly Hills Primary School in October, Westall Primary School (Clayton) in November and Eastwood Primary School

(Ringwood East) in March.

We have another four camps booked from March to June this year, which CCLLEN have been involved with the planning of the program, booking activities and liaising with the schools and the two camp venues: River Village and Billabong Ranch. This will involve over 270 Grade 5/6 students this year up to the end of June, when the Victorian Regional Growth funding ceases. The schools are Altona North Primary School, Footscray North Primary School, Laverton P-12 College and Croydon Primary School and we look forward to reporting on these camps in future bulletins.



Murray River Culinary Challenge

We have met with all the LLENs along the Murray River, some of which are new to the Challenge and are pleased to announce we will have everyone participating again this year.

The first working group committee meeting, scheduled for mid March, will welcome Wodonga, Wangaratta, Shepparton, Campaspe and Swan Hill regions.

Campaspe region VET Commercial Cookery students will once again enjoy learning new skills in the state of the art training kitchens at Bendigo TAFE, Echuca campus.

The 3 tiered cooking competition will begin in June at school level with individual students competing against each other to present a 3 course menu.



This year we will welcome a number of our local Chef's to judge throughout the year.

Good luck to all our competitors across all the regions for MRCC 2016.

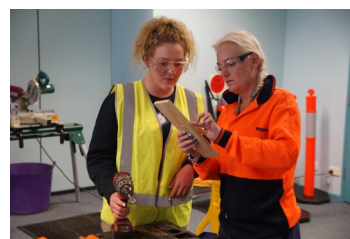
Structured Workplace Learning

The funding provided to the LLEN's under the new Structured Workplace Learning contract will enable them to facilitate access to appropriate Structured Workplace Learning placements for students undertaking Vocational Education and Training (VET) as part of their VCE, VCAL or SBAT.

The State government, with the assistance of the LLEN's, is currently developing a state wide portal which will allow the listing of SWL and SBAT placement opportunities across all areas and industries. This portal will be available for all schools, students, parents and

employers. Schools will be able to book placements and the portal will be able to generate the necessary forms.

Jacq Campbell, SWL coordinator, is looking forward to sharing this new innovation with schools and businesses.



Our Contracts

We now have the following contracts –

LLEN contract - This is our main contract and under it we are asked to broker partnerships to support young people who have disengaged from education or are at risk of doing so.

Structured Workplace Learning. - Facilitating access to appropriate placements for students undertaking a Vocational Education & Training (VET) subject or School Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship.

Beacon - We provide the staffing to deliver the Beacon

Foundation program in Echuca Moama.

Youth Partnerships - The Partnerships develop ways for services to work together collaboratively to provide holistic support for vulnerable young people. We are involved with four projects and we hold the funds for two of the partnerships.

City Kids - This provides funding for Grade 5 and 6 students from metropolitan schools to experience country life during four day camps to Echuca.

Jargon Busters

How well do you know your education acronyms?

(See explanations on back page)

SBAT
RTO
LOTE

STEM
EMA
ESL

GAT
HECS



Strategic Planning workshop

Echuca College's Café Learning Area was the setting for a strategic planning session with CCLLEN staff, network members and partners on 27 January.

Questions discussed were:

- What do we want CCLLEN to do to support young people?
- What do we want CCLLEN to do to support schools?
- What do we want CCLLEN to do to support community?
- What sort of sustainable partnerships should the LLEN broker and support?

A number of themes emerged during these consultations which will inform CCLLEN's *Strategic Intent* to guide our work over the next four years.

The themes are: -

Connect with our Stakeholders

Stakeholders identified are young people, schools & teachers, business & employers, community, families and agencies.

Be inclusive

The CCLLEN needs to be inclusive and aware of the diversity of young people including those from the Koori community, those with disabilities, the gender diverse, those at risk of disengaging from school and

the disengaged.

Communicate with all

Collecting and sharing of information was seen as vital. Establishing baseline data is essential. The CCLLEN should have an advocacy role and actively encourage the participation of all stakeholder groups.

Enable access

CCLLEN seen as an enabler of access to education, services and information

Wellbeing

A key to keeping vulnerable and potentially vulnerable young people engaged is their wellbeing. Issues such as mental & physical health, anti-bullying, cyber safety, drugs & alcohol, alternative education and positive transitions between education stages should be taken into consideration.

Partnerships

Maintain and enhance existing CCLLEN partnerships and create new ones with organisations with similar goals.

The CCLLEN board has reviewed the information from the workshop and made recommendations. This includes directing staff to use the information to draft Vision and Mission statements. Staff are currently working on this.

Echuca Moama Beacon Foundation News

The newly appointed Beacon Leaders for 2016 from the three local secondary schools: Echuca College, St Joseph's College and Moama Anglican Grammar School came together for the first time at a Leadership Development Day on Monday 22 February at CVGT.

The leaders completed getting to know you activities and workshops on leadership skills and public speaking. They learnt about the Beacon program and their role as Beacon ambassadors. Three Beacon leaders from last year came along to share their experiences and passed on some helpful tips to the new leaders.

Planning is underway for the first Beacon event of the year, the Business Breakfast on Friday 18 March at Radcliffe's Restaurant. It's an exciting year for Echuca Moama Beacon Foundation, as they are celebrating their 15th Anniversary this year with a combined Charter Signing Ceremony on 21 April. Save the date!



Express Yourself Youth Festival

\$15 WRIST BAND

PAYS FOR A FULL DAY

OF ENTERTAINMENT!!

*Pick one up at your
secondary school office
and get your festival gear
and picnic rug ready!*

March 13th 11am-5pm

Echuca Aquatic Reserve

**Proceeds towards the creation of a
Sanctuary Garden at the Echuca
Hospital**

**Find us on Facebook:
Express Yourself Youth
Arts and Music Festival**

ORGANISED BY YOUTH FOR YOUTH!

Drug and Alcohol free event

Music

Art

**Live
Entertainment**

WipeOut

Bungy Run

Dancing

Bucking Bull

Sumo suits



Youth Partnerships

Youth Partnerships aim to improve service delivery to young people to increase their engagement with education and training and reduce the escalation of social, individual and behavioural problems.

The Kyabram Youth Partnership is continuing their Open Pathways integrated service delivery this year. 'Monday Mania at the Fauna Park' has commenced this semester and provides a Flexible Learning Option program for primary aged children. Planning is underway for the 'Go with the FLO' program and a Headspace program 'Social Warriors' for secondary school students in Term 2. The MATES youth mentoring program is up and running again this year with the continuation of some of last year's established mentoring relationships. More community mentors have been trained to enable the program to be offered to more students.

An Echuca Youth Partnership is being developed which aims to offer similar supports to Kyabram's model. The Kyabram Youth Partnership is supporting the

development of the Echuca partnership.

CCLLEN also supports the Gannawarra FLO program which was originally a Youth Partnership project. This provides flexible learning options and additional support in literacy and numeracy.



Welcome to Brigid

Brigid Dullard joined the CCLLEN in February as the new Business Administration Trainee. She comes to us after completing two years of a Bachelor of Arts (Psychology and Forensic Science) degree at Swinburne University. Brigid has taken a 12 month break from her university studies to further explore her career options and has returned to her home town of Moama for the duration of that break. Brigid is thoroughly enjoying her time at



the CCLLEN so far and is looking forward to the next 12 months. Any administrative enquiries for the CCLLEN can be directed to Brigid at dullard.b@ccllen.com.au or by ringing the office on 5482 6055.

Jargon Buster Explanations

SBAT: School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship

RTO: Registered Training Organisation

LOTE: Language other than English

STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths

EMA: Education Maintenance Allowance

ESL: English as a Second Language

GAT: General Achievement Test

HECS: Higher Education Contribution Scheme



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