

CCLLEN Bulletin

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Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting was a great opportunity to thank our stakeholders, share our stories and reflect on our journey so far. We were pleased to have a good number of our supporters attend the meeting.

Our guest speaker was Bill Coppinger from WhaleSong Services. Bill used to be Executive Officer of Central Ranges LLEN. He has over 30 years experience in education and training, community development and information and communications technology. Bill's focus is making communities stronger by using data to improve decision making. Bill presents data in

a way that can be easily and quickly understood by using graphics to illustrate what the figures represent. In his presentation he included local data on our young people, industry and employment to help us understand the successes and the challenges ahead.

Our Annual Report is available to download from our website, or you can request a hardcopy from our office. Part of Bill Coppinger's presentation is also available on the website.

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2016 Upcoming Dates

15 & 22 June—Murray River Culinary Challenge School Competition

20-23 June—City Kids Croydon camp

22 June—Rochester ICT Day

20 July—Kyabram ICT Day

22 July—Cohuna School Friendly Business Breakfast

27 July—Cohuna Careers Expo

28 July—Echuca School Friendly Business Lunch



L to R - Anne Trickey - EO, Bill Coppinger - WhaleSong Services, Kerrie Raglus - Chair CCLLEN

Beacon

Echuca Moama Beacon Foundation has had an exciting four months with the Business Breakfast in March, the 15th Anniversary celebration and Combined Charter Signing Ceremony in April, the Annual Beacon Careers Expo in May and last week, the Mock Interviews at Echuca College.

The 18 Beacon Leaders hosted their first event of the year, the Business Breakfast at Radcliffe's Restaurant. The event was well attended by the business community, the three Beacon schools, local councillors and our local member, Hon Peter Walsh.

A highlight of the past few months was celebrating our 15th Anniversary at the combined Charter Signing Ceremony held in the Oak Centre at St Joseph's College. We were honoured to have Mr Bill Lawson, founding chairman of the Beacon Foundation and Scott Harris, the current CEO of the Beacon Foundation, travel from Tasmania to help us celebrate this important milestone. Bill's speech was inspirational and motivational.

The Beacon Leaders hosted very well and the keynote Speaker Mr. Manny Cao, General Surgeon from Echuca Regional Health was captivating and thought provoking. He eloquently related his personal story of 'Boat Boy to Surgeon' to the purpose of Beacon and signing the charter boards and spoke about making wise choices. EMBF board members, Mark Thomson and Tod Collins told the story of the journey of the Echuca Moama Beacon Foundation, the first mainland site to introduce the Beacon program. The audience of over 420 students and teachers and 59 guests were entertained by sensational musical performances by St Joseph's College students.

Following the ceremony, guests were taken on tours of the three schools, followed by a 15th Anniversary celebration lunch at the Moama Bowling Club. This was a perfect opportunity for people involved in the introduction and development of the Beacon program

here in Echuca Moama to catch up, reminisce and re-acquaint.

Over 400 Year 9/10 students from St Joseph's College, Moama Grammar and Echuca College attended 5 workshops of their choice, from a diverse range of career options at the Beacon Careers Expo on 31 May at Rich River Golf Club. Thanks to the local businesses and organisations who conducted the 51 interactive and engaging workshops. Mick Walsh - coach, educator and author of the 'Learning Curve Positive Education Wellbeing' program, warmed up the group of Year 9/10 students with positive energy before they attended their workshops at the Beacon Careers Expo at Rich River Golf Club.

The Year 9 students from Echuca College arrived for their Mock Interviews on Monday 6 June nervous, but well prepared and overall found the experience valuable and learnt skills for future interviews.

Thanks to our business partners; Lockwood Partners, Insurance House, NAB, CVGT and Shire of Campaspe for providing interviewers.

St. Joseph's College and Moama Anglican Grammar are hosting their mock interviews in August and September.



L to R—Scott Harris, Bill Lawson, Sue Turner, Brittney Evans, Taylah Cochran, Caitlin Paul.

Jargon Busters

How well do you know your education acronyms?

(See explanations on back page)



ACFE

CRT

EYLF

SWL

CCLLEN

NAPLAN

SEIL

SRP

WWCC

Murray River Culinary Challenge

The Murray River Culinary Challenge is an industry standard cooking competition for secondary school students enrolled in a Vocational Education and Training (VET) Hospitality Training Package.

This year the Challenge spans five regions and will involve more than 100 students attending approximately 20 schools from Campaspe, Shepparton, Swan Hill, Wangaratta and Wodonga districts.

The challenge is a three tiered competition. At the school level, students compete individually to vie for a spot in the Regional Final. The two top scoring students from each school are paired and compete as a team in the Regional Final, the top scoring team then progress to the Grand Final. Menus in each level of the competition become progressively more difficult and are designed for students to be able to demonstrate the skills learnt during their hospitality training.

Each student has just on 2.5 hours to present 3 dishes designed to display knife skills and basic methods of cookery.

The industry judges will be looking for consistency, flavour and creative presentation from the students.

In the Echuca district, students from Echuca College, Rochester Secondary College, St. Joseph's College (who receive their training at Bendigo TAFE Echuca), and Kyabram P-12 College (who receive their training at GO TAFE Shepparton) will participate in the Challenge. The competition is judged by top industry representatives from the region who donate their time and expertise.

The coveted MRCC trophy, a piece of highly polished red gum sourced from the Koondrook forest, is residing with the reigning champions, Rochester Secondary College, and will be hotly contested.

Good luck to all students competing in the upcoming School level events!



LEAP into Health

This day, a collaborative initiative between LEAP, Echuca Regional Health (ERH) and CCLLEN enabled 100 students to discover first hand, more about a range of professional health career options and associated pathways. Students from Kyabram P-12 College, Echuca College, Moama Anglican Grammar, Cohuna Secondary College and St Joseph's College Echuca participated.

It was a great opportunity for the students to interact closely with health professionals and university staff and see the many health career opportunities that exist within our own community. Focus areas for workshops put on by ERH staff included Medicine, Nursing & Midwifery, Allied Health and Social work. One highlight of the day was the 'Margaret Case Study' presented by Monash University. Students took on the many roles of the various health professionals that were involved in elderly Margaret's story of hospitalisation after a fall to her discharge. The day can be summed up by excerpts from the feedback from one of the Schools' Careers Teachers:

"All our students gained valuable knowledge about Health careers to further inform their career development. The content was great and pitched at the right level to give the students an understanding of the breadth of the industry. The delivery made it engaging for the students. Several students who came with prior knowledge and interest left with more passion to pursue their goals. The students came away being really aware of the breadth of health professional careers. Great to have the partnership with the LEAP team, ERH and CCLLEN."



Bridges Out of Poverty Course

Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th June 2016

- (two day course) 9.30am to 4.00pm each day
- St Mary's Primary School, Community Hall, 15 Bridlington Ave, Echuca

This two day workshop explores the impact of economic diversity in our country, considers the root causes of poverty and presents proven and realistic strategies and pathways to provide constructive and sustainable assistance to growing numbers of people caught in this cycle.

The "Bridges out of Poverty" workshop will provide participants with the knowledge, understanding and tools to tackle sensitive issues in respectful and constructive ways. It offers solutions that are practical and strategic, addressing everyday interactions through to policy implications in every sector from justice, health, housing, education and employment, through to transport and training.

Learning Outcomes:

- Why clients/customers often behave the way they do
- How economic class affects behaviours and mindsets: the hidden rules of generational poverty, middle class and wealth
- The importance of mutual exchange
- Strategies for optimising outcomes for individuals and families
- The impact of language registers, discourse and story structure on relationship and outcomes

Presented by:

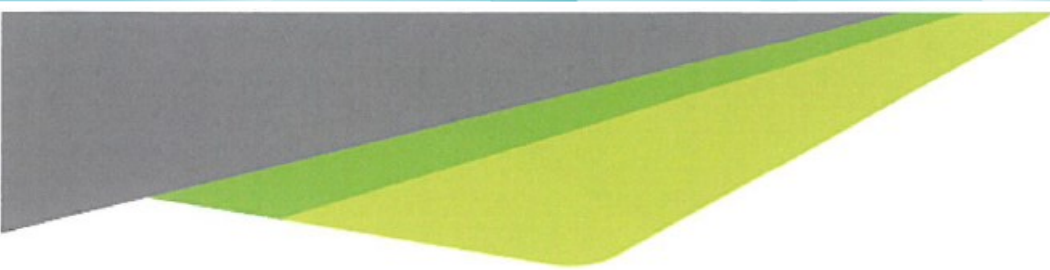


Facilitator Nairn Waker has worked across Australia, New Zealand, the US and the UK with over fifty thousand professionals to raise awareness of Dr Ruby Payne's insights into the issues presented by economic disadvantage in every level of our schools, businesses and communities.

She is committed to raising awareness, understanding and outcome through sharing strategies that make a difference.

For registration details please see the following page:





Registration Form - Please register by Thursday 21st June 2016. Bookings are essential and limited numbers apply. You may attend Day 1 or both days.

To register your attendance please book online through **Try Booking**: go to <http://www.trybooking.com/187140>

Cost for both days

- Campaspe PCP members and registered Campaspe Murray Welcoming Businesses \$160 ☐
- Non members and all other business \$310 ☐

Cost for Day 1 only

- Campaspe PCP members and registered Campaspe Murray Welcoming Businesses \$105 ☐
- Non members and all other business \$185 ☐

Day 1 Agenda items

- The Impact of Economic Disadvantage
- Mental Modes of Economic Class
- Implications for Community Sustainability
- Hidden Rules – The Consequence of Unspoken Social Cues
- The Importance of Mutual Exchange

Day 2 Agenda items

- Practical Applications for Practitioner use with Clients
- Language and Story Structure
- Family Structure
- Challenging Behaviours & Interventions

Bridges out of Poverty Workshop is being brought to you through the Socially Inclusive Communities Program. This program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services. Go to www.dss.gov.au for further information.

 **Socially Inclusive
Organisations**



School Friendly Business

This initiative continues to facilitate mutually beneficial engagement between schools, young people and employers.

School Friendly Businesses have participated in many activities this year to date that support young people in their career journeys and pathways. For example, in April Echuca Regional Health hosted 100 Year 9 students from 5 local Secondary Schools at the LEAP into Health careers event. Many of the employers who participated in the recent Beacon Careers Expo are School Friendly Businesses.

We have invited businesses who have indicated their willingness to take on students for structured workplace learning placements to have their details listed on a state-wide Education Department portal. Our School Friendly Business calendars for semester 2 are about to go to print. On 22 July we will be having

another Business Breakfast in Cohuna and on 28 July we will be having a Business lunch in Moama. The theme for presentations at these events will be 'Flexible Learning Options'.

School Friendly Business has proved to be a great concept valued by many.



Structured Workplace Learning

Can your business give a young person a spark? *start?*

Structured Workplace Learning

Industry work placements for young people in Years 10 – 12 studying Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) or enrolled in Vocational Educational Training (VET).

Structured Workplace Learning placement offers are supported by a state wide web portal linking students, schools and businesses. The portal puts your business in control of your placements and saves you time!

Campaspe Cohuna LLEN can help your business get online with Structured Workplace Learning!

Being involved in Structured Workplace Learning...

- Attracts young people to your industry
- Helps get young people ready for work
- Develops staff capability through coaching and mentoring young people
- Raises the profile of your business in the community

Students learning in the workplace



Jacq Campbell (right), from the CCLLEN discusses Structured Workplace Learning opportunities with Suzanna Gorman from the Shire of Campaspe and Jason Henning from the American Hotel.

Campaspe Cohuna LLEN is calling on local businesses to support our young people by offering to host a school student for Structured Workplace Learning and to list the opportunity on a new online portal.

The Victorian Government has developed a state wide portal to list student workplace learning opportunities across all areas and industries. This portal can be accessed at www.workplacements.education.vic.gov.au.

When Minister James Merlino launched the portal on 6 May it already listed 981 opportunities for students statewide

CCLLEN is managing the portal for this region and helping employers to participate in hosting students. The students require the placements to put into practice the theory they have learnt in their VET subject or VCAL course. Employers can benefit by hosting and helping potential future employees.

Students can search the portal for opportunities that interest them and then notify their teacher. Schools will use the portal to book placements and to generate the necessary forms.

Structured Workplace Learning Coordinator at CCLLEN, Jacq Campbell, can list businesses and their hosting opportunities on the portal. Ms Campbell says "Our School Friendly Businesses have already been approached to become host employers on the portal, and have responded positively."

Ms Campbell can meet with employers to obtain the details of the opportunity they can offer and can then list the information on the portal for local students to access. Careers staff at the schools will coordinate the uptake of placement opportunities.

If your business can give a young person a start in their career please contact CCLLEN on 5482 6055.



Contact the CCLLEN Structured Workplace Learning Coordinator

Jacq Campbell

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The Structured Workplace Learning program is supported by the Victorian Government.

City Kids

The sun came out for Footscray North Primary School and the rain came down for Laverton P-12 College when they visited Echuca in June, through the 'City Kids Experiencing Country Life' program.

Both groups of Grade 5/6 students and teachers enjoyed their four days packed with camp-based activities at Billabong Ranch, a tour of the Port of Echuca, and paddle steamer ride, a bush walk, primary school visits, cheese-making and the play zone at Campaspe Run in Elmore. These included rope making, milk separating, wool spinning and a mini train ride. The City Kids learn about the history of our local area, tourism, the importance of water, food production, and country life. They leave for home weary, but full of amazing experiences and wonderful memories.

We have one final camp in June when we host Croydon Primary School as the 'City Kids Experiencing Country Life' program sadly draws to an end.



City Kids *experiencing*
Country Life *initiative*

Food and Fibre Careers Day

The University of Melbourne's former Dookie College campus hosted 270 secondary students for a Food and Fibre Careers Day, giving them hands-on experiences in agricultural careers.

The students came from 18 Goulburn Valley and north-east Victoria schools and heard from trainers in a number of different workshops. Students could attend three workshops out of 11 agriculture based industries, with some featuring tours of a state-of-the-art robotic dairy, a lesson in a genetic engineering lab and activities in veterinary technology.

"It's important that young people see all of the opportunities there are in agriculture," Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE and National Centre for Dairy trainer Lucy Galt said, "They are coming to the Food and Fibre Careers Day because they want to see where agriculture and agribusiness can lead them," University of Melbourne regional partnerships project co-ordinator Karen Edwards said, "Some will work on the land, others will go into agricultural research,

animal health, agronomy, commodity trading and other careers connected to the industry." All of the workshops gave students an insight into the pathways available to them to get into their desired industry. The Food and Fibre Careers Day is run by the University of Melbourne, the Local Learning and Employment Networks of Goulburn Murray, NE Tracks and Campaspe, Wangaratta and Greater Shepparton councils, Rabobank, Dairy Australia, GOTAFE and other education partners.

Country News (insert), Shepparton VIC

24 May 2016, by Declan Martin





Supporting young people to engage with education

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514

Students have participated in Employability skills and Interview Preparation workshops in 2015 at schools across the Campaspe Cohuna Region.



240

School Friendly Businesses in the Campaspe Cohuna region, promoting and enhancing the links between schools, parents and business community.



180

Bags have been given to families in the Campaspe Cohuna region. These bags contain materials to support families to enjoy reading with their young children.

City Kids *experiencing*
Country Life *initiative*

11

Camps have run since the initiative began. Metropolitan schools students travel to Echuca to visit local farms, tourist attractions and historical sites to learn more about country life and rural Victoria.



68

Students were involved in the 2015 Murray River Culinary Challenge. Students compete at school and regional level before progressing and representing their region in to the Grand Final.



1100

Students attended the 2015 Youth Expo. A fun, interactive and informative exhibition of our local services for youth.



105

Students were nominated for a VET award in 2015. Students are nominated by their teachers and trainers and go through a selection and interview process to become finalists in their field.



663

Student placements occurred with employers during 2015, as work experience or structured workplace learning.



782

Students attended LLEN supported careers events in 2015 across industries including aviation, health, agriculture and Information Communication Technology.

Youth Partnerships

Kyabram Youth Partnerships has run three FLO (Flexible Learning Options) programs this term with *'Monday Mania at the Fauna Park'* for Grade 5/6 students and secondary based programs *'Go with the FLO'* and *'Social Warriors'* facilitated by Headspace, Shepparton. All three FLO programs aim to help young people get back on track with their learning and provide them with the required support to stay on track.

We acknowledge our valuable partnership with the Education Centre at the Kyabram Fauna Park, as we have now completed our fifth animal-based program with many positive student outcomes.

We also thank Craig Ferguson from Craig's Creations and David Blake from Ky General Engineering, who have generously given up their time on many occasions to speak to the *'Go with the FLO'* students on employability skills and expectations in the work place from an employer's perspective.

Jacq Campbell (CCLLEN) supported the students with resume and application letter writing.

The MATES mentoring program has seven newly trained mentors. We currently have eight mentors meeting regularly with their matched mentees providing them with support to reach their educational goals and a positive role model.

Kyabram Youth Partnerships is supporting the development of Youth Partnerships in Echuca which is very exciting. Watch this space!



Koori Homework Club

Each Wednesday during school term Koorie students meet in the student lounge at TAFE in Echuca. CCLLEN employs teacher Rosa Monaco to supervise and assist students. TAFE generously provided their facilities and internet access free of charge. Most weeks saw 10 to 12 students attending. Secondary students from St Joseph's and Echuca College attend along with a few primary school students. Fruit is provided for students to snack on. The Koorie Engagement Support Officers from the schools regularly attend to offer their students encouragement and support. The KESOs can also assist with transport home at 6pm.

New Arrival

Emily Jones, our previous office administrator and her partner Jesse Hudson welcomed a beautiful baby boy, **Bryce Dylan Hudson**, into the world on 18 March, 2016. The CCLLEN team give Emily and her family our best wishes.

Anne Trickey - Executive Officer

Bev Werner - Partnership Broker

Jacq Campbell - Structured Workplace Learning

Cheryl Sweeney - Project Worker

Brian Wilkinson - Project Worker

Brigid Dullard - Office Administration

Jargon Buster Explanations

ACFE: Adult, Community and Further Education

CRT: Casual Replacement Teacher

EYLF: Early Years Learning Framework

SWL: Structured Workplace Learning

CCLLEN: Campaspe Cohuna Local Learning and Employment Network

NAPLAN: National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy

SEIL: Senior Education Improvement Leader

SRP: Student Resource Package

WWCC: Working With Children Check



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