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Campaspe Youth Partnerships

Vulnerable young people in the Echuca region will gain a boost with the creation of Campaspe Youth Partnerships.

The Youth Partnership project was formed in Kyabram four years ago and has now expanded to Echuca.

Eleven partners have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to seal their commitment to improving engagement in education and training and reducing the escalation of problems faced by young people.

All nine partners from the original Kyabram Youth Partnership are keen to see the project expanded and have committed to the new Memorandum of Understanding. They are Campaspe Primary Care Partnership, Department of Education and Training,

Department of Human Services (Centrelink), Shire of Campaspe, Kyabram Community and Learning Centre, Kyabram P-12 College, St Augustine's College, Echuca Specialist School and CCLLEN. New partners that have joined as a result of the expansion to Echuca are Echuca College and St Joseph's College.

The partnership also has affiliate members in Victoria Police, Community Living and Respite Services, Anglicare Victoria, School Focused Youth Service, Kyabram District Health Service and Save the Children Australia.

A Project Worker has been employed to develop the Partnership in Echuca. Lyn Paterson has just commenced in the role.

2016 Upcoming Dates

3 October—Term 4 starts

19 October—I CAN Network information session at Kyabram P-12 College

15 November—VET in Schools Excellence Awards night

17 November—Echuca College ICT day



The winners of the Region Final of the Murray River Culinary Challenge Jasmine Aburrow and Meg Roberts with the judges Lynden Goulding and George Santos. Jaz and Meg went on to compete in the Grand Final in Swan Hill. Full article on page 4.

Beacon

St Joseph's College and Moama Anglican Grammar School both hosted Interview Technique sessions conducted by CCLLEN's Structured Workplace Coordinator, Jacq Campbell and Beacon Coordinator Cheryl Sweeney in the past month. This was to prepare the 295 students from the two schools for a 20 minute Mock Interview and for interviews in the future.

Thank you to the following businesses and organisations for providing interviewers over the four days, to make the experience authentic and realistic: Shire of Campaspe, Insurance House, Lockwood Partners, CCLLEN, Numanz Embroidery, Bunnings, Bendigo TAFE- Echuca, Department of Economic

Development Jobs Transport and Resources, Moama RSL, Moama Bowling Club, Murray Rivers Council, Murray Human Services, Echuca Travel, CVGT, Jan Shellew and Sue Turner.

The Beacon Leaders worked well as a team along with their school's Beacon Coordinators Beth Crossman (St Joseph's College) and Stuart Martin (Moama Anglican Grammar School) and showed initiative and excellent organisational skills to run the mock interview days so efficiently.

The Echuca Moama Beacon Foundation Annual General Meeting will be held at 5.30pm on 16 November 2016, at Moama RSL. All welcome.



"I was really nervous about the interview but I think that the feedback was the most helpful part"



"I felt very comfortable and confident going to the interview. A very good experience and opportunity given to us"

Kyabram Industry Day

A range of local industries gathered at the local Bocce Club to present workshops to the Kyabram P-12 College year 9 students.

Businesses that joined us on the day included M & S Accounting Group, Riverine Herald, photographer Erica Jane, AFL Sports Ready and staff from the Campaspe Shire presenting building and construction workshops. Students heard personal stories of career journeys with the chance to ask questions of each of the presenters.

All students participated in an O H & S workshop, also presented by the Shire, to better prepare them to go into the workplace.

Jacq Campbell and Cheryl Sweeney delivered an Interview Techniques session in the afternoon to

compliment students' careers classes in resume writing and covering letters. The Kyabram P-12 Life Skills group cooked and served a delicious BBQ lunch.



School Friendly Business

The main purpose of CCLLEN's School Friendly Business program is to make mutually beneficial links between our schools, business and industry and the community in general. The bottom line is that we want to support young people to successfully transition through school and into employment or further education.

In July a School Friendly Business breakfast was held in Cohuna at The Old Farmery Café and a lunch was held in Moama at The Border Inn Hotel. We were pleased to welcome business leaders, school principals & teachers and student leaders to each event. The theme for presentations at these events was Flexible Learning Options, otherwise known by the acronym FLO. There are a number of FLO models across the country but within the CCLLEN region there are 2 unique models.

At Cohuna, Principal Stephen Brain gave us the background to the Gannawarra Flexible Learning Option and FLO teacher Wendy Jackson spoke about how the program is currently working. Pathways and Transitions Manager from Cohuna Secondary College Sharon Anderson presented on the School Based Apprenticeship & Traineeship or SBAT program at their school. It was wonderful to have current Agriculture



SBAT Emily and Diesel Mechanic SBAT Brady speak so enthusiastically about their experiences. Amongst the guests we were delighted to have Lorraine Learmonth, Mayor of Gannawarra Shire, and staff members from Osaka High School in Japan, currently on exchange in Cohuna, in attendance.

At the Echuca Moama event Project Officer Cheryl Sweeney presented on the history, evolution and progress of the Kyabram Flexible Learning Option model. David Blake, whose business Kyabram General Engineering in a School Friendly Business spoke about the program from an employer's perspective. CCLLEN Executive Officer Anne Trickey gave a short presentation on a model, based on the Kyabram FLO program, that is currently being established in Echuca.

We have now hosted several of these types of events and know how appreciative of the networking opportunity between schools and business everyone is. Also the fact that there is always an interesting and positive message to take away. CCLLEN is keen for more businesses to come on board the School Friendly Business initiative and we always welcome enquiries and suggestions from the broader community.



Let's Read Launch

The launch of Let's Read Campaspe at Rochester Primary School on 25 August was a great success. As part of the proceedings Mayor Leigh Wilson and Rochester Leo Club members read short listed Children's Book Week books to students including those who came along from St Joseph's Primary School.

Thanks to the Rochester Lions Club for their wonderful financial support and interest in the program. Thanks also to the Rochester Primary School choir for their wonderful rendition of the national anthem and to

Save the Children staff for providing activities

Let's Read is an early years literacy program aimed at promoting the importance of reading with young children from birth to 5 years. The program has now been launched in Echuca, Kyabram and Rushworth as well as Rochester across the Shire of Campaspe. The CCLLEN is an active member of the Steering Committee.



Murray River Culinary Challenge

The Murray River Culinary Challenge is over for another year with students from 21 schools across the five regions having participated in the Challenge.

Eight of those students competed in the Regional Final at Kickham's Mill Restaurant at Bendigo Kangan TAFE Echuca Campus on 31 August. Students prepared three dishes which showcased the culinary skills they have been learning as part of their Certificate II Kitchen Operations under trainers Rick Smolenaars and Brendan Lethlean. The students had 2.5 hours to cook and present their dishes to be tasted and scrutinised by the two judges on the day, George Santos from the Moama Bowling Club and Lynden Goulding.

Judges in each region and throughout each level of the challenge are sourced from local hospitality businesses.

The four schools represented in the regional final were Cohuna Secondary College, Echuca College, Rochester Secondary College and St. Augustine's Kyabram. Students progressed to the regional final after

competing in teams within their schools.

The winners on the day were Jasmine Aburrow and Meg Roberts from Cohuna Secondary College. Jaz and Meg wowed the judges with their dishes and outdid some really tough competition. The girls progressed to the Grand Final in Swan Hill on 12 September held in the Orchard Training Centre at St. Mary MacKillop College. Students from Campaspe, Swan Hill, Shepparton, Wangaratta and Wodonga regions competed. The judges, George Santos from Moama Bowling Club, Rebecca Hart from Boo's Place Café and Providedore in Swan Hill and Megan Knapp from The Kitchen Door in Mansfield had a really tough job selecting a winner out of all the amazing teams that competed.

The home team of Stephanie Puglisi and Jerem Gesch came out on top and St. Mary MacKillop College will house the red gum trophy until the competition next year. Well done to all students, trainers and judges involved in the competition in 2016.

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

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

Campaspe Youth Partnerships—Kyabram

Along with supporting the expansion of Youth Partnerships to Echuca, we have been busy in the last school term running FLO (Flexible Learning Options) programs. Another 'Go with the FLO' program was held for secondary aged students to help them get back on track and we have created a new primary aged FLO program at the Kyabram Fauna Park called 'Junior Park Rangers'.

Ten students from our three schools are currently participating this semester in this project based learning at the Kyabram Fauna Park on a Friday afternoon. The projects are student centred and hands on. The students have already revamped a bird enclosure with hand made toys for the birds.

ICT: It's Everywhere

It has been said that by 2020 Australia will need an extra 100,000 workers if it is to keep pace with the rising demand for information and communications technology skills.

In June and July respectively, Rochester Secondary and Kyabram P-12 Colleges hosted Information Communications Technology careers days for their Year 9 students. Three students from East Loddon P-12 College joined in at the Rochester event and ten students from Rushworth P-12 College joined in at Kyabram.

Students rotated through a series of interactive workshops showcasing the use of technology across a range of sectors. Topics covered in the workshops delivered by tertiary institutions and local organisations included agriculture, games, robotics, application development, the inner workings of a computer and graphic art & design. Q & A panel sessions with industry professionals proved to be very popular and informative.

Presenters were from Goulburn Ovens TAFE, La Trobe University Bendigo & Bundoora campuses, Splatoon Cartoons Beechworth, Campaspe Shire Library

Our MATES youth mentoring program continues to be a great support for eight secondary aged students who have a weekly one on one mentoring session with their mentor. Group get togethers are also held on a regular basis.

A very exciting project that we are planning is bringing the I CAN Network to all Kyabram schools and the community thanks to funding provided by Kyabram P-12 College. You are invited to information sessions on Wednesday 19 October at Kyabram P-12 College. See poster in this bulletin for details.



Services, Advance Computing Kyabram and the Academy of Interactive Entertainment.

The days were organised by the CCLLEN and included funding prizes as well as morning tea and lunch for the students and presenters. Thanks to the Energy Breakthrough group at Rochester and the Life Skills group at Kyabram for providing the much appreciated and very enjoyable food with the added benefit of being fundraising activities. Prizes available on the days were a Samsung Galaxy Tab 3, a Fitbit, a pair of Sony headphones, a power bank, an eTouch Tablet and a Bluetooth speaker.

Students enthusiastically came away with their horizons broadened and knowing that ICT skills will be valuable in whatever career they decide to follow.

Comments from students after the events included:

I liked how we could interact with the technology we wouldn't otherwise get to use

I liked being able to see all the possible careers that there actually are in ICT

I learnt that it is broader than I thought and it's open to people of all walks of life



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I CAN Information Session

Kyabram P-12 College together with Kyabram Youth Partnerships is bringing the I CAN Network to Kyabram's schools and community.

The I CAN Kyabram project aims to empower people to celebrate the Autism Spectrum, and support our schools and workplaces to see the individual strengths of people on the Spectrum.

I CAN brings out the 'awe' in AWetism through mentoring, education, advocacy and providing opportunities. It builds networks across schools, universities, TAFEs, communities, businesses and governments.

*"We don't have this label 'Autism Spectrum' for people to be saying 'I Can't.'
We have it so people can say 'I CAN.'"*

Come and hear the Founder and Chief Enabling Officer of I CAN Network Chris Varney. Chris based the network on the mentors who supported him to get the best out of his Asperger's. Chris has a strong background in advocating for children's rights. For his advocacy Chris has received national awards.



Guest Speaker—Chief Enabling Officer

When Wednesday October 19th — 2016

Where Prep-2 Learning Community — Kyabram P-12 College

Session 1 3.45pm — With a focus for educators and school communities

Session 2 5.45pm — With a focus for businesses, community members and families

Both sessions are open for all to attend



For more information visit icannetwork.com.au

City Kids

Our final 'City Kids Experiencing Country Life' camp was held in June when we hosted 49 Year 5/6 students and seven staff from Croydon Primary School.

Once again the program offered a diverse range of activities to learn about our local history and the agricultural and tourism industries. The feedback from both students and staff was very positive with a few highlights being the horse riding and the fire twirling demonstration at Billabong Ranch, the visit to Echuca Primary School, the paddle steamer ride, the play zone at twisted, the dairy farm visit and the mini train ride at Campaspe Run in Elmore.

Some quotes from the kids:

It was a really great experience for me. I learnt lots of new things that I did not know

It was cool to learn about other people and how country people live

The walk to the bridge was great because I never went to another state before

It was really good to go to a real farm not just a

tourist attraction. There was a lot of poo and it stunk but I liked the calves. They were soooooo cute

The experience of Echuca was wonderful! I loved exploring and discovering the outside unlike staying inside playing on my iPad. Since this wonderful week I've made a change and I now play outside more often.

Best camp ever !

To celebrate the four year City Kids Experiencing Country Life Initiative we held a morning tea this month at the Rocks Wine Bar and Steakhouse for all those involved, to show our appreciation of their valuable contribution to the program.

City Kids *experiencing*
Country Life *initiative*



Photos from the morning tea at The Rocks Wine Bar and Steak House

Great Education Quotes

Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela

The foundation of every state is the education of its youth

Greek philosopher Diogenes

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.

Benjamin Franklin

Learning is the only thing the mind never exhausts, never fears and never regrets.

Leonardo da Vinci

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