

CCLLEN Bulletin

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2017 Upcoming Dates

20 February—
Beacon Leadership
Day

6 March—CCLLEN
Annual General
Meeting

17 March—Beacon
Business Breakfast

28 March—REDHS
Careers Day



Welcome to our new office

Happy New Year to all our supporters, and we wish you all the best for 2017.

We are now located at 53 Haverfield Street in Echuca. Our friends from C4EM and Haven Home Safe have shifted with us from Heygarth House. Although we miss the beautiful heritage building, our new office is bright and airy with plenty of parking for visitors. Our new Echuca South neighbours have made us feel very welcome.

This year marks 15 years since CCLLEN was established, and that is prompting us to reflect on some of the milestones over that time and to build on past successes.

We are already planning events for 2017 and looking forward to developing some new ideas. We have three years of funding certainty ahead of us which is helping us plan into the future.

Anne Trickey, Executive Officer



Some of the CCLLEN Staff enjoying our Christmas lunch at Three Black Sheep, Moama

School Friendly Business

'School Friendly Business' is an initiative of CCLLEN which was formally launched in Echuca in April 2012. The program now extends across our LLEN region with 236 businesses and 37 schools on board. School Friendly Business works with schools and businesses to engage and form mutually beneficial relationships. It is a way of providing support for improving education and transition to work outcomes for our local young people. Businesses are demonstrating corporate social responsibility along with promoting their business and potentially becoming an employer of choice.

School Friendly Businesses indicate that they can do a majority of the following:

- Be aware of important school dates as seen in the School Friendly Business calendars
- Consider flexi time for parent/guardian employees to attend significant school events
- Welcome helpful school and parenting promotional literature in their staff rooms
- Host students for workplace learning (work experience, work placements and/or school based apprenticeships) and tours of their worksites

- Engage with the Beacon Foundation
- Happy to be invited to important school related events
- Help train potential employees
- Provide support and work closely with schools in other individual ways
- Be part of the 'village that raises a child'

School Friendly Business calendars for Semester 1 2017 are currently being printed and will be delivered to schools and businesses as school resumes.

Any business can potentially come on board and membership is free. A sign up form is available on the Campaspe Cohuna LLEN website. Contact us on 5482 6055 for further information or to have a flyer and sign up form sent out. Stories about School Friendly Business activities are on our CCLLEN Facebook page. We are happy to call on businesses to discuss the program and follow up any ideas.



Let's Read Campaspe

CCLLEN in 2017, through its active membership of the Let's Read Campaspe Steering Committee, will continue its commitment to promoting the importance of reading with young children from birth to 5 years. Fostering a love of reading influences future literacy skills and helps families relate positively to their children. Check out the Let's Read website for information and stories, both local and across Australia.

www.letsread.com.au/



Get involved!

We know you are interested in the work we do. Would you like to do more? There are many ways to be involved with CCLLEN.

1. Become a CCLLEN member.

Joining the CCLLEN is free. Organisations and individuals can join. The N in our name refers to Network. Being a CCLLEN member makes you officially part of our network. We are an incorporated association and our members can vote at meetings and are eligible to nominate for a position on the Board.

2. Become a School Friendly Business.

School Friendly Businesses are willing to work with schools and choose the activities and formats that work best for them.

3. Host a student on a Structured Workplacement.

We have a new portal that makes it easy for you to promote your business to secondary school students who are interested in your industry and want to experience it first hand. These students are studying a vocational subject related to your industry.

As a subscriber to our Bulletin you are likely already either a CCLLEN member or a School Friendly Business. We invite you to check and update your details with Brigid Dullard by email dullard.b@ccllen.com.au or phone 5482 6055.

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



Contact the CCLLEN Structured Workplace Learning Coordinator

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

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.

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