



CCLLEN Bulletin

Campaspe Cohuna Local Learning and Employment Network Inc.

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From 2016 to 2017

It has been another eventful and happy year for us. We have welcomed two new members to our team – Brigid Dullard and Lyn Paterson. Youth Partnerships have extended from Kyabram to Echuca. The Structured Workplace Learning Program has been re-contracted for another year while the LLEN itself is halfway through a two year contract with the Department of Education and Training with a further two year contract expected. Our regular events and activities have grown stronger – including the Murray River Culinary Challenge, Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Careers Days, School Friendly Business, Koorie Homework Group, City Kids Experiencing Country Life, Let's Read and the VET in Schools Excellence Awards.

We have much to look forward to in 2017. We will continue to develop the presence of supportive local

employers on the portal at

www.workplacements.education.vic.gov.au

where students can search for workplacement opportunities. Youth Partnerships will implement the I CAN Network in Kyabram to bring out the 'awe' in AWETism throughout the schools and community. In Echuca the Partnerships is set to develop a mentoring program.

As we prepare for the New Year we will relocate our office to new premises at 53 Haverfield St, Echuca, ready to open in early January. Our thanks to the Shire of Campaspe from whom we leased our office space in Heygarth House for the last five years.

Our thanks and appreciation to everyone who has worked with us during 2016. Best wishes for the festive season.

Anne Trickey, Executive Officer



VETiS Excellence Awards Student of the Year Zoe Taylor with Campaspe Cohuna LLEN Chair Kerrie Raglus.

VET in Schools Excellence Awards

The annual VET in Schools Excellence Awards were held on 15 November to celebrate the outstanding achievements of Vocational Education & Training (VET) students within our regional schools. Around 460 secondary school students are enrolled in VET subjects and School Based Apprenticeships in our region this year. Sixty-nine students were nominated for the Awards. During the Awards ceremony at Moama Bowling Club 57 finalists were presented with certificates, and winners were announced in 17 categories.

More than 270 guests attended the event which was organised by the Campaspe Cohuna LLEN. Those present included students and their families, trainers, teachers, host employers and sponsoring businesses. Several students showcased their skills on the night with Music students performing three songs and two School Based Apprentices guest speaking about their experiences.

Students were nominated for the Awards by their VET teachers and trainers and must have completed a work placement in the industry to be eligible. Host employers provided reports on individual student performance. Nominated students submitted their resume and finalists were interviewed by a panel of judges. The process is a good preparation for entering the workforce.

Judges Brendon Hawken, Kasey Mullane (Williamson) and Michael Pratt were very impressed with the calibre of the finalists. Michael Pratt shared with the audience the strong career focus many students demonstrated in their interviews and positive comments from host employers' reports such as "An absolute pleasure to train." And "Everything that he does goes above and beyond what is expected, which is a measure of him as a person."



School Based Apprentice the Year Emmalea Wishart and Mahir Ozdilek of MEGT



Student of the Year Zoe Taylor with Judges Michael Pratt and Brendon Hawken



All Category winners with their certificates

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VET in Schools Excellence Award winners 2016



Campaspe Cohuna LLEN
Student of the Year
Zoe Taylor



MEGT
School Based Apprentice/
Trainee
Emmalea Wishart



Campaspe PCP
Allied Health
Zoe Taylor



Sarina Russo
Apprenticeships
Applied Fashion and
Design
Poppy Molluso
Sarina Russo
Apprenticeships



GOTAFE
Automotive Studies
Corey West



Moama Village
Pharmacy
Beauty
Taylah Hitchcock



CVGT
Building & Construction
Rebecca Kennedy



Community Living &
Respite Services
Community Services
Tori-Lee Coatsworth



St. Joseph's College
Education Support
Bridget Penney



Echuca College
Electrotechnology
Nathan Shaw



Foodmach
Engineering
Benjamin Chatfield



Billabong Ranch
Equine
Victoria Hocking



Moama Bowling Club
Hospitality
Gina Spizzica



Campaspe Cohuna LLEN
Music
Abbey Williams



The Nationals
Public Safety
Matthew Walsh



Riverine Herald
Sport and Recreation
Asher Jones



Sound and Light
Solutions
Technical Production
Lachlan Melton



Echuca Moama Regional
Tourism
Tourism and Events
Lucy Hall



Allied Health
Emma Woods
Zoe Taylor
Applied Fashion and Design
Claudia Lee
Poppy Molluso
Automotive Studies
Callum Powell
Cody Bean
Corey West
Beauty
Chloe Millar
Shae Woods
Taylah Hitchcock
Building & Construction
Alexander Keath
Carl Scott
Cooper McKenzie
Rebecca Kennedy

John Ball
Zaid Besim
Ben Turpin
Noah Vredenburg
Pierce Cail
Josh Dickson
Community Services
Emily Hay
Tori-Lee Coatsworth
Rachael Matthews
Education Support
Bree Cain
Bridget Penney
Gabrielle Cantwell
Georgia Williams
Electrotechnology
Benjamin Chatfield
Nathan Shaw

Engineering Studies
Brayden Sanders
Zac Parkinson
Benjamin Chatfield
Equine
Victoria Hocking
Hayley Acquisto
Hospitality
Meg Roberts
Jasmine Aburrow
Ebony Gordon
Gina Spizzica
Tekyra Shead
Jake Parkes
Music
Connor Olsson
Joseph Case
Ainsley Barkby
Abbey Williams

Public Safety
Kieren Shelley
Matthew Walsh
Micah Schroder
Taylor Cooper
Sport and Recreation
Asher Jones
Karlee Newman
Technical Production
Lachlan Melton
Nicholas Howarth
Tourism and Events
Lucy Hall
Sophie Douglas
School Based
Apprentice/Trainee
Brady Hore
Emmalea Wishart
Joseph Macague

FINALISTS



Youth Partnerships

I CAN Network is coming to Kyabram.

I CAN network 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.

"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.'"

In October we held information sessions for staff from our local schools, families and the local community.

The founder and Chief Enabling Officer of I CAN Network, Chris Varney, told his personal story and how he based the network on the mentors who supported him to get the best out of his Asperger's. He outlined what the network can offer Kyabram and the benefits for our young people.



Kyabram P-12 College is sponsoring the community model and both Kyabram P-12 College and St Augustine's College secondary students will be involved in the program which includes mentoring, education, student talks, parent talks and professional development for staff of the schools.

This will be our main focus for 2017 along with our other programs including the MATES mentoring program and our Flexible Learning Option programs.

Youth Partnerships in Echuca is using MY Van to engage and support small groups of students. Save the Children Australia is providing the Mobile Youth Van and two workers to Echuca College, Echuca Specialist School and St Joseph's College for a session each week. The Echuca group is also planning referral processes and a mentoring program for 2017.

Beacon

The Annual General Meeting held at Moama RSL on 16 November was well attended by schools, sponsors and community members.

The Annual Report was presented reporting a successful year with the highlight being the 15th Anniversary celebration. Beacon Leaders, Nathan Shaw, Mia Oberin & Ashleigh Coghlan were guest speakers who reflected on the year's events and the positive outcomes for the Year 9 & 10s involved in the program and the benefits of being a Beacon Leader. Certificates of Appreciation were presented by Beacon Leaders to our sponsors.

To celebrate another wonderful year the Beacon Leaders and Coordinators were treated to a lunch at Johnny & Lyle and presented with Certificates of Achievement.

Planning is already underway for 2017 and we look forward to another exciting Beacon year.

We wish the Beacon Board, staff and students at our three Beacon schools, our sponsors and Beacon supporters a Merry Christmas and a happy festive season.





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450



Students have participated in Employability Skills and Interview Preparation workshops in 2016 at schools across the Campaspe Cohuna Region.

237



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

13

City Kids *experiencing*
Country Life *initiative*

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.

366



Students participated in mock interviews in 2016. Mock interviews are conducted by local business people to give students an idea of what a real job interview is like.

69



Students were nominated for a VET in Schools Award in 2016. Students are nominated by their teachers and trainers and go through a selection and interview process to become finalists.

174



Students were involved in the 2016 Murray River Culinary Challenge. Students compete at school and regional level before progressing and representing their region in the Grand Final.

163



Students undertook Structured Workplace Learning placements with employers during 2016. SWL placements align with students' VET subjects.

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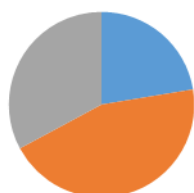


Students attended LLEN supported careers events in 2016 across industries including Health, Agriculture and Information Communication Technology.

ICT: IT'S EVERYWHERE

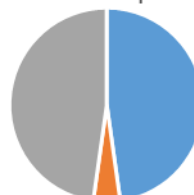
Student feedback from the recent ICT Careers event at Echuca College was overwhelmingly positive. The pie charts collating the feedback speak for themselves:

Before attending this event, were you considering ICT as a possible career?



■ Yes ■ No ■ Maybe

As a result of attending this event, would you consider ICT as a possible career?



■ Yes ■ No ■ Maybe

Did you learn something that you never knew about ICT study or career options?



■ Yes ■ No ■ Maybe

Comments from students included:

- I liked that every guest speaker explained everything really well and gave me a good understanding of ICT.
- I learnt that a career in ICT looks more fun.
- I learnt that there are a lot more jobs in this area of work that I thought.
- I learnt that there are always going to be jobs in ICT.

CCLLEN organised the event. Nine interactive workshops were run by; La Trobe University, Splatoon Cartoons, Academy Interactive Entertainment, WISA Global Irrigation, GOTAFE, Campaspe Library, The Brainary and Rabobank.

Students came away knowing that there are few other industries as diverse as ICT and that, as ICT skills are flexible and universal, there are lots of great careers for everyone.



School Friendly Business

Martin Szakal, CEO of the Committee for Echuca Moama joined students and principals from Echuca Specialist School, Echuca College and St Joseph's College to present at the recent School Friendly Business lunch at the Border Inn Hotel Moama. The topic for the presentations was 'Highlights of the Year and Looking Towards 2017'.

Gannawarra Shire Councillor Lorraine Learmonth was a guest speaker at the Cohuna Business Breakfast at the Old Farmery Café and spoke of some wonderful highlights in the year for Cohuna and the rest of that Shire. Gannawarra Shire is especially proud of its Youth Council. School Principals, along with student representatives from Cohuna Secondary College and Leitchville, St Mary's Cohuna & Cohuna Consolidated Primary Schools gave splendid presentations. Everyone wished Lucy Keath, Principal at St Mary's Primary School, well for her 2017 new role at St Joseph's Primary School in Cobram.

The Motofinish Café hosted us for a Business Breakfast Rushworth. We were delighted to have newly elected Shire of Campaspe Mayor Councillor Adrian Weston



present to the school and business audience on happenings across the Shire of Campaspe. Principals and student representatives from St Mary's Primary School and Rushworth P-12 College spoke of the highlights of their year and what's coming up for 2017.

These events all had a very positive feel to them with considerable optimism being expressed for 2017. Congratulations especially to the primary and secondary school students who stood up and spoke to the appreciative audiences.

The School Friendly Business program is all about linking schools and the business communities for the benefit of our young people. Across our CCLLEN region there are 237 business members on board with links to 39 schools.



* We are moving! *

The Campaspe Cohuna LLEN team are relocating at the end of December to:

53 Haverfield Street, Echuca South

All phone numbers and our postal address will remain the same.

Feel free to pop in and see the new office in 2017!

Anne Trickey - Executive Officer
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