

CCLLEN Bulletin

Campaspe Cohuna Local Learning and Employment Network Inc.
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2017 Upcoming Dates

19 July — ICT Day
Kyabram P-12

2 August — Murray River
Culinary Challenge
Regional Final

30 August — ICT Day
Rochester Secondary

7 September — Kyabram
Industry Day

11 September — Murray
River Culinary Challenge
Grand Final

12 September — Echuca
Moama Youth Expo

Contributing to conversations

It is an important part of our role at Campaspe Cohuna LLEN to be talking to and listening to people regularly and then making good use of that information. It's not all coffee and cake – there is a lot of work and need for a depth of understanding behind the conversations. We are fortunate to be invited by other organisations to participate in their consultations and events. We aim to provide meaningful contributions and we always learn something from the experiences.

We are absorbing information from all around our networks and we enjoy

being able to pass something useful on to others who might need it!

Recently we have participated in Shire planning consultations, the YACVic Rural Conference (held in Echuca) and a workshop leading up to the second Regional Partnership Assembly.

Thank you to those who ask us for our input, advice or information. We are happy to share it. And thank you to those who help us when we come asking for feedback, data or ideas. We will put it to good use.

Anne Trickey—Executive Officer

2017 VET Excellence Awards!

The 2017 VET Excellence Awards will be held Tuesday 14 November. Nomination packs will be going out to schools in the coming weeks. If you are a VET Teacher or Trainer, or you are an employer who has hosted a VET student on work placement, start thinking about nominating. Students must have completed a work placement to be nominated.



Cheryl Sweeney, Brigid Dullard, Bev Werner and Lyn Paterson at the recent YACVic Rural Conference.

Beacon

Hundreds of local secondary students made an important pledge at the Charter Signing Ceremony held in April at Echuca College Gym. 320 students from Echuca College, Moama Anglican Grammar School and St Joseph's College formally and publicly committed to the Beacon Program and to further education, training and employment when they finish school.

Guests from the community including Beacon sponsors, local councillors and Beacon Board members also signed the community board to show their support for our local young people.

Echuca surgeon Mr. Manny Cao returned to the event as guest speaker sharing his remarkable personal journey from boat boy fleeing from Vietnam, to growing up in the Melbourne's western suburbs, to being a respected General Surgeon at Echuca Regional Health. The challenges overcome on this journey provided some meaningful messages to the young audience.

The guests were entertained with music by the Echuca College students and treated to a barista made coffee by the VCAL students and a delicious morning tea.



The 'Best Careers Expo' ever was held on 23 May at Rich River Golf Club Resort. With more workshops offered, more presenters involved and more engaging presentations than previous years, the 330 students who participated were given an insightful look into a diverse range of careers. They had the opportunity to choose five different careers of their interest out of 53 workshops on offer.



The morning was kicked off by a panel of speakers from four different career areas. Amy Lyon from Realm Building Design, Aidan McLindon a teacher at St Joseph's College, Xavier McLindon, the electrician apprentice at Dorman's



Electrical and Emma Wright from Cosgriff Lawyers gave the students realistic advice on choosing career pathways and what to get out of the day.

Rich River Golf Club Resort sponsored the event and provided the excellent venue for the Expo.



Quotes from Echuca College Year 9 students after their Mock Interviews held on 9 June describe the importance and value of this experience in the Beacon program.

"It was a lot better than expected and I thought it was great practice for a real interview" – Fynn

"I feel like I am more prepared for the future" – Hannah

"It was a good learning experience and I think I can improve from it" – Mackenzie

"The interviewer was really nice and helpful and understanding. I am now confident I can do better in the next interview with the information I have". – Vanity

"It was very helpful and I feel like I'm ready to tackle the world" – Joni

Excellent community support from Beacon, Campaspe Shire, CVGT, GM Water, Insurance House, NAB and Rotary enabled 90 students to have an interview. Interview Technique Sessions were conducted by CCLLEN and Beacon before this event to offer tips on resume and covering letter writing and help prepare the students for their interviews.

Further Mock interviews will be held at Moama Anglican Grammar School on Wednesday 9 August and St Joseph's College on Thursday 24 & Friday 25 August.



Campaspe Youth Partnerships—Kyabram

We currently have four programs running in Kyabram to either support our young people in their schooling or help them get back on track with their learning. We are also continuing with our 'Open Pathways' integrated referral system to ensure our young people are being provided with the services they need.

Junior Park Rangers is a 12 week primary school based program that runs weekly at the Kyabram Fauna Park. We have 13 students from Kyabram P-12 College, St Augustine's College and Echuca Specialist School feeding the animals and cleaning enclosures with ranger Tyrell Gilligan, collecting bugs, and presenting their projects on bugs of their choice.

Nine students from our three schools have just completed a four week '**Go with the FLO**' program which included modules from 'Coaching Young People for Success', personal development activities and work ready skills presented by CCLLEN's Structured Workplace Coordinator Jacq Campbell. Guest speakers from local businesses gave the students a clear and realistic understanding of expectations in the workplace. Knowledge of employability skills and the workplace and assistance with resume and covering letter writing provides them with the tools to set up an individualised FLO (Flexible Learning Option) program.

Five community mentors are currently supporting five mentees from St Augustine's College and Kyabram P-12 College in the **MATES Mentoring** program. They meet regularly at school either for a chat or to complete a project. We recently enjoyed a group get together at St Augustine's College when the VCAL students prepared and served a delicious 3 course lunch.

After much planning and working with 'I CAN Network', it's exciting to now have our '**I CAN Kyabram**' Mentoring program up and running. We have held student talks for all secondary year levels at St Augustine's College and Kyabram P-12 College, parent and staff briefings and parent information sessions. A Network Leader and a Mentor have been recruited to facilitate the mentoring program for 15 young people on the Autism spectrum. After six of the planned 13 sessions for the year, we can already see a noticeable improvement in their confidence, greater pride in their Autism, a sense of belonging in their group and a development of an 'I CAN' attitude.



Campaspe Youth Partnerships—Echuca

In Echuca the **MY Van** Program is continuing with three groups of students from Echuca College, St Joseph's College and Echuca Specialist School. The venue of the Foundry Art Space is proving a real positive. The program will continue until the end of the year. The **Mates Mentoring** Program is

preparing to be introduced to Echuca, with the search now on to find some Mentors that are willing to give one hour of their time a week. If you know someone that would be interested in being a Mentor they can contact Lyn Paterson on 5482 6055 or 0427 807 519.

Rochester Apprenticeship Information Night

Deciding what the right path for you is after high school is difficult.

Rochester Secondary students have had a helping hand making their minds up at a 'Trades Night' held on an evening at the school in June. The session provided information about apprenticeships, along with advice for students thinking about a practical career in the future.

Guest presenters included Lynda Magill from Sarina Russo Apprenticeships and the CCLLEN who provided key information about apprenticeships and relevant employability skills required in the workplace.

Putting a local face to the information, a panel of local employers from a range of trades shared their individual stories of moving into a trade, providing practical advice to students on gaining an apprenticeship or traineeship.

The local employers on the night included Geoff Morony,

Sam Wilson, Brian Murphy, Paul Evans, Shane Connelly and Jarrod Kelly.

Rochester Secondary Pathways Coordinator Colin Huddy said involving ex-students from last year's graduating class to talk about their transition from school into working full time as an apprentice was a highlight of the event.

The CCLLEN was thanked for helping organise the event and funding supper.



School Friendly Business Echuca Moama Lunch

The theme, **Generation Z – Contributing To Business**, for our business lunch at the Echuca Hotel in May proved to be a very engaging one with strong representation from both business and education sectors in attendance. Generation Z are the first fully global generation, shaped in the 21st Century, connected through digital devices, engaged through social media and typically with birth years ranging from the mid 1990's to the early 2000's. This generation has the potential to dramatically change the structure of our Australian workplace.

We heard from student representatives from Echuca College, Moama Anglican Grammar School, St Joseph's College and River City Christian College about some of the values and skills that their generation can contribute and some issues that concern them. Their topics included their problem solving and communication skills, their thoughts on equity & inclusiveness, environmental awareness, their ability to work in teams along with their digital technology and social media abilities.

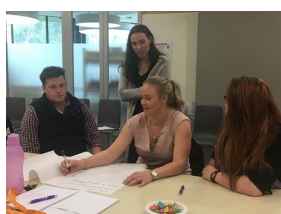
Andrew Wright, a Recruiting Manager from Lockwood Partners, spoke from a business perspective on how Generation Z'ers will be important to the sector.

Anna De Vrieze, Human Resources Manager at Community Living and Respite Services (CLRS), showed us the 'digital story' produced by CLRS for Youth Week celebrations that featured the contributions made by extraordinary young people working in the disability sector.



Youth Affairs Council Victoria (YACVic) Echuca Conference

Staff members from CCLLEN attended the recent 2 day YACVic Rural Conference in Echuca. Mental health, drugs & alcohol, homelessness, and gender diversity were some of the topics of presentations, workshops and discussions. The take away message was that there must be a collaborative approach between people and organisations to raise awareness and address these issues. Our own Brigid Dullard did a great job presenting in the workshop 'Youth Participation – Engaging Young people' with members of the Campaspe Shire Council Youth Advisory Group.



Business and education representations appreciated the networking opportunity afforded over an enjoyable lunch.

New School Friendly Businesses:

- Jakab Motors Cohuna
- Cohuna Sports Store
- Factory and Field Cohuna
- Nullabor Sustainable Timber Moama
- Echuca Frames and Windows
- Sarina Russo Apprenticeships Echuca
- Northern District Community Health

School Friendly Business Calendars

Our ever popular School Friendly Business Calendars for semester two are currently being printed. Keep an eye out for them at our schools and signed up businesses!



School Friendly Business Cohuna Breakfast

Despite the early start and the cold morning about 40 school and business people had a great time at the School Friendly Business Breakfast in May held at the quirky Factory and Field vintage shop and cafe in Cohuna. The theme for the morning was **'Jobs in Our Community'**. Proceedings got off to a fun start with a 'barn dance' style speed meet and greet session. Students learnt about some of the things that were happening in the community business wise and business people learnt of some of the hopes and ambitions of the students.

Lynne Sinclair, Director of Clinical Services at Cohuna District Hospital (CDH) was our guest presenter. Lynne gave an engaging and informative presentation on her education and career pathway, services at CDH and advice for the students. Lynn even brought along some of her old Cohuna Consolidated and Cohuna Secondary College reports. Students from the 5 schools attending, Cohuna Consolidated, Cohuna Secondary College, Gunbower Primary, Leitchville Primary and St Mary's Primary asked some fitting questions of Lynn. Questions such as *what is the best thing about your work, does an air ambulance ever come to Cohuna and why, do you take students on work experience and if so, what would they be doing, have you seen babies being born and what's it like and do you have hobbies outside your work.*



Special thanks were given to Jenni Finn and the team at Factory and Field for the great breakfast. There was something for everyone from great coffee, fruit and yoghurt, croissants, mini quiches to donuts for the sweet tooths. These events always prove to be an excellent networking opportunity between Schools and Business.



Let's Read Campaspe

Research tells us that exposure to books and language from an early age greatly enhances a child's literacy development. Many children do not have access to books and many families have pre-loved books that are no longer being used. Let's Read Campaspe launched its Early Childhood Pop-Up Library Project at Echuca Moama Family Medical Practice on 27 June. This initiative is one way of making unused, pre-loved books available to families who would otherwise not necessarily have these resources.

Pop-Up Early Childhood Libraries are tubs of books for children 0 – 5 years of age to borrow. The books can be borrowed and returned to any location where there is a Pop-Up Library. It is not vital that books be returned. If they



are not returned, we can be content that the books have found a new home and are being used to help another child develop a love of reading. It is planned that these will become a common feature in public places where young children may gather across Campaspe Shire.

Thanks to St Joseph's College Echuca VCAL students who organised a book drive for pre loved picture books and participated in our launch.

Campaspe Cohuna LLEN plays an active part on the Let's Read Campaspe Steering Committee.



LEAP into Health

Another great partnership between Echuca Regional Health (ERH), Learn Experience Access Professions (LEAP) and Campaspe Cohuna LLEN meant a successful LEAP into Health day on 30 May. Seventy Year 9 and 10 students from Cohuna Secondary College, Echuca College and St Joseph's College Echuca got a practical insight into the many and varied career opportunities in the health sector.

Students heard a presentation from Dr. Catherine Lees, the Director of Education at ERH, and participated in three workshops with local health professionals who work in the fields of paramedics, social work, speech pathology, pathology, medicine, pharmacy and other allied health professions. Students also participated in a case study activity facilitated by LEAP's Melinda Sekulitch from Monash University which showed students just how many different health professionals may be engaged for just one patient after an accident in the home to discharge and follow up from hospital.

Students loved the opportunity to win one of the many stethoscope prizes that were on offer in addition to taking home a show bag.

The following are some key feedback comments that were written by students on the day:

"I learnt about the many different courses and pathways you can take to any health profession"

"Always study what you love, no matter how long it takes"

"I learnt how important each type of health professional is and how they affect people's lives".

As well as being a key facilitator, CCLLEN provided students and presenters with morning tea and lunch. A big thank you to LEAP and ERH for all the work and time they put in that ensured the success of the day.



REDHS Health Careers Day

Rochester and Elmore District Health Services, (REDHS) hosted approximately 60 Year 9 students from Rochester Secondary College on 28 March for a Health Careers Day. The partnership between REDHS, Rochester Secondary College and CCLLEN ensured the success of the event. Special thanks to Sam Campi and Cheryl Petrini from REDHS who were instrumental in putting the program together.

After morning tea the day began with a presentation by Mohammed Al-Ali, a pharmacy student currently working at Rochester Chemart Pharmacy, who spoke about his unusual career journey and passion for helping people.

Nine interactive workshops were hosted by hospital staff members, specialists in their area of expertise. Each of the

presenters talked of their career pathway and their current role in the hospital giving examples of some of the typical issues they deal with on a day to day basis.

The workshops included a range of activities designed to engage the students in a realistic work place situation. The activities included taking blood pressure, measuring pulses with stethoscopes and practicing physiotherapy exercises; all of which the students said they enjoyed very much.

Feedback from the students showed that they were now aware of the many pathways into the health sector and the varied careers available. To finish off the day a BBQ lunch, hosted by REDHS, allowed students to mix informally with the staff.



Youth Expo

2017 CCLLEN Echuca Moama Youth Expo: Bridging the Gap..... is coming!

Friday 12 September, 10:00am -2.30pm at Echuca College for Year 8-10 students from our five local secondary schools.

SPONSORED BY MOAMA BOWLING CLUB

This event is similar to the successful expo held in September 2013 (Winner of the Shire of Campaspe Australia Day 2014 Community Event of the Year) and September in 2015.

The expo is a market-style exhibition, of the youth, health and welfare services and community groups in the Echuca/ Moama area, with music performances and an art display.

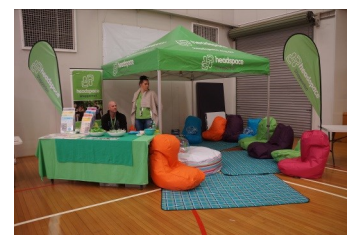
The event aims to:

- Inform our young people of the health and welfare services and support networks available to them in

their local area and how to access them.

- Provide opportunities for all young people to be connected with the community by making them aware of sport and community groups, and options for volunteering and encourage greater participation in these groups.
- Showcase and acknowledge the artistic and musical talents of our young people.

Please send us an email or ring if you would like to be involved as an exhibitor.



Photos from the 2015 Echuca Moama Youth Expo at Stubberfield Sports and Entertainment centre

Interview Technique Sessions

Approximately 90 Echuca College Year 9 students attended Interview Technique Sessions conducted jointly by the CCLLEN and Beacon.

The student's experienced a highly interactive hour long session that offered tips on resumes and covering letter writing. They were also joined by some of their teachers to practice greetings and handshakes and a challenging tower

building activity using only drinking straws. This group activity helped the students put a name to the Employability Skills they had heard about that day including team work and problem solving.

The session was to help students prepare for their upcoming Mock Interviews and real life interviews in the future.

Dookie

Ninety-one of our local students from six schools experienced hands on workshops in diverse careers related to Food and Fibre. The Careers days were held at the Dookie Campus of the University of Melbourne in May. Students selected their choice of three workshops from 12 on offer covering Beef, Dairy, Sheep, Equine, Healthy Soils, Genes, Veterinary Science, Plant Science, Conservation and Land Management, Water Efficiency, Tractors and Technology, and Indigenous Agriculture. Feedback from students and teachers was very positive.

Students also came from Shepparton, Swan Hill, Benalla and Wangaratta regions. The event was supported by three

LLENs, University of Melbourne, GO TAFE, Charles Sturt University, Wodonga TAFE, Dairy Australia, 4 Up Skilling, Shire of Campaspe, Shepparton City Council and Rabobank.

You can see more at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cm32EyIQpVo



ECHUCA MOAMA YOUTH EXPO BRIDGING THE GAP

WHEN:

12 September 2017

WHERE:

Echuca College Gym,
College Drive, Echuca

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A fun, interactive and informative exhibition of our local service for youth in health
& well-being plus sport and community organisations for young people.

Showcase of the musical and artistic talents of our youth.

This event supports R U OK?



We make time to ask...

RUOK?
A conversation could change a life.



Murray River Culinary Challenge

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

The Murray River Culinary 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 progressing 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 their skills learnt during their hospitality training.

The Challenge spans five regions and will involve more than 150 students attending 20 schools from Campaspe, Shepparton, Swan Hill, Wangaratta and Wodonga districts.

Moama Bowling Club has been a long term sponsor of the Murray River Culinary Challenge in the Campaspe region and is again this year a major sponsor of the overall competition. Thank you to the Moama Bowling Club for their generosity and support.

Students had been practicing the 3 menu dishes in class with their trainers, Craig Danswan and Vanessa Mahoney at the Echuca College training kitchen and have also had some outside help with a fruit cutting 'Masterclass'.

Each student had just on 2.5 hours to present 3 dishes designed to display knife skills and basic methods of cookery. The industry judges were looking for consistency, flavour and were certainly impressed with the creative presentation from the students.

A big thank you to our Industry judges Lynden Goulding (Cadell Trading) Dave Hollamby (Cock'N'Bull Boutique Hotel) and Felix Ponteijos (Radcliffe's Echuca).

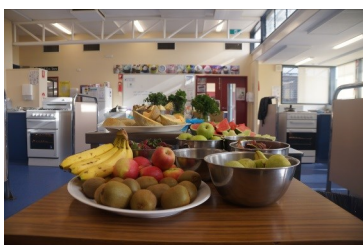
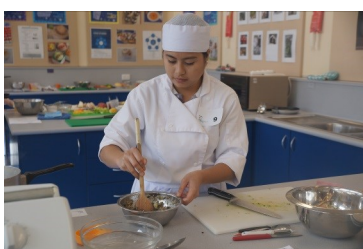
The students that will go through to the Campaspe Regional Final Competition are Archie Read & Kade Faulkner from Echuca College, Stephanie Crouch and Wallace Graham from Rochester Secondary College, Meg Roberts and Bronte Wren from Cohuna Secondary.

Jordan Pierce from St.Joseph's and Trish Ponteijos from Echuca College will join together in a rare hybrid team.

Anna Bray and Tamara Evans from St. Augustine's in Kyabram will join the Campaspe Regional Final Competition.

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

Congratulations, and good luck for the Regional Final!



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