



Welcome to this months E-Bulletin!

Hume Whittlesea LLEN's regular E-Bulletin keeps you up to date with the LLEN's and related activities across the Cities of Hume and Whittlesea. Comments and feedback are always welcome.

If you or your organisation are interested in becoming a HWLLEN member, please phone or fax Hulya Kazanaksu for further details. Being a member will ensure that you receive all invites and information directly.

Hume Whittlesea LLEN - 2007 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our 2007 AGM is to be held on:

Date: Thursday 15th May
Time: 4 to 6pm
Venue: Council Rooms 1 & 2
Address: Kangan Batman TAFE in Broadmeadows.

Please put this date in your diary – all HWLLEN members will receive invitations shortly.

Guest speaker at the AGM is :

Mick Butera

Executive Director of NORTH Link NEITL.

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The launch of the Hume Youth Commitment was held Friday 14th March 08 at the Hume Global Learning Centre and was opened by the Mayor Cr Mohamed Abbouche.

Other presenters were Zina Miceli -



Regional Industry Career Advisor (RICA), Frank Hardy - Career Connections Local Community Partnerships (LCP); and LLEN staff - Nicky Leitch and Bill Threlfall.

The RICA's data on young people in Hume was especially concerning and showed that only 45% of young people completed Yr 12 or it's equivalent.

Mayor Abbouche also reiterated the importance of using data and evidence as a key for strategic change, so it is timely that Community Team and smaller specialised teams are being formed.

As discussed at the launch we are now asking people to nominate for the team that most aligns with their agencies/ schools core business.

We envisage that the broader Community Team will meet 2 – 3 times per year and will be the vehicle to provide feedback to the strategic planners in Hume as per the HYC model.

The smaller specialised teams will be working at grassroots level and will meet once per term. If you haven't already done so and you would like to be involved with the Hume Youth Commitment, please contact us to nominate for a team. You can be in more than 1 team and all members are welcome to attend any Community Team meetings.

The smaller teams are:

- Transition Team (school based team)
- Skills & Pathways Team (industry & education links)
- Out of School Options Team

Frank Hardy of Career Connections – Local Community Partnerships (LCP) will be leading the Skills & Pathways Team.

The first meeting of this team is **Tuesday 13th May 2008 1.00pm to 3.00pm Council Room 1 at Kangan Batman TAFE, Broadmeadows campus. Lunch will be supplied.** More information will be out to this team shortly however please mark this date in your diaries. Any questions or concerns about this team can be addressed to Frank on 9094 3011 or fhardy@kangan.edu.au

Michelle Hall – The Salvation Army Crossroads – Youth Transition Support Initiative will be leading the Out of School options team.

The first meeting of this team is **Monday 2nd June 2008 1.00pm to 3.00pm at the HWLLEN Office Cnr Dimboola Road & Cavendish Street, Broadmeadows.** Lunch will be available from 12.30pm onwards if you would like to join us earlier for lunch. Discussions are still underway for a lead team and meeting date for the Transition Team (which will be a school based team).

If you would like further information on the Hume Youth Commitment or to nominate for a specialised team please contact:

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Looking for a Young Person to design the School Leavers Guide

The HWLLEN is looking for young people with Art or Design skills to design the front cover of the 2008 School Leavers Guide.

Kate Symons is seeking expressions of interest to design the School Leavers Guide cover for the next edition 2008. Please contact Kate if you know of any young person who would be interested.

Once expressions of interest have been received Kate will be in contact with the details of the layout requirements. Designs in artwork form need to be finalised by early July.

Expressions of interest are sought by the end of April, to Kate Symons.

Ph: 9925 7569

Email: kate.symons@rmit.edu.au

Youth Programs

Do you run a local Youth Program? Send us some information and we will highlight this in our E-Bulletin.

Girls Only "GO"

The Sunbury Community Health Centre has initiated a project called Girls Only "GO" which is a **FREE** program for girls aged 12-17yrs deemed to be "at risk". Girls Only "GO" aims to help build friendships, and confidence by doing a series of activities across 6 weeks.

Commencing April 16 and finishing May 21 – this will run Wednesdays 4.30 – 6.00pm.

Activities include: Learning Self Defence, how to cope with bad hair days, what to do on the dance floor, rock climbing and how to use makeup...

For referrals of further info contact Fiona on 9744 9564.

Community News

Hume Adolescent Assessment & Referral Team (HYART).

This is a joint 12 month pilot initiative between the Victoria Police, Dianella Community Health & Sunbury Community Health.

The pilot program aims to provide a coordinated and timely response to young people in the Craigieburn/Roxburgh Park and Sunbury neighbourhoods, who are first time offenders or identified as 'at risk' of offending.

The program will be voluntary, interested young people will be supported to access the services they need to help prevent them falling through the gaps and/or re-offending.

A collaborative response has proven to be the most successful way of addressing those affected by complex issues. Therefore the success of the program will be strengthened by working in partnerships with key agencies who work with young people and their families across these neighbourhoods.

A community information forum was held at the Hume Global learning Centre on the 13th March 08. Information covered demographic and program research, proposed HYART service delivery and evaluation frameworks and the importance of developing partnerships based on collaboration and "systems changes".

The morning provided the opportunity to hear about the HYART pilot program and consider how community agencies/organisations could partner to support the initiative.

Enormous interest was expressed enabling the HYART Steering Committee to be broadened to include representatives from key service areas to help further develop the program.

The program is planned to commence in July 2008 and there is still time for organisations to come on board.

If you would like more information about this exciting initiative or to express an interest in becoming a partner please contact:

Sue Moger on 8345 5878 or email: susan.moger@dianleea.org.au or

Jayne Martin on 9744 8111.

Driver Education Programs

The HWLLEN in partnership with Vic Roads ran a workshop for professionals to find out more about the Vic Roads "Keys Please" program.

Keys Please is a **FREE** program for Learner Drivers and is a 90 minute workshop that equips you for that first step into the Driver's Seat. Vic Roads provide qualified presenters who run the session in a fun filled way with lots of giveaways.



Over 25 organisations attended the workshop and most were keen to book their own **FREE Keys Please** session with Vic Roads.

To book a workshop please contact:

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Keys Please has been developed by Vic Roads, in conjunction with Victoria Police, the Transport Accident Commission, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development and Community Road Safety Councils and is available to all community groups both young and old.

BEAT Broady Employment and Training

The One Stop Job Shop has been renamed and revamped.

Now called B.E.A.T (Broady Employment & Training) this is a **FREE** program that offers assistance with:

- Resume
- Job Search
- Computer Access
- Interview Preparation
- Career Guidance

Running every Wednesday 9.30 – 12.30pm, residents from the Broadmeadows Neighbourhood Renewal project are invited for morning tea, and to meet local staff from a number of local community agencies.

Specialised Workshops will be introduced soon.

**For more info contact Anita Lijovic
Ph: 9205 2493.**



The KISS Project

The KISS project – a story about reconciliation was launched on 10th April 08 at Banksia Gardens Community Centre.

The KISS Project has been developed for indigenous and non-indigenous young people in Broadmeadows and is being facilitated by E-Quebed, Kangan Batman TAFE, Victoria University, Hume Central Secondary College as well as several other partners.

Using Shakespeare's "Romeo & Juliet" young people will enrol in accredited training to pursue their dreams using theatre and the arts.

For more information or to refer a young person contact:

Ray Richards 0428 747 770
ray.richards@equbed.org.au

What's new from Consumer Affairs for youth?

Consumer Affairs Victoria has recently published a new booklet "10 things you should know about credit". It is written in easy English, with short clear messages about current issues like

- 'Interest-free' and similar offers
- How to control your credit cards
- Store cards
- The basics of borrowing
- What to do if you can't pay your debts

You can order this or any of our free publications through the :

website www.consumer.vic.gov.au,
enquiries line **1300 55 81 81**,
or contact Sheryn Anderson
Ph: 8684 6466

sheryn.anderson@justice.vic.gov.au

Community Team

The next WYC Community Team meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 17 from 4pm – 5.30pm at the City of Whittlesea Civic Centre, Ferres Boulevard, South Morang in the Fountain View Room. Brad Green, Cricket Victoria, and Judith Pauwells, NEPS Centre Inc, are providing presentations about their respective organisations and programs. Melanie Hanlan, Transition Broker Supervisor, will present statistics from the school leavers' data collected by the transition brokers in 2007, and will compare and discuss the data from previous years.

For further information, please contact Kim Stadtmiller on 9925 7491 or E-mail: kim.stadtmiller@rmit.edu.au

Whittlesea Youth Commitment Celebrating 10 Years

The Whittlesea Youth Commitment (WYC) is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2008 and is conducting a series of events throughout 2008 to mark the event. The WYC is a community based organisation, committed to the promise of supporting our youth to make a successful transition from secondary education to their chosen destination.

The WYC is proud to be working collaboratively with the HWLLEN as the local planning group for Whittlesea within the LLEN, and continues to support the outcomes and related strategic priorities of the VLESC LLEN Performance Agreement.

Whittlesea VCAL Cluster Group

Whittlesea VCAL Cluster Group meetings are held once a term. The next meeting is scheduled for April 16 from 10.00am – 11.30am at RMIT Bundoora West Campus.

For further information, please contact:

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Finding My Place Program

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The Finding MY Place Program 'kicked' off this week with a session provided by Hall's Taekwondo. The 15 young participants from Lalor North Secondary College were actively engaged in this practical workshop which aimed to inspire and motivate. Thomastown Secondary College and Epping Secondary Collage will also be participating in the program this term.

The program targets students from years 9 – 11 and aims to provide the participants with the opportunity to gain essential life skills and valuable employability skills. The program consists of 10 workshops and each session is designed to motivate students, increase their self-esteem, develop problem-solving skills and provide them with the ability to set achievable personal goals. Most of the sessions will be held at the public library during school hours with an industry visit to be conducted at Mushroom Exchange.

Peter Lalor Secondary College, Mill Park SC and Lalor SC will be participating in the program term 3.

The implementation of the Finding MY Place program has been made possible through the collaborative partnership of Yarra Plenty Regional Library and WYC/HWLLEN.

For further information, please contact:

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Kerri Pleydell Sander on 9401 0745 or
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Whittlesea SRC Cluster Group

The first Whittlesea SRC Cluster group meeting for 2008 is scheduled to be held April 24 from 9.30am – 12.30pm at Kildonan UnitingCare, 188 McDonalds Road, Epping. Our guest speaker, Roger Holdsworth, Youth Resource Centre, University of Melbourne, will facilitate discussions on 'Why have an SRC?' and will present some ideas for running effective student council action in schools.

A professional development session is planned for teachers who are in a supervisory role for SRCs in secondary schools.

For further information, please contact Kim Stadtmiller by email kim.stadtmiller@rmit.edu.au or 9925 7491

Leading Youth To Employment

The Whittlesea Youth Commitment / HWLLEN will be conducting an interactive information event, **Leading Youth to Employment**, for school students and their parents on **Thursday, May 8th from 7.00 pm-9.00 pm** at **Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre, Ferres Boulevard, South Morang**.

Leading Youth to Employment aims to provide parents with more first-hand information regarding future job prospects and local support services available in the region for young people.

The event will commence with a brief overview of current employment opportunities, generational employment trends and future job growth in the Melbourne's northern suburbs. Following these brief presentations, representatives from local organisations, businesses and support services will be available for informal consultation with parents and students.

A number of information sessions will be conducted in adjoining rooms including:

- School-based apprenticeships
- Centrelink services
- Interview techniques
- Money matters and tips for credit card use
- Transition support services.

If you would like any further information about the **Leading Youth to Employment** event on **Thursday, May 8**, please contact **Kim Stadtmiller** by email kim.stadtmiller@rmit.edu.au or by phone on **9925 7491**.



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