



Hume Whittlesea ^{LLEN}

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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 would like to become a HWLLEN member and/or would like to place information in our monthly E-Bulletin, please contact Hulya at the Hume Whittlesea LLEN Office.

Hume Youth Commitment Update

One of the most inspiring aspects of the Hume Youth Commitment is the opportunity to celebrate the success stories of the young people working with our stakeholders in the community.

Apprenticeships Plus would like to share the following success story about a VCAL student who also undertook a school based apprenticeship, who will finish the year by going into a full time apprenticeship, thanks to all his hard work.

Martin Mulroney – Diesel Mechanic Certificate III

Martin Mulroney was undecided about what he could do in his future but knew he wanted to do a school based apprenticeship to lead him into a career path - the question was what in!!! He chose to study two certificates at school via the VET program in order to help him with his choice.



A Certificate II in Engineering and a Certificate II in Automotive is a big workload for anyone undertaking VCAL; but this was what Martin saw as a good option to help him. Martin coupled this commitment with work experience placements to help him make his final decision. He continued to study his Engineering VET and converted his Automotive studies to a Certificate III in

Heavy Diesel and commenced a School Based Apprenticeship.

His on the job training was one day a week and his TAFE training was in a block of two weeks training (4 times a year). This training was delivered half during school time and half during school holidays at Kangan Batman TAFE.

Martin has used his passionate, quiet, self effacing manner to build on his skills and has used the knowledge gained from his work experience to have a focused direction and develop strong trade skills that will take him into a full time apprenticeship in Heavy Diesel after completing his VCAL studies this year.

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Hume Youth Commitment Update (continued)

Hume Disability Partnership

Another success of the Hume Youth Commitment has been the reformation of the Hume Disability Partnership.

The partnership's next meeting is Wednesday 30th July 08 at BRITE Services, Cnr of Belfast Sts & Dallas Drive, Broadmeadows 10.00 – 11.30am.

While the partnership is in its early stages a smaller working group has already arranged the "Moving on to your Future" Expo, a forum about Post School Options for Young People with a disability.

This event will be run on September 2nd 08 at the Hume Global Learning Village 1.00pm to 6.00pm and is a part of Hume City Council's Learning Festival being celebrated in Adult Learners Week.

Other Resources to support young people with a disability are:

- **Establish better links** between schools, universities, TAFEs, training providers and disability service providers so that they can work together to provide the best possible assistance for people with a disability

What services does an NDCO provide?

The NDCO officer will provide information, coordination and regional activities for people with a disability. They will also:

- Assist local education providers to provide better services for people with a disability
- Provide information to individuals with a disability
- Link individuals and organizations to local support services
- Raise awareness amongst education providers and the general public of the issues facing people with a disability

Effie Kapsalos has been appointed to the post of NDCO at Inner Melbourne Vet Cluster. Contact details are: T: 03 9686 2354 M: 0423 050 853 or E: ekapsalos@imvc.com.au

The Inner Northern Vet Cluster's website is also another great resource for people with a disability, particularly the relaunch of the Broaden Your Horizons website:

Go to www.imvc.com.au and click on Horizons.



NDCO Programme

The National Disability Coordination Officer (NDCO) Programme

The Australian Government understands the challenges facing people with a disability and recognises the need for additional support in order for people with a disability to participate fully in education, training and employment.

Who will benefit?

People with a disability aged from 15 – 64 years, their families, support networks and post-secondary education providers will benefit from improved coordination and delivery of transition support services.

What is the NDCO Program?

The NDCO program works toward the Australia-wide coordination and delivery of support services for people with a disability who are at, or who will be attending, university, TAFE or another training organization.

The NDCO program's goals are to:

- **Improve transitions** for people with a disability from their school or community into post-school education, training and subsequent employment
- **Increase participation** by people with a disability in higher education and vocational education and training and employment

Community Team

The broader Community Team will have its first meeting on:

Tuesday, 29th July 2008 between 1 - 3pm
Kangan Batman TAFE
Broadmeadows Campus - Council Room 1
Lunch and networking at 12.30pm

RSVP's to Hulya Kazanaksu at HWLLEN via email: hulya.k@hwllen.com.au for catering purposes.

The Community Team is open to all interested parties and will discuss some of the outcomes of the 3 specialised teams and the impacts for strategic planning in Hume.

If people would like further information on the Hume Youth Commitment or to nominate for a specialised team please contact, Nicky Leitch, Pathways Development Officer, Hume Whittlesea LLEN on T: 9309 7444 or M: 0438 522 163 or E: nicky.l@hwllen.com.au



WYC 10 Years on Community Team Forum

A special forum for the WYC Community Team will be conducted as part of a series of events to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Whittlesea Youth Commitment. The WYC 10 Years On - Community Team Forum will be held on:

Thursday, 21st August
2 -5 p.m.
City of Whittlesea Civic Centre,
Fountain View Room.



The forum will provide the opportunity for the WYC community to explore future directions and to celebrate the achievements of the past 10 years.

Keynote speakers include Lesley Tobin, from the Dusseldorp Skills Forum, and Tony Coppola from our local Area Consultative Committee.

For further information, please contact Kim Stadtmiller kim.stadtmiller@rmit.edu.au or 9925 7491, or Lucy Thornton lucy.thornton@rmit.edu.au or 9925 7569.

WYC Spirit of Co-operation

WYC Spirit of Co-operation Re-signing Agreement & 10 Years On Celebration. This year the Re-signing of the Spirit of Co-operation Agreement by Stakeholders will mark the 10th Year of collaborative work of the members of the Whittlesea Youth Commitment.

The celebration will take place on:

Thursday, 30th of October
City of Whittlesea Civic Centre
4 - 6 p.m.

If you have any inquires please contact one of our Pathways Development Officer's on 9925 7569 (Kim Stadtmiller) or 9925 7569 (Lucy Thornton).

Taking Education Forward in Whittlesea

Taking Education Forward in Whittlesea –Learning from International Research & the Broadmeadows Experience.

The Whittlesea Youth Commitment/HWLLLEN will be hosting a breakfast forum for school principals, local government and community agencies on:

Wednesday, July 30th 2008
8 – 11a.m.
Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre
South Morang.

The facilitator of this forum, Professor Bruce Wilson, Head of School of Global Studies, Social Science & Planning, RMIT University, will offer a dual perspective on successful communities, and on what they have done to improve opportunities for their young people. First, he will give the participants access to the latest and most positive, international thinking on the successful interactions of local example of regional regeneration, followed by a practical discussion as to how we can translate both international and national practices into the special conditions and needs of our own region.

Professor Wilson's presentation will be complemented by Susan Drummond, Senior Research Officer, City of Whittlesea, who will report upon the local reasons for youth disaffection from school. The local response to the issue of disengagement from school will be addressed by Melanie Hanlan in her role as Transition Broker Supervisor.

For further information or to register your attendance, please contact:

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“Making Choices” Breakfast

The Hume Whittlesea LLEN is holding two “Making Choices” breakfasts in August 2008. This will be for year 10 students from 31 schools across the Hume and Whittlesea regions. A young women’s breakfast is on 12 August and a young men’s breakfast is on 26 August 2008.

The aim of the breakfast is to open the young people’s minds to career options that they may not have previously considered. We will focus on the skill shortages in the north, where there will be employment in the future. Statistics show that manufacturing is still a major employer in the north, and we wish to expose the young people’s minds to misconceptions they and their parents may have regarding careers in manufacturing. The 6 areas of skill shortages in the north have been identified as, transport and distribution, manufacturing, construction, property services, business services (e.g. accounting), and community services and health. We will target these areas when inviting professionals.

The event will begin with inspirational keynote speakers, discussing their own experiences from school to further study, training and employment and will be followed by a series of breakout workshops during which time students will meet with the participating professionals. A range of professionals from a broad sector of local industry will be invited to participate in the event and will focus on the career opportunities available in the north. The students will meet with a number of professionals from a variety of industry sectors and will be encouraged to explore the different facets and pathways of specific careers. Prompts will be provided to ensure effective communication takes place between the young person and the professional.

Whittlesea VCAL Cluster Group

The Whittlesea VCAL Cluster Group last met Wednesday, July 23 to discuss the production of a Whittlesea VCAL Induction Manual. The group will meet again on Tuesday, September 2nd at the WYC office at RMIT Bundoora West Campus to further develop this valuable resource.

For further information, please contact:
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Whittlesea SRC Cluster Group

The next Whittlesea SRC Cluster meeting will be held on Friday, August 8 from 9.45 – 12.30 at Kildonan UnitingCare. The Mayor of Whittlesea, Cr Elizabeth Nealy, has been invited to this meeting to talk with the SRC representatives about the concept of civics and leadership skills, and to discuss the processes available in Whittlesea for youth to voice opinions and initiate change.

Josh Levy, ruMAD? Manager, from the Education Foundation will provide a professional development session for staff working with SRC representatives, and will discuss the different projects facilitated by the Education Foundation, including the ruMAD? Program.

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

Finding MY Place Program

Students from Lalor Secondary College, Mill Park Secondary College, and Peter Lalor Secondary College will be participating in the Finding MY Place 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 a series of workshops 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.

The program, Finding MY Place, is facilitated by the collaborative partnership of Yarra Plenty Regional Library and WYC/HWLLLEN. For further information, please contact Kim Stadtmiller by email kim.stadtmiller@rmit.edu.au or 9925 7491 or Kerri Pleydell Sander by email kpsander@ypri.vic.gov.au or 9401 0745.



Sunbury/Gisborne Careers & Employment Expo



This has become an annual and very successful event. Held Tuesday 22nd July 08 at the Memorial Hall in Sunbury, the expo was a credit to the dedication of the careers and pathways staff at Sunbury, Gisborne, Salesian and Sunbury Down Colleges and was extremely well attended.

The expo gave young people and their parents the opportunity to speak with Employment Agencies, Industry Associations and University, TAFE and Private Providers.



Hume and Whittlesea School Leavers Guide

The School Leavers Guides for Hume and Whittlesea are currently being updated for printing.

If you have any additions or changes to be made please contact Kate Symons on kate.symons@rmit.edu.au.
Distribution of the School Leavers Guide will be late in Term 3.

Year 10 VCE Expo and VCE evening at Latrobe University

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY
YEAR 10 VCE INFORMATION EVENING
Year 10 students and their parents are invited to an information evening about pathways to university, prerequisite studies for university courses, range of courses available at La Trobe, selection and transition to university.
Wednesday 30 July, 6pm - 8pm
Melbourne (Bundoora)
Register now. For more information
1300 135 045
latrobe.edu.au/study/events
Infinite Possibilities*

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