



# Hume Whittlesea <sup>LLEN</sup>

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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.

## “Making Choices” Breakfast – Goes down a Treat

The HWLLEN hosted 2 Inspirational Career breakfast events for local year 10 students to help guide them on their way to their chosen career path. Sponsored by the Careers in Manufacturing program, the aim of the event was to introduce the young people to a broad range of employment options. Especially careers they may not have considered. There was a focus on the “Skill shortage” areas in the north as those sectors would offer good employment opportunities in the future. With the manufacturing sector in the spotlight, the students were surprised at the variety of the jobs on offer.

All schools across Whittlesea and Hume were invited to attend the event where the students met and mingled with local employers and youth ambassadors from the Careers in Manufacturing program. The feedback from students, staff and the young professionals and ambassadors who attended was very positive, with all making comment on the rich array and variety of job opportunities in the manufacturing sector.



Key note speaker Amanda Clements (Careers in Manufacturing program) inspired the girls with her stories of working as a geologist within the mining sector, while Andrew Sansome (General Motors Holden) held the boys spellbound with his stories of designing and building new cars. Everyone who attended wanted to work at GMH when he had finished. Did you know that new cars are modelled from clay and that if you are a budding artist, you could potentially get a well paid and sort after job within the car manufacturing industry.

The HWLLEN staff would like to say a few special Thank You's to those people who helped support the event. Thanks to the Careers in Manufacturing (CIM) program for sponsoring the event, and providing us with access to many of the young ambassadors to the program. Their stories were very inspiring for the students who attended. The CIM program can support schools in a number of ways. If you would like to know more please contact us at the HWLLEN or your local LCP (cont).



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### "Making Choices" Breakfast Goes Down a Treat cont'd



Thanks to all the careers teachers who promoted the breakfast to their students and who got up early to transport them to the event. Special mention to Sunbury College – who was the only school from Sunbury to attend both the boys and girls events, here are some of the girls enjoying themselves.

A big thanks also to the girls from Epping Secondary College who helped us set up and of course all of our young professionals.

The HWLLEN would also like to thank Melek Elmas who was the MC at the girl's event. Mel is doing her student placement with the LLEN and did a great job on the day and in the lead up to the event, keeping everyone organised.



**Health and Community Services Careers Project - [www.hcscareers.vic.edu.au](http://www.hcscareers.vic.edu.au)  
or call the Project Support Hotline: 1800 075 468**

The Health and Community Services Careers Project has been developed by Kangan Batman TAFE and is funded by the Department of Human Services. It has been developed as the community services and health sector have an ageing, highly feminised workforce.

To counter this and to encourage young people to embrace the sector a Careers Web Page and Kit have been designed to help careers teachers and pathways staff, educate students and parents on the benefits of working in this sector.

The website has some fantastic resources that help profile young people who are most suited to this industry. There are also sections for employers, parents as well as lesson plans for schools and teachers. Within the sector Confidentiality has been a very difficult issue to deal with by all parties, so the Privacy & Confidentiality Lesson Plan is a great way of reassuring people.

The Kit will be mailed out to Careers Staff at all Government secondary colleges in September 08. Keep an eye out for it. Once you receive your kit, the staff on the project are happy to provide you with a personal tutorial of the resource if required. To arrange this or to discuss the project in more detail please call the Project Support Hotline: 1800 075 468.

We hope you will embrace this fantastic new resource and initiative.



### Hume Youth Commitment - "Successful, Strategic, Transitions"

#### Community Team

The Community Team (CT) held its first meeting since the launch of the Hume Youth Commitment in March 08. The meeting was held 29/07/08 and was well attended by 31 staff representing 23 different organisations across Hume. There was much discussion about the role of the CT within the Hume Youth Commitment and it was agreed that the main role would be to build on local implementation strategies around transition; identifying issues to help inform policy development.

Key Outcomes for the Community Team were as follows:

- Clear Strategic Direction with genuine outcomes
- Measurable goals – what impact did the HYC & Community Team have directly on young people?
- How could this be measured?
- Data Collection from all Community Team members

(All CT members are being asked to identify what data their organisations already collect. Could that data be shared with the Community Team to help inform Policy Development for young people re their transitions pathways and their destinations. Members are being asked to contact Nicky Leitch or Bill Threlfall at the HWLLEN to discuss)

- Promotion of positive stories about vocational pathways
- Consistency of membership (if new staff are attending a HYC meeting they are requested to be briefed on the concept prior to attending)
- Ongoing promotion by all members of the HYC at all levels.

#### Skills & Pathways Team (Industry & Education Links)

Led by Frank Hardy LCP in partnership with Zina Miceli – RICA. The team's next meeting is Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

The working groups have been meeting regularly and there are many exciting outcomes, some mentioned as follows:

##### **Organising a Careers & Employment Seminar**

The group will be hosting a professionals PD seminar, with local employers advising what they can offer young people. The proposed date is March 2009. The event will target school staff, VET, VCAL, Careers Teachers, YR level Coordinators, Community Agencies, Others. It will be held in 2009 to capture the new school staff.  
PP Venue – HGCLC.

##### **Increasing Parental Engagement**

A parental engagement strategy and action plan has been developed. It is anticipated that this strategy will align with the work of the Hume Global Learning Village and Hume City Council outcomes from the 2008 Youth Summit.

##### **A Workshop for Industry re ASbA's**

Key Outcomes for this group are as follows:

- Develop an Employers Guide about working with young people
- Host an event about ASbA's (Australian School based Apprenticeships) in late 08 for professionals re ASbA's
- Host an event for students about ASbA's in Feb 09.

All members are exploring what

resources have already been produced. There are lots of guides and information available. The next meeting is 23/09/08 at the HWLLEN to determine what should be used.

The Employers Guide will include info. on Work Experience, SWL (Structured Workplace Learning), Work Shadowing, ASbA's, etc....it will be distributed to as many local employers as possible.

#### Out of School Options Team (Early School Leavers)

Next meeting is Tuesday 16/09/08 1.00 – 3.00 pm with lunch from 12.30PM at the HWLLEN office.

#### Transitions Team (School Based)

Led by Felicia Pellegrino – Team Leader of the Youth Pathways Program at Youth Projects Inc.

The first meeting of this team took place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August at Sunbury Downs S C. it was well attended by 12 different organisations.

Amongst other things the team is focusing on a Hume mapping exercise of MIPS delivery & best practices in regards to career and transition support, to help address the diversity of delivery within our schools in Hume.

#### For more information

If you would like further information on the Hume Youth Commitment or to receive minutes from one of the specialised team please contact Nicky Leitch HWLLEN Pathways Development Officer on 9309 7444 or 0438 522 163 or email [nicky.l@hwllen.com.au](mailto:nicky.l@hwllen.com.au)



### WYC 10 Years on Community Team Forum

On Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> the Whittlesea Youth Commitment Community Team and invited guests gathered to celebrate the collaborative work undertaken by its stakeholders over the past ten years.

The Forum provided the opportunity for the WYC Community to explore future directions and to review and celebrate the achievements of the past 10 years.

Keynote speakers who addressed the Forum, included Tony Coppola, Executive Officer of the Melbourne's North 7 West Area Consultative Committee (MNWACC), and Lesley Tobin of the Dusseldorp Skills forum (DSF).

Both organisations have been instrumental in the development of the Whittlesea Youth Commitment from its inception and we were delighted to have our two guest speakers providing possible ideas for future directions for the WYC.

Tony Coppola outlined the upcoming projects in Melbourne's north and the related job opportunities for young people in the region. Lesley Tobin presented a new and innovative project, Y Green, which focuses on environmental sustainability and youth training and employment. Melanie Hanlan, Transition Broker Supervisor, provided an update on the data collected by the team of Transition Brokers currently working in six secondary schools in Whittlesea.

Members of the WYC Community Team were invited to discuss new projects and initiatives and to consider the future direction of collaborative work for the network.

We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all members of the WYC Community Team, past and present, for their continuing support of young people in their efforts to make a successful transition from secondary education to their chosen destination.



### WYC Spirit of Co-operation

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:

**Date:** Thursday, October 30th  
**Venue:** City of Whittlesea Civic Centre  
**Time:** 4pm to 6pm

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### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> at the WYC office at RMIT Bundoora West Campus to further develop this valuable resource.

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## Whittlesea SRC Cluster Group

The Whittlesea SRC Cluster last met on Monday, September 8 from 9.45 – 12.30 at Kildonan UnitingCare. The Mayor of Whittlesea, Cr Elizabeth Nealy, attended the meeting to talk with the SRC representatives about the roles and responsibilities of a Mayor and to discuss the processes available in Whittlesea for youth to voice opinions and initiate change.

The meeting was chaired by Stephanie McCall, Whittlesea Secondary College, and both Stephanie and Stacey Dight (Epping Secondary College) provided a report about the VicSRC State Congress, and outlined

their roles as members of the VicSRC Executive.

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

The next meeting is scheduled to be held during the week beginning November 17 – date and time to be confirmed.

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