



Hume Whittlesea ^{LLEN}

E-Bulletin
October 2008

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.

WYC 10 Years on Community Team Forum

The last WYC Community Team meeting held Thursday, August 21st, was conducted as a forum - WYC Community Team Forum – *10 Years On* - to celebrate the work of the Community Team over the past 10 years and to explore future directions. The event featured keynote speakers Tony Coppola, MNWACC, and Lesley Tobin, Dusseldorp Skills Forum.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 23 from 4.00 – 5.30pm at City of Whittlesea Civic Centre in the Fountain View Room.

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

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 Thursday, October 30th at the City of Whittlesea Civic Centre from 4pm to 6pm

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

Employment Opportunities Fair

The next *Employment Opportunities Fair* will be held Thursday, February 19th 2009 at the Plenty Ranges Arts & Convention Centre, South Morang. The fair will provide the opportunity for young people to access apprenticeships, traineeships, further study and employment in the local region. Workshops will be conducted to assist individuals with work readiness, job application and resume writing, as well as information about Centrelink, job network agencies and apprenticeship/traineeship groups.

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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 Wednesday, October 15th at the WYC office at RMIT Bundoora West Campus to further develop this valuable resource.

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

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. Stephanie McCall, Whittlesea Secondary College, chaired the meeting 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.

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

Whittlesea School Leavers' Guide

Copies of the Whittlesea School Leavers' Guide 2008-2009 are now available, and are being distributed to all secondary schools and stakeholders in Whittlesea. The guide will be made available in CD format shortly.

If you would like copies of the Whittlesea School Leavers' Guide, please contact:

Kate Symons or Lucy Thornton on 9925 7569 or
Kim Stadtmiller on 9925 7491 or by email

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Finding MY Place

Students from six secondary schools – Epping SC, Thomastown SC, Lalor North SC, Lalor SC, Mill Park SC, and Peter Lalor SC - participated in the Finding MY Place program this year. The program, Finding MY Place, is facilitated by the collaborative partnership of Yarra Plenty Regional Library and WYC/HWLEN.

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 through a series of workshops.

We would like to thank all the workshop presenters and supervising staff for their support and commitment to the program, and Kerri Pleydell-Sander, Yarra Plenty Regional Libraries, for the planning and facilitation of workshops.

An appreciation event is being organised for all presenters and supervising staff to thank them for their participation in the program. The evaluations of the program will be used to help shape the workshops for 2009.

"Making Choices" Breakfast

A belated thankyou to the LCP for their contribution to the event. We apologise for missing them in our original thankyous. The HWLEN & the LCP have forged a strong partnership in 2008 which will only strengthen in 2009.

Again a big THANKYOU guys.



2008 INNER NORTHERN AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL-BASED APPRENTICESHIPS EXPO

Finally, an expo dedicated to
Australian School-based Apprenticeships!

- **Speak to a range of exhibitors involved in the delivery of ASbAs (RTOs, GTOs, Employers, and AACs), including:**
 - o Apprenticeships Plus
 - o Origin Training Solutions
 - o Australian Industry Group Trainings Services
 - o 370 Degrees
 - o CMC Training
 - o Pivot Point
 - o Elly Lukas
 - o Cricket Victoria, Football Federation Victoria
 - o AFL Sportsready
 - o IEGT
 - o Victorian Automobile Chamber of Commerce
 - o Kangan Batman TAFE
 - o Swinburne TAFE
 - o Souvlaki Hut
 - o Sutton Tools
 - o VECCI
- **Featuring inspiring presentations from past and current ASbAs**
- **Hear exciting presentations from ASbA organizations**

A great opportunity for your students to register for ASbA places in 2009

Where: Coburg Town Hall, 90 Bell Street, Coburg.

When: Wednesday, October 22, 2008

Please contact Hong Nguyen hnguyen@inllen.org.au or phone 93842325 if you would like further information

Available Sessions:

12.30 – 2pm – School groups

2 – 3.30pm – School groups

4.30pm – 7pm – All welcome (please invite parents!)

Presented by Inner Northern Local Learning and Employment Network, with thanks to our sponsors:



ASbA SUCCESS STORIES (Australian School Based Apprenticeships)

Exciting opportunities in the transport and distribution industry have opened up for four young men from the northern suburbs. The four were accepted for a Cadetship in logistics program organized by TDT Victoria. The cadetship includes employment over a two year period with major transport and distribution companies and study to achieve a Diploma of Transport & Distribution (Logistics). Off the job training is being provided in 4x2 week study blocks by Kangan Batman TAFE.

The four young men are:

Patrick Duggan, ex Thornbury High, now employed by Patrick. Jason Shill, ex Thornbury High, now employed by Extra Transport.. Andrew Braddock, ex Thornbury High, now employed with Kleen Heat Gas. Codie Mallinson, ex Roxburgh College, now employed with K & S Freighters



These young men were well prepared for this opportunity by undertaking Australian School Based Apprenticeships at Freight 3PL during 2007, whilst also completing Year 12 VCAL at secondary school. Origin Training

Solutions' unique and innovative training program, Freight 3PL provides on the job training within a fully operational warehouse. Year 11 and 12 students not only receive a Certificate III in Transport and Distribution (warehouse and storage or administration), but come away with hands on experience, a forklift licence and many transferable skills. They are work ready and very employable, with many opportunities opening up to them in an exciting and expanding industry.



CONGRATULATIONS

In June 2008 Origin Training Solutions Pty Ltd won a Hume City Council business award for training innovation.



Hume Youth Commitment (HYC) Hume Disability Partnership

Move on to your Future – A Forum on Post School options for young people with disabilities.

Held September 2nd 2008 at the Hume Global Village and supported by Metro Access in partnership with HCC, DHS and the Hume Disability Partnership members.



The forum was part of Hume City Council's Learning Festival and was well supported by over 30 stall holders and exhibitors. Aimed at parents and young people with a disability the event had lots of foot traffic.

With presentations from Effie Kapsalos (NDCO – National Disability Coordination Officer) on the Broaden Your Horizons website www.imvc.com.au/broadenyourhorizons and DHS on changes to the Disability Act – Planning Access To Services, there was lots of information available.

All exhibitors provided positive comments on the networking and information sharing that took place. The Hume Disability Partnership have run the event a few times now, so it does appear that it will become a regular event under the Hume Youth Commitment.

HYART



HYART—Hume Youth Assistance & Referral Team is a 12 month early intervention pilot project that commenced on 14th July, 2008. HYART aims to provide a voluntary pathway and supports for young people 10-18 years who have offended, or who may be a victim of crime, or who have come to the attention of police as being at risk and who live in the neighbourhoods of Craigieburn & Roxburgh Park and Sunbury.

The HYART initiative is now in its second term of operation and is working well. To date there have been 22 referrals to the Craigieburn Intake Team and 12 referrals to Sunbury. A number of young people have been referred onto other services successfully. Workers are already receiving positive feedback from this service. For further information please contact Jayne Guilmartin on 9744 8128 or 0400 140 630.

Health and Community Services Careers Project

Resources available in the kit (sent to schools in September) and on the website www.hcscaareers.vic.gov.au.

For further information call the Project Support Hotline on 1800 075 468

HWLLEN Work Placement Students

A big THANK YOU to our Students on Placement, Melek Elmas and Nikki Swinton



Mel is studying Cert IV in Youth Work. She started with the HWLLEN in July after her first organised placement fell through. Mel played a crucial role in the organisation of the Making Choices Breakfast and was the MC at the girls event.

To complete her placement Mel has also been working with The Salvation Army Crossroads – YTSI program. This has given her the opportunity to experience the world of direct service delivery.



Nikki is a year 11 student completing her VET studies in Community Services. Nikki started with the HWLLEN in July and completes one full day of work each fortnight. Nikki has helped us get a number of brochures for the Hume Youth Commitment completed. Nikki is also keen to become a Youth Worker in a school, so she has been working with Kangan Batman TAFE on some of her work days.

We at the HWLLEN have really enjoyed working with our students and we are always happy to take on students who are keen to learn and develop. We hope the students have enjoyed their experiences as much as we have.



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**John Cummins
Memorial Fund**

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Northcote 3070
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For further information contact Di Cummins
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The John Cummins Memorial Fund is proud to offer scholarships in the Northern region for secondary students in 2009.

“Supporting young people in our community”

Criteria include:

- Currently attending secondary school
- Show promise, a particular interest/talent, motivation, passion
- Nominated by a school/training provider etc
- Grants of up to \$1000 per individual
- Australian citizens or permanent residents.
- Evidence of financial need – Youth Allowance, Education Allowance, low income (apprentices)
- Scholarship closing date Tuesday 28th October 2008

Application Forms and further details can be obtained by visiting www.cummo.com.au or emailing scholarships@cummo.com.au

JOHN CUMMINS MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIPS
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CLOSING DATE TUESDAY OCTOBER 28TH, 2008

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