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TRANSITION SUPPORT PROJECT PILOT 2008

This project is a response to an identified gap in case management in the region. The pilot is in 3 Grampians rural LLEN areas not serviced by the Youth Transition Support Initiative (YTSI) including Warracknabeal, Nhill and Horsham, to deliver Transition Support on a case management basis to a defined target group of 15-19 year olds in 2008.

As in the case of the Youth Options Guarantee, this pilot project has the potential to shape future rural policy in the Youth Sector in Victoria.

There is a Project Reference Group receiving monthly reports from workers. Ballarat Group Training (BGT) manage the project in partnership with Workco. The Transition Support Pilot workers also deliver the Youth Pathways program working with young people 13-19 years, providing a synergy between the programs and value adding to recruitment and retention of suitably qualified staff.

Focus of the Project

Young people who are disengaged from education and training, unemployed, without year 12 or equivalent qualifications or any transition arrangements in place, and those requiring intensive support.

Findings and outcomes

For the whole program 41 young people were provided with case management, with 58% placed in

placed in education or training. The establishment of out of school education such as ConnectEd and Community VCAL have been significant re engagement options. The case load is currently at capacity with a wait list indicating a high need for case management.

Some of the main issues and barriers identified for these young people are physical health, low numeracy and literacy, homelessness, financial, legal, emotional, family, substance abuse, and a community reputation.

Levels of support required were often high needs, and assistance provided included general counselling and personal support, employment advice, life skill development and financial counselling. Other services and programs involved included Wimmera Uniting Care, Police, Centrelink, Drug and Alcohol counsellors, employment services and education re engagement programs.

Outcomes include a well developed understanding of the issues involved for establishing and delivering youth transition support in this area not covered by the YTSI, as well as improved provision of support for young people to be re engaged in education and training to complete Year 12 or the equivalent.

Funding for the project has come from a number of local partners. The project continues in 2009 using the same funding and delivery.

Schools Visited in March	10
Industry/Business visits in March	13
Employability Workshops in March	1

The WSMLLEN AGM 26th March 2009

Welcome and congratulations to the following:

Renominations

Robert Pyers (Dimboola SC), Shirley Fraser (Uni Ballarat), Brendan Ryan (DEECD), Carmen Bott (Community).

New Members

Peter Drummond (GWMWater), Andrew Barrie (Wimmera Uniting Care),

Executive

Chair: Dale Stanford, Deputy: Roy Henwood, Treasurer: Carmen Bott.

Guest speakers at the WSMLLEN AGM



Belinda Frost & Brydie Scollary talked about their role in the Transition Support Pilot Project

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