

*Creating partnerships between industry, education and the community that develop positive futures for young people*



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## Celebrating Education Week



**19-25 MAY**  
**EDUCATION WEEK 2019**  
**CELEBRATING CAREERS**

Find out more about Education Week 2019 at [www.education.vic.gov.au/educationweek](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/educationweek)



To celebrate Education Week and Volunteering Week and to thank our volunteers, members of the community are invited to share with us at two special events:

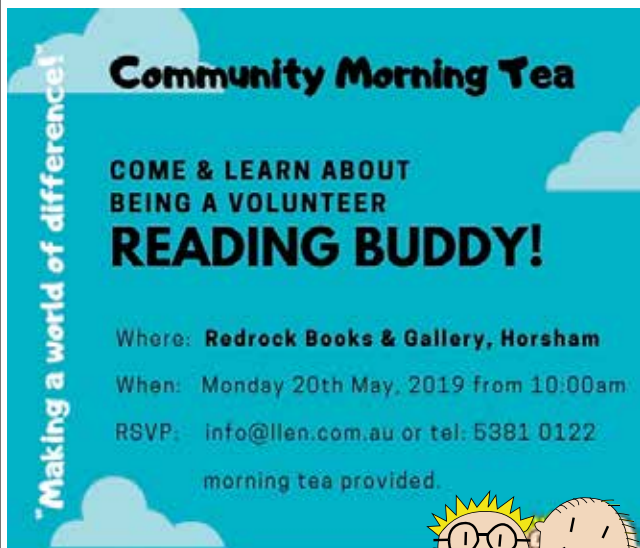
**Reading Buddies Morning Tea – no cost**

10.00 am, Monday 20th May, 2019  
At Redrock Books and Gallery, 65 Firebrace St, Horsham

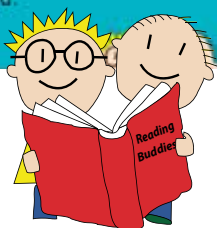
Come and share a delicious free morning tea with current volunteers who support children in schools by listening to them read, one-on-one on a regular basis.

RSVP to: [vanessa.oloughlin@llen.com.au](mailto:vanessa.oloughlin@llen.com.au)

**All Welcome**



**Kids who read succeed!**



Perhaps it is pure coincidence (or maybe no coincidence at all) that Education Week and National Volunteering Week happen to coincide during 19th - 26th May.

Coincidence or not, these two weeks fit nicely together and are cause for a double celebration for WSMLEEN. We work in the education sector to improve education outcomes for young people and we also rely heavily on the generosity of many wonderful volunteers who support young people in our local schools.

To celebrate the work of our volunteers we are holding two special events, a morning tea to thank our reading buddies and a lunch to thank our MATES mentors. Both events will be held on Monday 20 May and we invite all of our past and present MATES mentors and reading buddies come and celebrate with us.

Anyone who is interested in finding out more about these volunteer programs is also most welcome to attend.

To book your place at these events, RSVP to: [mates@llen.com.au](mailto:mates@llen.com.au) (to attend the MATES mentoring lunch and [vanessa.oloughlin@llen.com.au](mailto:vanessa.oloughlin@llen.com.au) (to attend the Reading Buddies morning tea)

Or phone 03 53810122

**MATES Mentoring Luncheon – no cost**

12:00 pm, Monday 20th May, 2019  
At WSMLEEN, Mallee Building, 289 Baillie St, Horsham

We are excited to share the wonderful impact mentoring is having! Current and potential mentors are invited to attend. Feel free to come along and learn more about what's involved in the MATES Mentoring Program. **RSVP to:** [mates@llen.com.au](mailto:mates@llen.com.au)

**All Welcome**



Since the MATES Mentoring program commenced in 2010, over 500 volunteer mentors have been matched with a young person in mentoring programs across the Wimmera.

That's over 21,000 hours helping to make a difference in the lives of our young people.

1 hour a fortnight is all it takes to make a huge difference in a young person's life!

**mates**  
mentor assist target engage skills  
[www.llen.com.au/mates](http://www.llen.com.au/mates)

**MATES - Connecting Communities Award**

The MATES Mentoring Program has been nominated in the 2019 Volunteering Recognition Awards in the category of 'Connecting Communities'. We invite our readers to show their appreciation to our mentors by voting for the MATES Mentoring program in the People's Choice Awards. You can vote via the following link and selecting the 'Connecting Communities' category: <http://lead.me/bb6sGO>

**VOLUNTEERING RECOGNITION AWARDS 2019**  
With 1089 3WM, Mixx FM and The Weekly Advertiser

**Bendigo Bank**  
**People's Choice Award**

*Vote to thank our MATES Mentors*

Choose *your* favourite volunteer program or volunteer-involving organisation

Please select **ONE** finalist only

**EMERGENCY & RECOVERY AWARD**

- Sandsmere Fire Brigade
- Warracknabeal Fire Brigade
- Prevention is better than cure (DVD created by Nhill Karen community explaining Total Fire Ban days and fire safety)

**STRONG COMMUNITY PROGRAM AWARD**

- Nhill Aviation Heritage Centre
- St Arnaud Community Resource Centre
- Nhill & Districts Young Farmers

**CONNECTING COMMUNITIES AWARD**

- SPARK
- MATES Mentoring Program**
- Women in Sport Good Governance Project

**CELEBRATING DIVERSITY AWARD**

- Wimmera Pride Project
- Alphabet Soup: Trans peer support
- Horsham/Nhill Karen Group

**COMMUNITY HEALTH AWARD**

- Wimmera River Park Run
- Friends of the Foundation
- WHCG Volunteer Drivers Program

**LOCAL LANDCARE GROUP AWARD**

- Horsham Urban Landcare
- Jallukar Native Grasslands Project
- Rainbow Landcare

**\* VOTING CLOSES \***  
**May 14**



Or visit your local **Bendigo Bank** branch:

Ararat: 144 Barkly St; Birchip: 59 Cumming Ave Donald: 61-63 Woods St; Horsham: 80-82 Firebrace St; Minyip: 63 Main St; St Arnaud: 113-115 Napier St; Stawell: 138 Main St; Warracknabeal: 36 Scott St; Wycheproof: 314 Broadway



## Thanking local businesses – free business luncheon

Businesses across the Wimmera have a history of providing high levels of support for schools particularly in the area of hosting students for workplace learning. Schools depend on businesses to provide these placements which are, in some cases, a mandatory requirement for students to complete their secondary school education.

To thank businesses for their support, we invite Wimmera businesses that have hosted Structured Workplace Learning students in the past, or who may be interested in hosting students in the future, to attend a free luncheon on Wednesday 5 June, 2019.

(See further detail on the invitation below.)

The lunch will be prepared by current Vocational Education and Training (VET) hospitality students undertaking their Certificate II in Kitchen Operations.

Bookings are essential as places are limited, so please book early to secure your place.

RSVP by **Wednesday, 29 May** to Di Dent:

Email: [di.dent@llen.com.au](mailto:di.dent@llen.com.au)

Phone: 03 5381 0122



Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN invites you to attend a business luncheon to showcase the skills of our region's future workforce.

**12.30 pm - 1.30 pm**  
**Wednesday 5 June**

Wimmera Trade Training  
Centre Restaurant  
300 Baillie St, Horsham

Find out...

*how young people can  
benefit your business*

*at low cost  
with no ongoing commitment.*

RSVP by 29 May, to Di Dent:  
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You are invited to the launch of...

# Trees Tell Tall Tales

An 'Art Is' project

**2pm Wednesday 5th June**

Kalkee Road  
Children's and Community Hub

All welcome (including children)

RSVP to Lorraine  
03 5381 0122  
info@llen.com.au

Come and find out about this exciting children's activity. Collect your map to follow an adventure trail along the Wimmera River in Horsham where you can listen to trees read stories. Locate a secret creature at each tree and record them on your map. The first 200 entrants to complete the activity will win a free children's book.



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## WSMLLEN Annual General Meeting

The Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 1 May. Guest speaker for the evening was Anne Gawith, Principal of Dimboola Memorial Secondary College. Anne spoke on the challenges faced by small rural schools and how Dimboola Memorial Secondary College is meeting those challenges.

Committee of Management members, Peter Drummond, Josh Koenig, Debra Nelson and Brendan Ryan, whose two-year term of office concluded at the AGM, were all re-elected for another two-year term.

Office bearers for the coming 12 months were elected as follows:

President: Wendy Bywaters, Vice President: Alethea Gulvin,  
Secretary: Brendan Ryan, Treasurer: Debra Nelson

Thank you to all of our members and Committee of Management for your ongoing support.

The Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN Annual Report for 2018 can be viewed and downloaded for the WSMLLEN website at <http://www.llen.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/2018-WSMLLEN-Annual-Report-sfs.pdf>

Thank you to the  
Horsham Special School  
for hosting our  
WSMLLEN 2019 AGM  
and for providing  
a magnificent supper!

## Contributions to News You Can Use

Anyone wishing to contribute news or information about events, is welcome to submit articles for inclusion in the WSMLLEN Newsletter. Articles can be forwarded to [info@llen.com.au](mailto:info@llen.com.au)

WSMLLEN reserves the right not to include items deemed to be incompatible with the purpose of the LLEN.

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Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN is a recognised Gold Skilled Workplace with a majority of our current staff having completed the Youth Mental Health first aid training. We highly recommend YMHA training for everyone who works with young people.

To find out more about being a skilled MHFA workplace, or to apply for recognition for your organisation, go the Mental Health First Aid website:

<https://mhfa.com.au/cms/mental-health-first-aid-skilled-workplace-initiative>

The Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN Newsletter is sent electronically to over 300 people across the region.