

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



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## Careers Expo 2017

An estimated 2,000 students from more than 25 schools across Western Victoria attended the 2017 Western Victorian Careers Expo. This premier event is regional Victoria's largest careers expo and attracts exhibitors from right across Victoria and interstate. With over 100 exhibitors (22 of which were new to the expo this year) visitors had a wide range of career and study options to investigate to assist with finding pathways into a chosen profession.

The Careers Expo provides a one-stop-shop of vocational information to Western Victorian students, school leavers, job seekers, career changers, those returning to work and people considering further study or training.

This year's event received significant coverage in local print media and on ABC local radio, with live broadcast from the site between 8.30 am – 10.00 am.

A feature of the expo is the hands-on element of the try-a-trade and try-a-profession exhibits. Attendees have a chance to talk to a wide range of advisors on a one-to-one basis.

Collingwood's Moana Hope, was a guest at his year's Expo and conducted two seminars where she told her story and answered questions.



*Federation University Cookery and Patisserie try-a trade exhibit*

## MATES Mentoring – New Coordinator

Mary Bysouth has taken on the role of MATES Mentoring Coordinator at WSMLEN following the resignation of Katrina Janetzki from the position.

Mary commenced working at WSMLEN in April 2016 and was soon enticed to become a mentor in the MATES program. Having had first-hand experience as a mentor, Mary will work with MATES Mentoring Coordinators in schools across the region providing support with recruiting and training new mentors.

Participants in the program, both mentors and mentees continue to provide positive feedback on their participation.

Anyone interested in becoming a mentor to a young person can find out more or register online at <http://www.llen.com.au/mates/>

***Volunteering for just one hour a fortnight can make a huge difference in a young person's life?***



## WSMLLEN Committee of Management Office Bearers

Office bearers for the WSMLLEN Committee of Management are elected by the Committee at the first meeting after the AGM. Elections were held at the Committee meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> June. We congratulate the following on their election:

Chair: Wendy Robins

Vice Chair: Ray Campling

Secretary: Brendan Ryan

Treasurer: Debra Nelson

Retiring Chair, Mandi Stewart did not stand for reelection. We thank Mandi for her leadership during her five years as Chair.

The Committee of Management farewellled Carmen Munro, who joined the Committee of Management in April 2008 and has served in the capacity of Treasurer since that time. We extend thanks and best wishes to Carmen as she moves to Queensland with her family.

## Try VET day

The Wimmera Southern Mallee VET Cluster is offering 20 courses for VET students in 2018. Try VET Day, to be held on 3 August, allows students to 'try out' two courses to assist with making a subject choice. Business and Civil Construction are two new courses being offered and Certificate II in Health will be reoffered for 2018. Sixteen schools from across our region currently access these courses.

Wimmera and Southern Mallee

# Try VET Day 2017

Try any 2 VET subjects to help decide which one to enrol in for 2018.

Students must complete a registration form to be able to attend.

Thursday 3 August

A free lunch will be provided by the LLEN

See your VET Coordinator for a registration form or for more information

Automotive  
Agriculture  
Building & Construction  
Business  
Community Services  
Electro-technology  
Dance  
Furniture Making  
Music  
Health  
Retail Cosmetics  
Engineering  
Drama  
Sport & Recreation  
Hospitality  
Plumbing  
Screen and Media  
Civil Construction  
Visual Arts

## Let's Read

As a partner in the Let's Read Program, Hindmarsh Shire Council has contributed \$1,000 in sponsorship towards the Hindmarsh Let's Read Program. The Let's Read Program continues to support literacy programs across the four Wimmera Southern Mallee Shires. More than 4,350 Let's Read resource bags have been distributed by Maternal and Child Health Nurses across the region since the inception of the program.



## Pathways into employment

Navigating a pathway from school into employment can take many turns. This was very much the case for Horsham College student, Grace Christian.

Grace studied Cert II VET (Vocational Education and Training) Hairdressing at Federation University one day per week. She also undertook one day per week of on-the-job structured workplace learning (SWL) in a salon. After wondering if hairdressing was the career path she truly wanted, she tried another work placement in Community Services. Read the full story of Grace's pathway into a full-time apprenticeship on the WSMLEN Website Blog:

<http://www.llen.com.au/blog-2/>



## Visit to Huilong Agrochemicals

HORSHAM College Connect Ed students toured chemical supplier Huilong Agrochemicals on as part of a series of visits to Horsham businesses. These visits are arranged by WSMLEN to introduce students to a range of local career options, of which they may not be aware. Read the full article in The Wimmera Mail Times:

<http://www.mailtimes.com.au/story/4684913/students-explore-future-career-options/>

## SWL Work Placement Opportunities

Here is a great way for businesses to try out potential new employees at very low cost (from just \$5 per day). Insurance is covered and you don't have to take out tax. Your business or organisation can provide an enormous amount of support for students in our region by providing work placements in the form of Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) and School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs). It is a great way to see if the young person is a good fit for your business.

Any students who are seeking Structured Work Placement opportunities can search online for local or statewide opportunities via the online portal. For local opportunities, go to:

<http://www.workplacements.education.vic.gov.au/lens/wsmllen/>



### Headspace - Horsham

Headspace is operating from 77 Hamilton St, Horsham, providing early intervention mental health services to 12-25 year olds, along with assistance in promoting young peoples' wellbeing. This covers four core areas: mental health, physical health, work and study support and alcohol and other drug services.

For more information visit their website at: <https://www.headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/horsham/#services>



### Tumble Book Library

Wimmera Regional Library has a subscription to Tumble Book Library, and your family can access it from home! It's unlimited, and it's FREE for you to use from home!

Tumble Book Library is an online collection of e-books for children. They are a great way to encourage tech-savvy kids to enjoy reading! The collection starts with over 250 animated, talking picture books, plus Spanish and French books, read-along chapter books, non-fiction books, and exciting games and puzzles!

We hope that you will get the chance to check out the collections with your child!

You can use your computer, tablet, or mobile phone! All you need is an internet connection. New Tumble Book apps are available for both Apple iOS and Android devices, and can be found on their respective stores by either searching for TumbleBooks or follow the links from the library's web page at [www.wrlc.org.au](http://www.wrlc.org.au).

When using the apps, use your library card number to login, and select your library (Wimmera Regional Library) and country (Australia) when requested.

One of the great features of the app is that once you have logged in the first time, each subsequent login will only require a click of the TumbleBooks icon!

While you're using the app, your experience on the site is the exact same experience you'd have if you logged in using your browser! You just need an internet connection to stream content, and there are no downloads to clog up your device!

Ask staff at your local branch to give you a demo of Tumble Book Library.





### Building Community Leaders Of The Future

Skillinvest together with Victoria Police are helping to nurture and develop positive community leaders of the future, providing local employment and training opportunities at Police stations throughout Victoria for year 10, 11 and 12 Aboriginal students through a School-based Traineeship.

Meet two of the students undertaking this exciting new traineeship in the video below - Kyal Atkinson from Echuca and Tanya Morrison from Horsham, both in year 11.

[https://youtu.be/33fpwVe\\_eg4](https://youtu.be/33fpwVe_eg4)

Funded by Jobs Victoria Employment Network (Jobs Victoria), the traineeship will see students performing office and clerical duties and complete a Certificate III in Business Administration. The traineeships are up to 24-months in duration and participating students will undertake a combination of on and off the job training and studies, with the long-term view of entering the police force.

Participating Victorian police stations include; Ararat, Ballarat, Benalla, Bendigo, Broadmeadows, Castlemaine, Dandenong, Echuca, Geelong, Hamilton, Horsham, Mildura, Mill Park, Moe, Morewell, Mordialloc, Narre Warren, Pakenham, Portland, Reservoir, Sale, Shepparton, Sunshine, Swan Hill, Warnambool and West Ballarat.

Find out more on the Jobs Victoria website or call the Skillinvest team on 1300 308 620 for more information about apprenticeship and traineeship opportunities.



*Tanya Morrison*

### Skillinvest Welcome Ian Westhead - Regional RTO Manager

Ian Westhead has joined the Horsham office as the new Regional RTO Manager at Skillinvest, taking responsibility for all training being delivered across Western Victoria. Ian will be working closely with businesses, government and the industry across regional Victoria, to better understand their training needs and ensure that Skillinvest's training delivery, operations and processes meet all the education and workplace requirements. Ian is passionate about vocational education and training (VET) and has been working in a similar role with the Northern Mallee Local Learning and Employment Network (LLEN), where his main role was to raise the profile of VET courses and liaise with local businesses and year 11 and 12 students about the benefits and career pathways that workplace training provides.

A qualified chef of 25 years, Ian worked on the 'front line' delivering cookery training to local and international students at SuniTAFE Mildura, before moving into management. Ian also holds a Diploma of Vocational Education and Training (VET) and Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.

Visit [www.skillinvest.com.au](http://www.skillinvest.com.au) or call the Skillinvest team on 1300 308 620 for more information about our vocational training, apprenticeship and traineeship support and services.



### Longerenong College Gains Accreditation For International Students

Longerenong College will become the first education provider to offer a Certificate IV in Agriculture and Advanced Diploma of Agribusiness Management to international students, following the successful application and inclusion on the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Longerenong will run the courses for foreign students from next year in response to demand.

It will mark a different agricultural education offering from those currently available to international students in Australia.

The international student intake will not affect our ability to provide places and opportunities for our local students and farmers.

See the full article at:

<https://www.skillinvest.com.au/news-and-blogs/longerenong-college-gains-accreditation-international-students>



# Engage Inspire Empower

## Yarriambiack 2nd Youth Summit

are you between 12-25?

Runk



**Warracknabeal Town Hall**  
(corner of Scott and Phillips Sts)  
**Friday August 11th, 10.00am – 2.00pm**  
**Free Admission - Live Music**

Speakers include:



**Simone O'Brien**

**Brett Lee**

**Jannik Blair**

**Horace Wansbrough**

**Simone O'Brien** - Domestic Violence Survivor will speak about her experience.

**Brett Lee** is a Cyber bullying and Online Safety Expert, This talk cannot be missed

**Jannik Blair** - A journey from Blue Ribbon to Gold Medal

**Horace Wansbrough** - Youth Support and Advocacy Service Expert speaker on Alcohol and Cannabis

Live Music Provided by Runk (a young band from Warrnambool)

To register email: [mmckenzie@yarriambiack.vic.gov.au](mailto:mmckenzie@yarriambiack.vic.gov.au)

Phone: 0407 585 097

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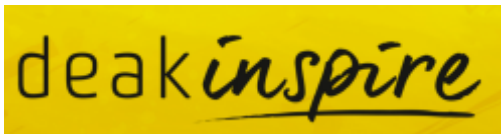
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## Deakinspire – July School Holiday Events



Deakin University Burwood and Geelong Campuses are offering workshops aimed at Year 10, 11 and 12 students about empowering students to reach their potential and inspire with exciting ideas of how their futures could look. Hosted by Andy and Ben from “The Block” (who are both Deakin Graduates). There are seven different guest speakers from various backgrounds as well as study area workshops. Melbourne Burwood Campus is Tuesday 4th July and Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus is on Thursday 6th July.

Look up: <http://www.deakin.edu.au/deakinspire> for further information.

## Kids Undercover Student Scholarships now open

The Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) Student Scholarship Program is designed to assist young people living in public or community housing, or those at risk of homelessness, get the support they need to stay in education and achieve their full potential.

The DHHS Student scholarship provides funds for items such as textbooks, computer equipment, public transport, disability aids or other specialist equipment and is valued at \$1100.

To be eligible for a scholarship, the student should meet all of the following criteria:

- Under 21 years of age at 1 February 2018
- An Australian or permanent resident
- Experiencing financial hardship
- Living in social housing (ie. public or community-managed housing) or at risk of homelessness
- Studying Year 11 or 12 at a Victorian Government school, or equivalent at TAFE for the 2018 year (currently in Year 10 or 11)
- Have the potential to achieve a good attendance record and a successful educational outcome in the 2018 academic year
- Supported within the school/TAFE community by an appropriate staff member.



<https://www.kuc.org.au/what-we-do/how-we-help/scholarship-programs/>

## Contributions to News You Can Use

Anyone wishing to contribute news or information about events, is welcome to submit articles for inclusion in the WSKLLEN 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 100% 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.