

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



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WSMLLEN Annual General Meeting

LLEN members, partner organisations and anyone with an interest in supporting young people in our local community, are invited to:

Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 2 May, 2018

6.00 pm

Horsham Special School
17 High St North, Horsham

Followed by supper

RSVP
info@llen.com.au
03 5381 0122
by Friday 27 April 2018

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SOUTHERN
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The Guest Speaker at the AGM will be Adam Ross, Assistant Principal of the Alternate Pathways at Horsham College.



Adam has been an educator and leader since 2011, when he joined Teach For Australia. Since 2015 Adam has led the Alternate Pathways sub-school at Horsham College.

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He is passionate about ensuring that all students have the opportunity to access an excellent education and believes that every child can and should have the opportunity to learn. Adam believes mindful and empathetic leadership and education is the pathway to sustained change.

As Assistant Principal of the Alternate Pathways, Adam manages 24 staff responsible for the educational outcomes of 180 students across 5 programs which cater for the various needs of at-risk students. Over the last 3 years Alternate Pathways staff have made great improvements the outcomes and transitions for their students with attendances increasing 17%, Year 12 unit completions 250% and positive transitions 65%. Adam is immensely proud of the passionate work all the educators who choose to work with these students do every day.

Adam also believes strongly in the value of regional communities in promoting healthy and successful lives of young people and is heavily involved in various community organisations and initiatives in the Wimmera area including being the joint reserves coach of Minyip Murtoa Football and Netball Club.

Adam's skills are in school leadership and the development of excellent teacher practice. Adam was also the co-founder of pilot program Teach Towards Excellence which supported 13 early years' teachers across the Wimmera network to improve student outcomes through specific improvements within the classroom. He is also the Dad of 3 crazy girls and husband to Lisa.

MATES - Thinking Outside the Box

The MATES Mentoring program has embarked on a new campaign to celebrate Youth Week, mentors and the impact of mentoring on young people. The MATES Movement has used radio, newspaper, and social media, a recruitment stand and display in the Horsham Plaza, plus the the “#thinkoutsidethebox” campaign (a photo competition supported by Bonnie & Clydes Pizzeria). The message has been loud with many of our supporters willingly advocating for the MATES Movement and inspiring others. Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN is proud to host and coordinate the MATES Mentoring Program and we look forward to continuing to make an impact on the lives of young people. To join or enquire about the #MATESMovement, please call us on 5381 0122 or visit www.facebook.com/MatesMentoring.

mentoring program

Only 1 hour a fortnight?

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

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Structured Workplace Learning

Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN has welcomed Horsham College Year 12 student, Millie Kemp, to the team. Millie is on a Structured Workplace Learning placement.

Name: Millie Kemp

School: Horsham College

What Brings you to the LLEN?

I am currently completing my final year (Year 12) in VCAL at Horsham College and to be competent I need to have a work placement and complete a set number of hours.

Why Make the LLEN your Work placement?

I chose to complete my work placement at the LLEN because I could see myself working in an office job/position after I complete year 12.

Family: My brother Oliver, my Mum Belinda, My Dad Billy and my dog Buddy.

Interests/Hobbies: Volunteering, watching local football (follow Horsham Demons), Spending time with family and friends and Photography.

When I finish school I hope to... get a full time or part time job that I could find myself in for years to come.

Life motto and meaning: Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass; it's learning to dance in the rain. For me this quote means in life isn't about waiting for the bad or unpleasant things to just change or fix themselves it's about either learning from them or adapting to the fact that life situations have or do change and it is time to move on.



What is your favourite time of year?

My favourite time of year would have to be Christmas time and when it's someone's birthday because this is a time when you're surrounded by family and the people you love.

SWL Placements - support from local businesses

Secondary students across our region are now settled into their Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) placements which are arranged during first term.

WSMLLEN assists students to find suitable work placements by sourcing work placement opportunities available in local businesses and listing them on the SWL online portal.

To date, 41 opportunities have been accessed via the online portal (37 SWL placements and 4 School Based Apprenticeships or Traineeships). Many students find their own work placements without accessing the portal, but the online portal is becoming increasingly popular and provides students with a range of local opportunities which they may not have otherwise considered.

Schools are becoming more and more dependent on local business communities to provide this vital component of the education program of secondary students.

Thank you to all of the local businesses who support our young people by offering a work placement.



Check out this
video clip!

WORKPLACEMENTS ARE A
GREAT WAY TO TRIAL YOUR
FUTURE WORKFORCE



<http://www.llen.com.au/programs/workplace-learning/>



Is someone you know suffering from a mental illness?



Warracknabeal
Neighbourhood House
and Learning Centre Inc.

FREE Youth Mental Health First Aid 4th Edition

Learn how to recognise the symptoms to give initial help to someone experiencing mental health problems, in a mental health crisis situation, or in the early stages of a mental illness.

WARRACKNABEAL

DAY 1 Tuesday 29 May 9AM to 5PM

DAY 2 Wednesday 30 May 9AM to 5PM

Warracknabeal Neighbourhood House and
Learning Centre Inc.

BOOK NOW

2 Cox Street, Warracknabeal

What is Youth Mental Health First Aid?

The 14-hour Youth Mental Health First Aid Course is for adults working or living with adolescents (aged between approximately 12 and 18 years). However, the course can be relevant for those helping people who are a little younger or older. This course is particularly suitable for parents, teachers, sports coaches, and youth workers. You don't need to work in this field to be able to learn useful skills and strategies.

Do you have concerns about someone you know or love?

- Depression & Anxiety problems
- Panic attacks
- Alcohol misuse
- Aggressive or risky behaviour
- Suicidal thoughts and behaviours
- Hurting themselves
- Recent or past trauma
- Effects from drug use

COST – FREE

BYO LUNCH

To register please contact

Felicity Johns at Wimmera PCP on (03) 5362 1226 or
felicity.j@grampianscommunityhealth.org.au

MEGA SHREDDA WEEKEND

SCOOT, SKATE AND BMX COMP

APRIL 21ST 2018 WARRACK

8 45am Registration Open
9.15am under 16 Scooter comp
Followed By Open Scooter comp

11:00 am Under 16 BMX comp
Followed By Open BMX comp

12:00pm Under 16 Skate comp
Followed By Open Skate Comp

APRIL 22ND 2018 HORSHAM

10:00am Registration Open
10:30am under 16 Scooter comp
Followed By Open Scooter comp

12:30pm Under 16 BMX comp
Followed By Open BMX comp

1:30pm Under 16 Skate comp
Followed By Open Skate Comp

A bus will bring Horsham Competitors over on the Saturday and Warrack will be running a free Bus to the Horsham Skate Park on the Sunday for Day 2 of the Competition

REGISTRATIONS AVAILABLE

- YSC OFFICE 34 LYLE ST, WARRACKNABEAL
- NEXUS HORSHAM PYNSSENT ST
- ON THE YSC WEBSITE www.yarriambiack.vic.gov.au





Horsham Rural City Council is working on a Youth Strategy. The Strategy will guide us in how to make Horsham a great place to be for young people.

Ways you can get involved:

- Complete the online survey by 27 April
- Visit our team at a pop up during Youth Week (13-22 April)
- Share your photos or videos on Instagram using #horshamyouth. Show us things you love about the Horsham area, or your idea to make it a great place for young people!

Do the survey and find out more at:

www.horshamyouth.com

#horshamyouth

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for a youth friendly
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\$100 giftcard.**



**Horsham Rural City
Council** urban rural balance

Mother's Day Family Night

FREE



Thursday 10th May
6:00 – 8:00pm

**Bring the family along
for a great night of fun!**

- Make a gift for mum
- D.I.Y. workshops
- Light refreshments
- Free gift wrapping



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FREE Training & Bonus Mentoring



Understanding Disability in Culturally & Linguistically Diverse (CALD) Communities Training for Mainstream Services

Action on Disability within Ethnic Communities Inc (ADEC) are running FREE training sessions for mainstream organisations (not disability providers) who would like to improve their service delivery for people living with or caring for someone with a disability from a CALD background in the Western District area.

Added Bonus: FREE mentoring support to eligible businesses.

Yes that's right. ADEC will provide a FREE mentor for you, even after the event is finished.

- ✓ Does your organisation understand the needs of clients living with a disability?
- ✓ Can your organisation cater for clients from a culturally diverse background who speak a language other than English?
- ✓ Would you like to improve your service delivery to CALD clients?
- ✓ Would you like your organisation to be welcoming to people from CALD backgrounds?
- ✓ Would you like FREE training for your staff on how to work effectively people living with a disability from a CALD clients?



Event Information:

Date: Friday 27th April 2018

Time: 9.15am - 4.30pm

Location: Wimmera Business Centre
62 Darlot Street
Horsham VIC 3400

Places are open to mainstream organisations from the areas including Corangamite, Glenelg, Hindmarsh, Horsham, Moyne, Northern & Southern Grampians, Warrnambool, West Wimmera & Yarriambiack.

Limit of 25 people per session. Bookings are essential. Morning and afternoon tea is provided. A Certificate of Participation will be included.

For bookings or for further information please call ADEC on (03) 9480 7000 or email: info@adec.org.au

Action on Disability within Ethnic Communities Inc.

175 Plenty Road, Preston, Vic 3072

Tel: (03) 9480 7000 Fax: (03) 9480 3444 Email: info@adec.org.au

ADEC also have offices in Dandenong and Wyndham, please call for further contact details.

www.adec.org.au facebook.com/ADECinc twitter.com/adecnfp



Contributions to News You Can Use

Anyone wishing to contribute news or information about events, is welcome to submit articles for inclusion in the WSM LLEN Newsletter. Articles can be forwarded to info@llen.com.au

WSM LLEN 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.