

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



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## 2016 MATES Mentoring Awards

Over 100 MATES mentors and mentees gathered at Horsham Lanes and Games for a round of ten-pin bowling, followed by lunch, to celebrate mentoring week. Joy Forbes, MATES Mentoring Program coordinator presented awards for:

- Mentor of the Year
- Mentor School Team of the Year
- Mentor Community Champion Business of the Year.



Kaniva College – MATES Mentoring Team of the Year



Andrew Sostheim – MATES Mentor of the Year



Hindmarsh Shire Council- Community Champion of the Year



Teena Aitkins – Commendation Award

The MATES Mentoring Program is seeking mentors across the Wimmera Southern Mallee region. **You can help change a life in 24 hours. Find out more or apply online at <http://www.llen.com.au/mates-mentoring/>**

## MATES - Statewide Volunteering Victoria Awards

The Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN MATES Mentoring Program was one of four finalists in the Impact Award category, which is awarded to a volunteer manager, volunteer delivered program or volunteer involving organisation that has made a positive, measurable and sustainable social, environmental and/or economic impact on the community, individuals or cause supported by the program.

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mentor assist target engage skills

Unfortunately, we were not selected as the winner of the Volunteering Victoria Impact Award. Apparently, there were a lot of nominations in this category, so we were delighted that MATES mentoring program was selected as a finalist. We were amongst three very worthy organisations in our category.

The winner was Foodbank Victoria, which comprises of 451 agencies across Victoria. Foodbank provides food for families in need. They provide food to 134,000 Victorians on a monthly basis. Last year volunteers donated 33,502 hours to Foodbank Victoria. They are doing great work and thoroughly deserve the award.

Congratulations to all our MATES mentors for continuing to make a difference in the lives of so many children. Our MATES volunteers are great. Being a finalist in the awards is an acknowledgement of the wonderful work they do.

## VET in Schools Induction Day 26<sup>th</sup> October

2016 VET Induction Day was a roaring success, with 170 first-year students travelling from as far as Rainbow and Kaniva to attend the day. The students managed to fit a bit of hands on practical work into their day, had campus tours, did their Literacy and Numeracy testing, and their pre training paperwork. There were some very happy faces at the end of the day and new VET Coordinators commented that the students who were normally misbehaved in class were totally different people when in the more 'hands on' VET setting. A big thanks to all the supervisors from schools and everyone who helped feed the hungry masses with 400 sausages at the lunchtime BBQ. Boy those boys can EAT! We wish all 300 students studying VET next year the best of luck.

## Exploring Employment Opportunities in Horsham

Students from Horsham College, Connect Ed, have visited local businesses to explore employment opportunities. Woolworths Assistant Manager, Danny, showed a group of students through all the different areas of the supermarket, and deli. Students were interested to find out how long produce can be on display, where the waste goes and what percentage of produce becomes waste or non-saleable. Students were shown the delivery area and talked about all the different employment avenues within the Woolworths chain.

The students also visited to Horsham Auto Wreckers as part of a program to increase their awareness of local job opportunities.

Horsham College and WSMLLEN wish to thank to local businesses for their fantastic support and willingness to share their experiences.

## Conveyancing Allowance for VET Students

### Off campus study for students in Years 11 and 12

An allowance is available to Year 11 and 12 students enrolled at a Victorian Government or Non-Government school, who are required to travel 4.8km or more to a TAFE institute, Registered Training Organisation (RTO) or alternate school to access part of their course of study. Rates are calculated according to the number of days attended away from their main campus. The daily rate is \$2.10

Student travel to work placement, work experience or distance education cannot be claimed. Find out more at <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/finance/Pages/conveyance.aspx>

## L2P Driver Program – Vacancies for Learner Drivers

Are you a learner driver between 16 and 21 years old and are you having trouble getting your mandatory driving practice up? No supervisor or car to drive? You might be eligible for the L2P learner driver program. The L2P driver program provides a car and a driver mentor to assist young people with their mandatory driving practice.

It's FREE for young people between the age of 16 -21 who do not have access to a vehicle or a supervising driver. Ring Marieke from Centre for Participation on 5382 5607 to enquire.

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LEARNER  
DRIVER  
MENTOR  
PROGRAM

## Interested in Bricklaying?

ABBTF (Australian Brick and Block Laying Training Foundation) currently have Bricklaying Apprenticeship jobs available in our area. They are offering a Free 5-Day Work Ready Program designed to make jobseekers work-ready for successful candidates to be matched up with employers. Contact Melissa at WSMLLEN for more information. [projects@llen.com.au](mailto:projects@llen.com.au)

## Great opportunity for local businesses and organisations - SWL Portal – student work placements online

Here is a great way 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. SWL and SBAT placements are now listed on the new SWL portal. Students seeking a work placement in a particular industry can now access the information on the portal to find a suitable work placement.

WSMLLEN staff are available to support businesses to list work placement opportunities on the portal and are actively contacting businesses to source work placements. Listing placements on the portal will reduce the number of students making direct contact with local businesses to seek placements. Students apply via the portal to secure an interview. If the applicant is unsuccessful, the position is relisted.

This is a great innovation which streamlines the process for businesses and students.

For more information, businesses can contact Melissa Powell or Mary Bysouth at WSMLLEN or visit the online portal. Phone 03 5381 0122

Visit the portal at <http://www.workplacements.education.vic.gov.au/>



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### SWL Statewide Portal

Looking for on-the-job training? The Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) Statewide Portal helps school students to find work placements with employers across Victoria.

🔍 Start Search Now



### Find current work placements offered by employers across Victoria

Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) is on-the-job training that allows students to develop their work skills and understand employer expectations. SWL is available to Victorian school students undertaking a VET program as part of their VCE or VCAL studies, including School-based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs).

2,243

Positions Available

815

Positions Used

🔍 Start Search Now

#### For Students & Parents



Get real exposure to the world of work.

#### For Schools & Teachers



Structured Workplace Learning (SWL)

#### For Host Employers



Looking for employees of the future? Want

The online portal is for Structured Workplace Learning and School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships and **does not** list opportunities for Work Experience.

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander School Based Traineeship

### Work placement with Victoria Police

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander School Based Traineeship is designed to support young people in Year 10 or 11 with an interest in Victoria Police as a career.

The program is a joint initiative between Victoria Police, Skillinvest and the Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources. It is designed to give students valuable work experience and exposure to the many aspects of policing while completing Year 11 and 12.

### Where is it offered?

#### Traineeships are available at the following police stations:

Ararat, Bacchus Marsh, Bairnsdale, Ballarat, Bendigo, Broadmeadows, Castlemaine, Colac, Cranbourne, Dandenong, Echuca, Epping, Frankston, Geelong, Hamilton, Hastings, Horsham, Melbourne West, Melton, Mildura, Moe, Morwell, Narre Warren, Northcote, Pakenham, Portland, Reservoir, Sale, Shepparton, Sunshine, Swan Hill, Warrnambool, Werribee, Wonthaggi.

### How does it work?

Skillinvest co-ordinates the traineeship from the initial contact with secondary schools to the completion of the work placement. As the legal employer, Skillinvest pays all wage related expenses and ensures the wellbeing of the student through regular contact and support.

Trainees will gain valuable paid work experience with Victoria Police and on successful completion, attain a Certificate III in Business Administration.

[police.vic.gov.au](http://police.vic.gov.au)

### What is involved?

Trainees work one day a week in a police station for a period of 12 or 24 months.

### Who is eligible?

Year 10 or 11 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders students are eligible to apply. Applicants must be willing to abide by the Victoria Police Code of Conduct.

### Contact

Daniel Prins, Skillinvest

(Group Training Organisation)

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## Sports Equipment Library

Wimmera Health Care Group (WHCG) in partnership with Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly (WRSA) have established a Sports Equipment Library. All equipment can be borrowed FREE of charge, for 2-weeks and is available to all members of the Community including individuals, families, groups and clubs. There is a wide range of equipment available including all sorts of balls, Frisbees, juggling sets, tennis sets, hula hoops and fitness equipment, soft ball, cricket sets, targets.

To keep the holidays free of boredom please visit the Sports Library with your parents, grandparents or friends (registration is to be completed by persons 18years+) at the WRSA office, 17 McLachlan Street Horsham, Monday to Friday 10am-5pm.

Once registered bookings can be made by contacting WRSA via 53824599 or [eo@wrsa.org.au](mailto:eo@wrsa.org.au).

## Early Years Literacy

It's never too early to introduce your child to the joys of reading and books. Language development begins from birth, and the more exposure young children have to books and reading before they start school the better they will do at school.

Wimmera Regional Library runs Rhymetime/Storytime sessions across their branches, either weekly or monthly. Sessions run from around 30-45 minutes and feature rhymes, songs, book readings and activities suitable for the age group present. Everyone is welcome - so contact your local branch for details.



## Mental Health First Aid Training – Federation University

Nationally Accredited Courses:

2=day On Campus Course \$20

### Horsham Campus

29 & 30 November – 9am - .4.30pm

### Mount Helen Campus

21 & 22 November 9 am – 4.30 pm

More information and sign up:

<http://www.eventbrite.com.au/o/studnt-engagement-team-10625522627>





# Is someone you know suffering from a mental illness?



## Attend a FREE 2-day Youth Mental Health First Aid Course

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

Free and accredited training is currently available.

BOOK NOW

### HORSHAM

**DAY 1** Wednesday 30 November 9AM to 5PM

**DAY 2** Wednesday 7 December 9AM to 5PM

HRCC offices, 18 Roberts Ave, Horsham (TBC)

BOOK NOW

### NHILL

#### Hindmarsh Shire Council

92 Nelson Street Nhill

Thursday 24 November 9am to 5pm

Friday 25 November 9am to 5pm

### What is Youth Mental Health First Aid?

- It is the help given to someone developing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis. The first aid is given until appropriate professional treatment is received or until the crisis resolves. The Youth Mental Health First Aid course is designed for adults assisting adolescents.

### Do you have concerns about someone you know or love?

- Depression & Anxiety problems
- Panic attacks
- Psychosis & severe psychotic states
- Substance use problems
- Aggressive behaviours
- Suicidal thoughts and behaviours
- Non-suicidal self-injury
- Traumatic events
- Severe effects from alcohol or other drug use

CATERING INCLUDED

To register your interest please contact

Kellie McMaster at Wimmera PCP on (03) 5362 1222 or

[kellie.m@gompiancommunityhealth.org.au](mailto:kellie.m@gompiancommunityhealth.org.au)

## VET State-wide Workshops 2016 - Presented by VCAA, DET and VRQA

[Register online](#) for the VET Statewide Workshops presented by VCAA, DET and VRQA, which will be held across Victoria throughout November 2016. Registrations for each workshop will close one week prior to the event. Please register individually.

Once you submit your registration, an email will be sent to your nominated email address confirming your details. A reminder email including an information pack will be sent closer to the date of the briefing workshop you have chosen to attend.

Further Information about workshop locations and session times is available from [VET Statewide Workshops 2016 \(docx - 68.85kb\)](#).

### Locations and Dates

**Moonee Ponds** - Friday 4 November

**Benalla** - Tuesday 8 November

**Bendigo** - Wednesday 9 November

**Dandenong** - Tuesday 15 November

**Traralgon** - Wednesday 16 November

**Geelong** - Thursday 17 November

**Ballarat** - Friday 18 November

**Mildura** - Monday 21 November

**Preston** - Monday 21 November

**Horsham** - Wednesday 23 November

**Warrnambool** - Thursday 24 November

**Ringwood** - Friday 25 November

### Bolinda Borrow Box

Horsham College have a range of eAudio books through Bolinda on the Borrowbox app. This is an easily accessible way to be able to read book on your device which will be great for use especially over the school holidays.

To use you click on the link on Library on the Horsham College homepage, click on the Bolinda Audio link.

You will need to set up an account to use Bolinda. This is a quick and easy process, please come and ask the library staff if you're unsure how to start.

You can also access these books through the Borrow Box app. (Apple App Store or Google Play) Select the Horsham College Library, enter your user name and password for the library and you're in! Simple as that.

Your user name is the same as your printer and device login. Your password is also the same one that you use for your devices.

Please contact the library or the IT staff if you are having problems logging on.

If you have any books requests that aren't already on Bolinda please let the library staff know so this can be arranged.

Happy reading and listening!

### AFL Sports Ready Jobs Board

See the AFL sports Ready Website for a listing of career opportunities in the sporting industry

<http://www.aflsportsready.com.au/jobs-board/victoria#page-1>



### Western Victorian Careers Expo – seeking input



The Western Victorian Careers Expo is looking for representatives from local industry and relevant organisations to join the Expo Committee to provide direction for the 2017 Careers Expo. This is an opportunity for members of local business and industry to provide input on areas of skill shortage with a view to promoting study pathways and employment options to address these local skill shortages.

Please contact the Expo Project Officer, Annie Mintern for more information:

Ph 0437 588 306m

E: [info@wimmeracareerexpo.com](mailto:info@wimmeracareerexpo.com)

### The Positive Parenting Telephone Service

#### Support for Grandparents Caring for Grandchildren, Fathers and Rural Families

Gateway Health is trialing a parenting support program delivered via telephone or online specifically for grandparents, fathers and rural families from across Victoria who sometimes find it difficult to attend parent support services in person. The Positive Parenting Telephone Service (PPTS) makes it easy to access a proven parenting support program delivered by qualified parent support workers from your home at a time that suits you - daytime, evenings and weekends. Parents and carers will be supported by weekly telephone calls over 6 to 10 weeks. You can also participate in PPTS online - with or without telephone support. The program is currently free to all grandparents caring for grandchildren, fathers and rural families from across Victoria. For more information: [http://gatewayhealth.org.au/images/brochures/2\\_Page\\_DL-Parents-ONLINE.pdf](http://gatewayhealth.org.au/images/brochures/2_Page_DL-Parents-ONLINE.pdf)

### Early Parenting Centre

The Early Parenting Centre is great for young families. Wimmera Uniting Care provide a range of important supports and programs. Contact the Wimmera Uniting Care for more information or to make referrals. The Early Parenting Centre is located at 8 Darlot Street, Horsham. **To find out more call Wendy or Michelle on 5362 4000**

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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.