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



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Season's Greetings

Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN staff extends best wishes for the Christmas Season to our Committee of Management, members, partners and supporters. We take this opportunity to thank you for your support during 2016 and look forward to working with you again in 2017 as we support young people in our community.

The LLEN Office will be closed from Friday 23 December until 6 January

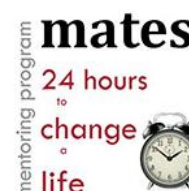


MATES Mentors needed for 2017

The MATES Mentoring Program is seeking mentors across the Wimmera Southern Mallee region. Mentors make a huge difference in the lives of young people. A total of 96 mentors supported young people across our region in the MATES Mentoring Program in 2016. We have young people across the Wimmera region on waiting lists to be matched with a mentor in 2017. Please contact us if you can give just one hour a fortnight of your time in 2017.

You can help change a life in 24 hours. Find out more or apply online at

<http://www.llen.com.au/mates-mentoring/>



Reading Buddies – creating life opportunities



Thank you to all of the volunteer Reading Buddies throughout the region who have given their time this year to read with children in our local primary schools. We know how important good reading skills are to improve education outcomes and create life opportunities for young people. For the children who are struggling with their reading, the extra layer of support provided by Reading Buddies is extremely valuable. We hope that our current Reading Buddies will continue on next year. If you or someone you know has a love of reading and a free hour a week to spend listening to children read in a local school, please contact Lorraine Merton at Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN (info@llen.com.au) P 03 5381 0122.

Farewell, Joy Forbes

Joy Forbes, will be resigning from her role as the MATES Mentoring Program Coordinator at the end of 2016. We thank Joy for the wealth of experience and expertise she has brought to the program. A new MATES Mentoring Program coordinator will be appointed early in 2017. Joy will still be available to ensure that the transition to a new coordinator runs smoothly.

Save these dates...

23 & 24 March, 2017



BRIDGES *out of* POVERTY

Two-day workshop

at Warracknabeal Secondary College

...presented by Nairn Walker

Ever have clients or work with families who...

- Have cable TV, stereo and video games but no money for rent, food and 'basics'?
- Don't turn up for appointments and don't know what they want?
- Often treat you and your agency with disrespect, suspicion, and/or disdain?
- Don't seem to care about work, next week, or their long term future?
- Appear to engage in decision making that 'just doesn't make any sense'?

Registration details will be available in January 2017

Contact Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN:

Ph 5381 0122 E: info@llen.com.au

'This is the one of the best and most relevant PDs I have ever attended.'

*John Tonkin
Warracknabeal Secondary College*

Bridges out of Poverty is a two-day workshop based on Dr Ruby Payne's 'A framework for Understanding Poverty'. The workshop teaches the hidden rules of economic class and spreads the message that, despite the obstacles poverty can create in all types of interaction, there are specific strategies for overcoming them.

The highly acclaimed Bridges out of Poverty two-day workshop, delivered by Nairn Walker, raises awareness of Dr

Ruby Payne's insights into the issues presented by economic disadvantage and how they affect every level of our communities, schools and businesses.

Nairn's two-day workshop provides participants with practical tools for changing the way they go about their work. Nairn's workshop is relevant to practitioners across the employment, health, education, housing, justice, business and social services sectors.



Facilitated by Warracknabeal Oral Reading Development Strategy

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Structured Workplace Learning and School Based Apprenticeships

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.

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](#)



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

The Work Placement team, Melissa and Mary, have been working hard to get as many placements opportunities on the SWL portal for students to undertake in 2017. Teachers and students can access these immediately through the links below.

We'd like to thank all these business for getting on board, and offering students a placement in 2017.

Horsham

[Customer service adviser at Horsham Library](#)

[Admin assistant at Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN](#)

[Admin assistant at Centre for Participation \(formerly Volunteering Western Vic/HUB\)](#)

[Sales assistant at Chisholm HiFi and TV Centre](#)

[Sales assistant at Network Video and Music](#)

[Mechanic's assistant at Kirchner Trucks](#)

[Bricklayer at J and F May](#)

[Construction assistant at WAMAC Construction](#)

[Teacher's aide at Horsham Special School](#)

[Teacher's aide at Horsham Primary School Rasmussen Campus](#)

[Teacher's aide at Horsham Primary School 298](#)

[Food and beverage attendant at The Fig Tree Caffe](#)

[Kitchen hand at Bull and Mouth Hotel](#)

[Kitchen hand at Cafe Jas](#)

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[Pastry cook at Besselaar's Pies and Pastries](#)

[Swimming and water safety teacher at Prouse Swim School](#)

Hopetoun

[Recreation officer at Rural Northwest Health Hopetoun](#)

Kaniva

[Admin assistant at Link Neighbourhood House Kaniva](#)

Minyip

[Recreation officer at Dunmunkle Lodge](#)

[Maintenance worker at Dunmunkle Lodge](#)

Warracknabeal

[Admin assistant at Rural Northwest Health](#)

[Recreation officer at Rural Northwest Health](#)

[Construction assistant at Rural Northwest Health](#)

[Kitchen hand at Rural Northwest Health](#)

KOOKAS Club – Nursery Visit



Young people from KOOKAS Club (Koorie Kids After School) have been on several industry tours throughout the year. The aim of the tours is to increase awareness of the range of careers and employment opportunities that are available in Horsham. The last tour for the year was to The Old Peppertree Nursery. The kids were able to taste fresh herbs and smell a variety of plants and guess what they were. They talked about what fruits and vegetables were in season and how to look after plants.

Thank you to the staff of the Old Peppertree Nursery for giving your time and sharing your knowledge. It was a great tour.

Careers Expo - Tuesday 27 June 2017



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:

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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>

Longerenong College Facility Hire



Longerenong College has a range of facilities suitable for hosting conferences and meetings, training activities, field days, trade displays and social functions. They can also provide IT support, reception and various administrative services. In fact, they're happy to go the extra mile – literally – providing transport into nearby Horsham if your guests prefer to shop, dine out and explore our incredible Wimmera region.

Whether you're hosting a conference, exhibition, business meeting, training activity, or you need a venue for an upcoming social function, consider Longerenong College – your ideal short stay/group accommodation venue.

EXPLORE OUR VENUE FACILITIES

Skillsroad Jobs Board

Skillsroad is an initiative of the Chamber movement in Australia and provides great resources for students, parents and careers teachers to assist young people in the transition from school to employment. The Jobs Board lists Australia-wide traineeship and apprenticeship opportunities. <http://www.skillsroad.com.au/job-seekers/jobs-board>



Mango Languages – Learn foreign languages online

Ever wanted to learn another language but didn't know where to start? The Library is pleased to announce that it now offers the Mango Languages online language-learning system.

Mango is free for all library patrons and can be accessed anywhere with an Internet connection. Each lesson combines real life situations and audio from native speakers with simple, clear instructions. The courses are presented with an appreciation for cultural nuance and real-world application by focusing on the four key elements of language learning: vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and culture.

Mango offers access to 60 foreign language courses and 17 English courses taught completely in the user's native language. In addition to traditional language courses, Mango also offers the opportunity to learn through foreign film with Mango Premiere™ and access to a variety of fun specialty mini courses, like Pirate, Medical Spanish and romance courses. Mango can be accessed at the library, remotely, or even on-the-go with apps for iPhone®, Android™, Kindle® and Nook®.

Some people need to learn a second language for business or travel. Others want to for personal or professional development. No matter the reason, learning a language should be fun. With Mango, it definitely is.

To learn more about Mango, stop by the library and ask staff for an introduction. Library card holders can access Mango through the library website at www.wrlc.org.au and look under "Online Resources". Create a profile login name and password to enable the system to track your progress or just use the Guest access to explore the available options



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>



John Wallis Foundation 2017 Small Grants Program

The 2017 John Wallis Foundation Small Grants Program is now open.

These grants support communities and small organisations to achieve big impacts through small grants. This year our focus is on disadvantaged rural, regional and remote areas of Australia. Please read the Grants guidelines before applying.

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5109c5c7e4b05323be10bdda/t/581a90c8c534a52382e78ccd/1478136019709/Grants+Guidelines+John+Wallis+Foundation+Small+Grants+Program+2017+%28small+file%29.pdf>

Aboriginal Benefits Foundation Grants

The Foundation provides grants to assist Aboriginal Communities and Individuals by providing funds to support projects which advance the aims of the Foundation, with the current focus on supporting art, literacy, education, health and cultural projects with a connection to Aboriginal art and/or artists. Please note, for legal reasons, the ABF may only pay grant money to organisations or companies endorsed as a "Deductible Gift Recipient" (a DGR). In view of the limited resources available to the Foundation, priority for funding is being given to the following categories: Seeding grants or One-off grants. The Foundation will usually fund projects between \$500 to a limit of \$5,000. To enquire about other levels of funding please contact us at info@aboriginal.org.au. Intending applicants are encouraged to send their completed applications by the following dates for consideration at the following Board meetings:

- 7 December 2016
- 8 February 2017
- 12 April 2017

<http://www.aboriginal.org.au/grants.htm>

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.

How well are we future-proofing students?



Reports have shown that within 10-15 years, nearly 40% of Australian jobs will be automated. This has prompted the Federal Government, schools and private industries to collaborate in a push to improve students' Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education and ensure they're ready for the jobs of the future. Nicholas Wyman, CEO of Skilling Australia Foundation (SAF), told The Educator that the world was rapidly changing and this alone called for a new approach as to how schools motivate and link students with promising career opportunities.

"Australia has definitely dropped the ball in terms of manufacturing because we're not focusing in the right place...on the right kind of manufacturing," he explained. Read the full article...

<http://www.educatoronline.com.au/news/how-well-are-we-futureproofing-students-218966.aspx>

Vale – John Glover

Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN note with sadness the passing of John Glover, a member and supporter of Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN since 2005.

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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>



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