

Baw Baw Latrobe

Local Learning and Employment Network



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Our Team in 2012



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Craig Hardy
Industry Liaison Officer



Nicole Skinner
Senior Partnership Broker



Kylie Downey
Partnership Broker



Naomi Murphy is the new Wurreker Broker and is co-located in our office. Naomi's role is to help improve the transition of young koorie people into further education, particularly TAFE and to support the LAECG's. Naomi, through VAEAI, will be working closely with the LLEN to develop our Inspiring Young Koorie People Program and a few other exciting projects.



Date: Tuesday, 31st July, 2012
Time: 9am to 3pm
Venue: Lardner Park, 155 Burnt Store Road, Lardner

Employer RSVP: Thursday, 31st March, 2012
School RSVP: Monday, 27th February, 2012

The **JobSkills Expo** targets year 10 students and young people from training and community organisations in the Latrobe City, West Gippsland, South Gippsland and Bass Coast regions. It will engage young people with 'hands on' activities, advice and information about the skills, jobs and industries that make up our regional workforce. Employers have the opportunity to showcase their business and the skills involved in their trade or profession, attracting young people to their industry. Young people have the opportunity to try their hand at different occupations and to find out first hand information about careers and pathways. For more information or to become involved contact:

Potential Exhibitors:
Craig Hardy, 0400 032 868
Schools, Training and Youth Organisations:
Lisa Briggs, 0427 032 868



We welcome back Lisa Briggs from Maternity Leave. Lisa will be working part time on Mondays and Tuesdays.

At the end of 2011 we said goodbye to Kate Boyer who has gone back to Warragul Regional College teaching. Kate's input into the LLEN and to mentoring in Gippsland over 6 years has been exceptional. We wish Kate all the very best!



Important Dates to Note...

TERM 1

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 8th —VETIS First Day

MARCH

Friday 2nd—VALA Gippsland

Monday 5th— CIM Defence Tour

Thursday 22nd— Straighttalk Traralgon College(*tbc)

Thursday 29th—VEET Power Works Tour

TERM 2

APRIL

Thursday 19th April— Journey to Work for your Future –
Lavalla Catholic College

Thursday 26th April— Journey to Work for your Future –
Lavalla Catholic College

MAY

Thursday 3rd May— Journey to Work for your Future –
Lavalla Catholic College

Monday 7th—COPY CAP Baw Baw (*tbc)

Tuesday 8th —COPY CAP Baw Baw (*tbc)

Monday, 14th—VEET Construction Induction Card

Wednesday 16th —Inspiring Young Women, Latrobe

Tuesday 22nd —VEET ETC Tour

Wednesday 23rd—Straighttalk Kurnai Morwell (*tbc)

JUNE

Monday 4th—COPY CAP Latrobe (*tbc)

Tuesday 5th —COPY CAP Latrobe (*tbc)

Wednesday 20th —Inspiring Young Women, Baw Baw

TERM 3

JULY

Tuesday 31st —JobSkills

AUGUST

Tuesday 7th —GippsWebs Presentation Night

Thursday 23rd—Straighttalk Lowanna (*tbc)

Thursday 30th —Civil Construction Program Day 1

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 4th —Civil Construction Program Day 2

Thursday 6th —Future Options Expo

Thursday 13th —Civil Construction Program Day 3

Tuesday 18th —Combined VET Cluster (*tbc)

Tuesday 18th —Civil Construction Program Day 4

TERM 4

OCTOBER

Tuesday 16th —Cerberus Tour

*For further information on any of these events
contact the LLEN Office (03) 5633 2868*

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GippsWebs for Business

The Baw Baw Latrobe LLEN, Monash University and Telstra Country Wide will partner to deliver the GippsWebs for Business program in 2012.

Students in years 9-12, who are interested in information technology, will be paired with local businesses to develop a website.

Schools are asked to promote this program to their students and to have registrations to the LLEN by 9th March 2011.

We are also seeking businesses who would like to have a website developed by students. The main requirement is that businesses are willing to invest some time providing students with information about their business.

Recruitment for GippsWebs for Business will start in Term 1, with the program taking place in Term 2 (April-June).

For more information, contact Nicole Skinner, 0438 032 868



The VEET Program is set to take place again in 2012. Recruitment of students will commence in Term 1. A LLEN representative will contact VETIS Coordinators and VETIS Electro-technology and Engineering students with information.

The program includes several elements to showcase the energy industry.

These activities are:

March	Power Works Excursion
April	Construction Induction Card Training
May	Electrical Training Centre Excursion
August	SP AusNet's Rowville Site Visit
July-Sept	Practical Work Placement
October	Certificate Presentation Night

Motivated students, who are interested in the energy industry and have an aptitude for math and science, are encouraged to apply.

For more information and application forms, contact Nicole Skinner, 0438 032 229.



Trafalgar High School Year 10 student, Jason Somerville admits that he "didn't know a lot about Fonterra and the nature of its operation" before completing a structured workplace learning placement with the company, but says he is now far more aware of the size of the operation and the range of work carried out at the Darnum Park site.

Jason, who is currently undertaking a Certificate II Course in Engineering as part of his school studies, hopes that the work placement at Fonterra will enhance his chances of pursuing a mechanical or engineering apprenticeship. He says he

applied for the work placement after receiving information about the placement from his school careers adviser.

Fonterra's decision to provide such an opportunity was a result of discussions between HR Manager, Bridget Jacobson, members of the onsite maintenance team and the Baw Baw Latrobe Workplace Learning Coordinator, Mike Jungwirth.

Jason was required to submit a written application stating his interest in undertaking the placement and also attend a pre-placement interview. While he admits that he was a little nervous about going through that process, he says it had been 'a valuable learning experience.'

"In fact, everything about the placement was really positive!"

"It was interesting to observe the range of tasks undertaken by the maintenance crew and to be able to assist them with some of the work. The blokes I worked with were really helpful and encouraging and willing to explain how and why particular things had to be done. I'd certainly encourage other students to consider undertaking a work placement with Fonterra."

Fonterra plans to provide further placements for local secondary school students during 2012, a commitment that was applauded by Mr Jungwirth. "Fonterra's interest and willingness to engage in the workplace learning program has been fantastic. I would like to commend the team at Darnum for the enthusiasm they have shown. I think the success of the initial placement provides a wonderful platform upon which a mutually beneficial program can be further developed."

**Have you considered
employing a
school based
apprentice or trainee?**

For information contact...

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Workplace Learning Coordinator
or

Craig Hardy, Industry Liaison Officer

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or log into

www.bawbawlatrobellen.com.au

and click the

Workplace Learning
Coordinator Program link

2012 shapes up to be a big year for the Gippsland Youth Commitment

Welcome one and all to 2012; I hope you are all well rested and ready to tackle the year head on. It's shaping up to be a big year for the Gippsland Youth Commitment (GYC) and its partners. As you may recall late last year, Peter Hall, Minister for Higher Education and Skills launched the Future Directions Strategy 2011-15 for the GYC.

The Government's endorsement has strengthened our resolve to continue the incredible work GYC partner organisations have achieved over the past three years of the program. One of our more recent signatories to the GYC is the Beacon Foundation. The Beacon Foundation has recently secured funding to work with schools throughout the Gippsland region. Their focus is for young people to transition onto positive pathways and equips them with knowledge, skills and confidence to make informed decisions, and to have appropriate post school opportunities available and accessible.

"The Beacon Foundation has been working to address the issues of school retention, engagement and employment in Australian schools for over 20 years and now operates its unique, hands on program in 127 schools nationally", State Manager (Victoria, Tasmania & South Australia) Susan Higgins said.



**Julie Jacobs,
Beacon Partnership
Manager Gippsland.**

"Too many young Australians are leaving school without a positive pathway to further education, training or employment. Currently, around 18,000 of Australia's 16 year olds are not in full time work, education or training, and the issue of disengagement is further exacerbated in areas of socioeconomic disadvantage", newly appointed Partnerships Manager for Gippsland, Julie Jacobs said.

In 2012, Beacon will be working with approximately 690 Year 10 students in 6 schools across the region. These schools are: Leongatha Secondary College, Warragul Regional College, Trafalgar High School, Traralgon Secondary College, Maffra Secondary College and Yarram Secondary College.



**Susan Higgins, Beacon State
Manager with GYC Consultant
Craig Hardy from the Baw Baw
Latrobe LLEN.**

"Critical to the success of the Beacon program in Gippsland is the support of local businesses and the wider community. Being a signatory and part of the greater GYC community will assist us working together with schools to provide resources for the program activities such as site tours, work experience, mock job interviews, mentoring and classroom based visits that help bring relevance to life beyond the school gate", Ms. Jacobs said.

For more information, visit the Beacon website, www.beaconfoundation.com.au or contact the Partnerships Manager for Gippsland, Julie Jacobs on 0428 802 706 or julie@beaconfoundation.net

Where Can I get further information on GYC?

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