



Important dates to remember...

Proposed Meetings for 2011

Applied Learning Network – Schools (All Sectors)

VET, VCAL, Careers Coordinators
 Term 1 – 8th March 4.00pm to 5.30pm
 Term 2 – 31st May 4.00pm to 5.30pm
 Term 3 – 23rd August 4.00pm to 5.30pm
 Term 4 – 15th November 4.00pm to 5.30pm

Applied Learning Network – Training Providers & Industry RTOs, TAFEs, AACs, GTOs, Industry & Employer representatives

Term 1 – 1st March 7.30am to 8.45am
 Term 2 – 24th May 7.30am to 8.45am
 Term 3 – 16th August 7.30am to 8.45am
 Term 4 – 8th November 7.30am to 8.45am

Venue to be confirmed for all these meetings.

Applied Learning Network Expo

Friday 1st July 2011
 9.30am to 12.00pm
 Venue: to be confirmed

We encourage you to sign up to Youth Connect's mailing list to ensure that you are informed about future network meetings and events. Email events@youthconnect.com.au to sign up.

Community PACTS Session



Parents as Transition Career Support (PACTS) **FREE** information sessions are developed to provide parents with up-to-date information and resources about educational pathways, that enables them to support their children effectively when making career transition decisions within the secondary school system and beyond.

PACTS sessions cover job search websites and job search techniques, assisting with resume writing and cover letters, assisting with interview preparation, finding work experience; learning about pathway/education/training including VCE, VCAL, VET programs and apprenticeships. Attendees will be able to liaise with other parents and receive a PACTS handbook.

The next community PACTS sessions are:

When: Tuesday 7 & Thursday 9 December 2010
Where: Upstairs, The Perceval Room at Carnegie Library, 7 Shepparson, Carnegie 3163
Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm

There is also an interactive workshop for parents of primary school age children who want to know about the secondary school system. This will provide you with information that will help when researching a secondary school for your child. The session will be held on **Thursday 2 December 2010** (time & location above).

Bookings are essential. Please contact Mary Licciardo on 95576233 or email m.licciardo@youthconnect.com.au

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Youth Connect's Vision

"A community where school to work pathways and career choices for all young people are equally valued and respected"

Youth Connect's Mission

Youth Connect works with the community to provide all young people with the skills and knowledge to support them to manage a successful pathway through secondary education, further learning and employment.

Welcome to Youth Connect's Newsletter

...In his book 'The Patchwork Nation', Don Edgar describes and reinforces the Kirby Review of Post Compulsory Education and Training Pathways, that young people, "need multiple pathways... so they can gain a sense of reality and purpose from their education experience." Much has happened since Don wrote his book and the Kirby Review in 2000; however there is much more that we need to do to ensure that we work towards "A community where school to work pathways and career choices for all young people are equally valued and respected."

As well as this being Youth Connect's Vision, our community needs young people to remain engaged in education and training to build resilience and develop specific and transferable skills. Life and work is changing at such speed young people must be able to build their competencies and adaptability through gaining experience in the real world.

You will see throughout the newsletter together with schools, training providers, business and the community we are creating these opportunities through our Workplace Learning Coordinator's Program, recognising and rewarding young people, schools and business through the Applied Learning Awards and supporting parents through Parents As Career Transition Support (PACTS) and much more.

I encourage you to tell people what you are doing to support young people or if you would like to become involved contact us.

Finally I want to take this opportunity to thank our Staff and The Board for their continued passion and dedicated professionalism and all of you for your support and commitment to making a difference in the lives of young people and their families.

Danny Schwarz
 Chief Executive Officer

Clifton Hill/North Fitzroy Community Bank Branch Bendigo Bank

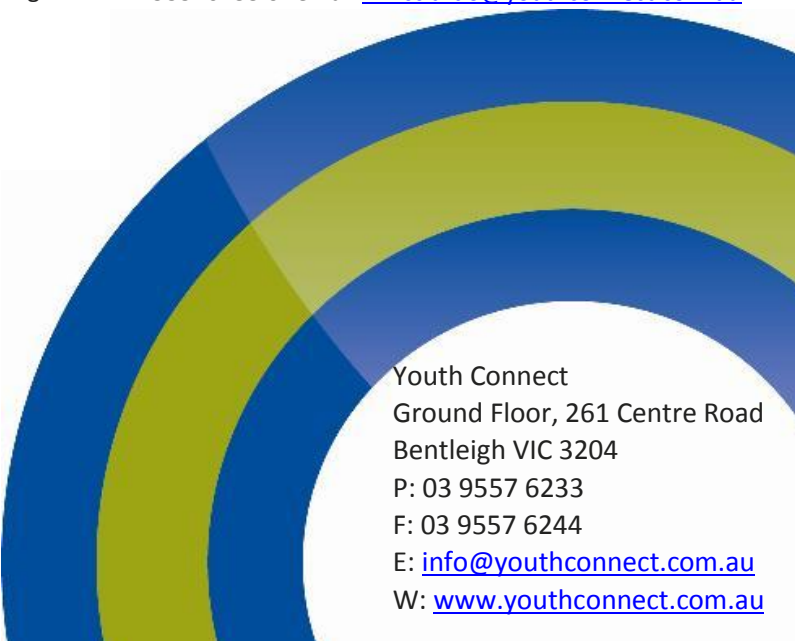
In June, students from Collingwood Alternative College completed White Card training via Kangan Institute. School staff and students were very appreciative of the support offered by the Clifton Hill/North Fitzroy Community Bank Branch allowing them to undertake this training.

Youth Connect would like to extend their appreciation to Julie Carroll and the board members, staff and community members of the Clifton Hill/North Fitzroy Community Bank Branch for providing financial support. The course provided essential training in Occupational Health and Safety that is a compulsory requirement for any individual working on a building site Australia wide. The students are all looking forward to receiving their cards and for most of the students this qualification not only provides a great sense of achievement, but will open doors for a career in the building and construction industry.



We thank you for your cooperation and support this year. Join your friends at Youth Connect to celebrate another year over.

Date: Wednesday, 1 December 2010
Venue: Milanos Tavern, 4 The Esplanade, Brighton
Time: 4.00pm–6.00pm
RSVP: events@youthconnect.com.au or 9557 6233 by 24 Nov 2010



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We welcome some new faces to the Youth Connect team. Please meet the following staff members:

- Christine Luk**
Marketing and Events Coordinator
- Jessica Bunker**
Youth Services Case Manager (Yarra)
- Jessica Moore**
Administration Assistant
- Joelle Chaperone**
Youth Services Case Manager (Port Phillip)
- Mari Cuzzilla**
Right Step Program Coordinator
- Merrie Ditchburn**
Workplace Learning Coordinator
- Rebecca Thorn**
Employment Case Manager
- Simone Leman**
Workplace Learning Coordinator
- Tania Hutchinson**
Accounts Officer



From left front: Rebecca, Mary, Geraldine, Joelle, Tara, Daniela, Mari, Michelle P., Christine
 From left back: Danny, Michele S., Simone, Merrie, Josh
 Absent: Jessica M., Jessica B., Tania

2010 Applied Learning Awards



Tuesday 12 October saw what has now become a permanent fixture of the Applied Learning calendar for the region. The Awards present an excellent and integral link to supporting and working towards achieving our Vision – A community where school to work pathways and career choices for all young people are equally valued and respected.

The Awards achieve this by rewarding and celebrating the achievements and success of students, schools and employers engaged in and with Applied Learning.

Guest speakers included Janice Munt MP – State Member for Mordialloc, Amber Sarda – Apprentice of the Year in 2005 and Peter O'Brien, President of the Bentleigh Moorabbin Central Rotary Club.

The evening was a tremendous success with over 200 people attending at Woodlands Golf Club. The venue provided the prestige and environment worthy of the event. Feedback from schools, students, employers and sponsors has been excellent.

The Applied Learning Awards Planning Committee would like to give special thanks to the judging panel Alan Maguire, Angela Stubbs, Janne Dempster, Jeffrey Burn, Melissa Quinn and Zoe Quinn. And big thanks to all the sponsors who supported many of the awards and helped make the night a successful one.

Thanks to the student photography provided by Samson Osztreicher and Devian Panchal from Cheltenham Secondary College and music supplied by Lucinda Franco and Michael Kopp from Sandringham College.



Structured Workplace Learning

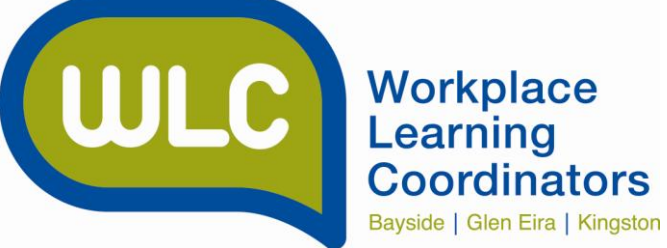
The Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) program provides students with structured high quality work placements in real or simulated work environments. During term 2 & 3 school holidays, Youth Connect staff visited students on their work placements. We are happy to announce the following students worked exceptionally well and displayed a great work ethic during their time at the workplace and have since acquired employment with the companies.



Siobhan at T.G.I. Fridays, Southland



Madison at Chive's Café, Black Rock



Our Project Officers have been working with education providers, business and industry representatives in the local area to provide more opportunities for young people aged 15-19 years of age to improve their skills and workplace knowledge through Work Experience (WE), Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) or School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBAT). WLC will launch its new and interactive web portal, **YC4me** in December. YC4me will allow young people, teachers, trainers and employers to:

- Access up to date information relating to the local, state and national labour markets including skill shortages
- Search and apply for WE, SWL or SBAT opportunities
- Download employability skills resources which can be incorporated into the school curriculum or to secure a work placement
- Check enrolment details for Youth Connect VET in Schools including attendances, results and important dates.

... And much more
Teachers and trainers will be invited to a YC4me induction in early 2011. Please contact Merrie or Simone at wlc@youthconnect.com.au for more info.

Finding jobs for young people

Work This Way (WTW) is a free service which assists unemployed young people aged 16 – 24 living in the Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston regions into sustainable employment including apprenticeships and traineeships. WTW also offers a **free** service to employers seeking to employ a young person.



FREE JOB CLUB

- Do you need help finding a job?
- Finished school?
- Aged between 16 to 24 years?
- Do you live in the Bayside, Glen Eira and Kingston areas?

If you answer YES, we can help you find a job including apprenticeships and traineeships.

Date: Tuesday 30 November 2010
Time: 10.00am to 1.00pm
Venue: Youth Connect, 261 Centre Rd, Bentleigh
Registration: Contact Michele or Rebecca on 9557 6233

Youth Connect has partnered with the BGK LLEN & Mark McCrindle Research to present 'Bridging the Gap: An Employer's Workshop on Engaging the New Generations at Work'. Based on the latest national research, this workshop equips employers with the key skills to better recruit, retain, manage and train the 21st Century workforce.

This 90 minute workshop will be filmed to produce an employer's resource. Please join us as part of a live audience and experience the workshop first hand. Some audience shots will be taken and there will be some short breaks during filming for technical purposes. We look forward to welcoming you as our guest to help us produce what is shaping up to be a new and innovative project.

Date: Wednesday 8 December 2010
Location: Hemisphere Conference Centre, 488 South Road, Moorabbin – Level 1 Latitude Theatre
Time: Arrive at 10.00am for a 10.30am start – 12.30pm finish. Light refreshments will be provided.
RSVP: 26 November 2010 on 9557 6233 or events@youthconnect.com.au

We are currently accepting bookings for all our 2011 programs.

Book any Youth Connect STEPs, iPREP, PACTS or TACTS program before 17 December, pay a 20% Deposit and SAVE!

When are the best times for Student Workshops?

- Before Year 10 Work Experience
- Career Week
- National Career Week (16 to 22 May 2011)
- National Youth Week (1 to 10 April 2011)
- As part of your ongoing career program
- Introducing our Lunch Time Xpress Workshops

When is the best time for Teacher As Career Transition Support (TACTS) Workshops?

- Staff curriculum days
- For new and existing teachers/trainers working with any young person who requires career transition support

Our Student Education Transition Program's (STEPs) will support students to develop this learning focus through tailored workshops including:

Resume writing, cover letters, apprenticeships, interview preparation, job searching skills, employer expectations, 'keeping the job', career exploration, cold calling techniques/telephone skills, labour market information and preparation for work experience or structured workplace learning.

How to book in a workshop, industry tour, mock interview program, PACTS, TACTS:

Follow the link to view the list of workshop topics and prices – <http://www.youthconnect.com.au/schools/>
Complete an online booking form – <http://www.youthconnect.com.au/schools/booking-form-workshop-and-mock-interviews/>
Phone or email us with your preferred date and workshop selection. Once we have received your request, we will work with you to put together an affordable package.

Haven't found what you are looking for?
Youth Connect will be able to tailor workshops to suit you and your student and curriculum needs... **and your BUDGET!**
Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions.
Daniela Ascone: 9557 6233 or d.ascone@youthconnect.com.au

Congratulations...

To the following student winners:

- Brycen Hopper** – SBAT Building and Construction
- Byron Hughes** – VCAL Personal Development Stream
- Callum Nugent** – VETiS Hospitality
- Chanel Corner** – VETiS Music
- Christina Lauriola** – VETiS Sports and Recreation
- Duane Puia** – SBAT Transport and Logistics
- Dylan Keyt** – VETiS Information Technology
- Dylan Morris** – Building and Construction
- Jennifer De La Roche** – VETiS Community Service
- Jessica Austin** – SBAT Animal Studies
- Jessie Novasad** – VETiS Make-Up Services
- Jordan Bender** – VCAL Work Related Skills Stream
- Julian Gurrieri** – VETiS Events Management
- Kate Cooke** – VETiS Foundation Hospitality
- Monique Van der Peet** – VCAL Work Related Skills Stream
- Natasha Avila** – VETiS Visual Arts Craft and Design
- Nathan Mahar** – VETiS Automotive
- Ruby Hughes** – VETiS Acting for Stage and Screen
- Savannah Webb** – VETiS Transport and Logistics
- Solomon Hill** – VETiS Dance
- Stephanie Ferguson** – VETiS Interactive Digital Media
- Vincent Bawden** – SBAT Multimedia
- Vincent O'Neill** – SBAT Plumbing

To the following school winners

- Berendale School** – VETiS Experienced Provider
- Cheltenham Secondary College** – VETiS Access New Provider
- Sandringham College** – VCAL Experienced Provider
- Sandringham College** – VETiS Access Experienced Provider
- Sandringham College** – Regional Applied Learning Champion

To the following employer winners

- Accident Repair Centre McKinnon** – Regional Applied Learning Champion
- Accident Repair Centre McKinnon** – Structured Workplace Learning Employer
- Bendigo Bank: Cheltenham Branch** – School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship
- Bendigo Bank: East Malvern Branch** – School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship
- Bendigo Bank: Elsternwick Branch** – School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship
- Bendigo Bank: Highett Branch** – School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship
- Café Hampton** – Structured Workplace Learning Employer
- Royal Victorian Aero Club** – Structured Workplace Learning Employer
- Southern Suburbs Group Training** – Group Training Organisation
- Vicious Recordings** – Structured Workplace Learning Employer

Congratulations to all Nominees

- Students:** Adam Pollack, Danny Marroquin, David Simon, Eloise Beech, Emily Bowles, Emma Lund, Franziska Marek, Jacqueline Harris, Joshua Williams, Michael Bellmont, Nathan Kettle, Rhys Jones, Ryan Osekowski, Sarah Bolland
- Schools:** Kilbreda, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and Parkdale Secondary College
- Businesses:**
26th Parallel
Booran Holden
Bunnings Moorabbin
Byrnside Management
CFMEU – Construction and General Division –Victorian Branch
Dom's Bistro
The Buckingham International Hotel
FAT 4
Melbourne Music
Revolver Drums

Food for Thought –
"Paralyze resistance with persistence."
Woody Hayes (American football player and Coach)