

Express to Success

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Upcoming Events

- Careers Quest—St Peters Maitland 29 Aug, Maitland Christian School 8 Sep, St Josephs Lochinvar 19 Oct
- Schools Legislation Focus Workshop 18 Aug
- Forward Focus Forum 21 Sep Bradford Hotel Ruthford RSVP's essential
- Indigenous Career Quest at Bularr Wangga Festival Murrook Centre, Williamtown 14 Oct
- Community Engagement Expo 9 Sep Murrook Centre, Williamtown RSVP's essential
- Indigenous Career Quest Upper Hunter 6 Aug, Cessnock High 22 Sep
- HVYE Future Direction Forum 18 Aug Maitland Leagues Club RSVP's essential

Hunter Valley Youth Express, Your Local Community Partnership—from the Managers Desk in June



Hunter Valley Youth Express has seen some significant changes during the first half of 2010 with the cessation of Career Advise Australia Program on 31 December 2009. The loss of this program has seen us no longer participating directly in the development and implementation of Career Development based programs across the region. Although some highly regarded programs are now being offered to schools and community on a fee for service basis during 2010. This will determine future direction for the organisation. We will no longer be providing individual case management support, as the contract for this role has been awarded to another provider.

Our resource centre was unfortunately totally lost as a result of a fire in an adjoining business in mid May. Staff from the centre have been temporarily housed in the

current undamaged sections of HVYE as we await insurance assessment to be completed and further information on the repair of the building.

HVYE has been named successful tenderer for a new programs being funded by the Australian Government – Partnership Brokers. Our role under this funding contract is significantly removed from any service delivery, into a strategic development role.

As such we will be working across the Hunter region with education, industry, parents and community to assist in the development of strategic partnerships to drive programs with a focus on retention and attainment for young people. In the first half of the year we have been spending our time identifying opportunities and partners to help build this program. As we move into the second half of 2010 we will be working towards the development of quality partnerships across the region that support young people by keeping them engaged in education and gaining meaningful skills and qualification that will allow them to move forward as active members of our society.

Hunter Valley Structured

Workplace Learning Program will continue during 2010 with Hunter Valley Youth Express working actively with education providers and local industry to provide quality work placement opportunities for young people currently studying Industry Qualification Framework – Vocational Education and Training Certificate level courses as part of the HSC studies. We will also continue to provide promotion and coordination support for School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships.

As more young people remain at school due to the increased leaving age, we have seen a growth in young people participating in these programs. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight and thank the many businesses across the region that actively support young people by taking them into their workplace and providing quality learning opportunities outside of the classroom. We will be working to highlight these businesses in future editions of HVYE News.



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*The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.—
Eleanor Roosevelt*

Structured Workplace Learning

*We can build up
foundations
everywhere. If they
are well and truly
laid. -
Ivy
Compton-Burnett*



Rutherford Technology High School the lucky winners of the 2010 Retail Rookie Awards.

*One who asks the
question is a fool
for five minutes;
one who does not
ask a question re-
mains a fool forever
- Chinese Proverb*



Parent, Community, School & DEEWR participants at PACE Meeting—June 2010

We would like to welcome Christine Hawkins as our new addition to the Structured Workplace Learning team. Christine has taken on the role of providing quality work placements for the framework Construction. Christine is a very enthusiastic and hard worker. In the short time Christine has been in this role she has made a large impact on the team and her work placement students.

Terms 1 and 2 have been very busy in planning and starting placements for 2010. We currently have 900 work placements that have been arranged for VET students. There has been a significant increase in the number of students studying a vocational subject as part of their HSC, resulting in an increase of placements needed for these students. Currently we are seeking new employers for a vast range of areas such as; Construction, Information Technology, Retail, Hospitality, Metals & Engineering and

Electrotechnology. If you are interested in becoming a host employer for a work placement student please contact our office - 49312777.

Team members recently attended the Retail Rookie Day held at Stockland Greenhill's. On display were students from 10 local high schools showing off their retail expertise. Students had the opportunity to work as a team on window displays, visual merchandising, stock audit and see the benefits of sales activities. The overall winners of the Retail Rookie were Rutherford High School. All students that participated are congratulated on their efforts.

SWL staff attended the Hunter Valley Careers Market held at Maitland Basketball Stadium. Showcased were a large number of representatives from Education, Training and industry groups. HVYE were able to promote a Vocational and SBAT pathway for their

HSC.

Our Upper Hunter Coordinator will be attending Merriwa Central School on the 29th June to conduct some mock interviews with the year 11 Business Services class, to help give them exposure to different interview techniques.

We have had great feed back from employers who have had some outstanding students so far this year - one employer Glastonbury Farms has taken two late placements and has given the first student from Muswellbrook High some paid weekend work and the second student from St Catherine's, they gave rave reviews due to her initiative and keenness to work. Well done students.

Anthony, Denise, Joanna and Christine look forward to working closely with Schools & Industry in providing quality work placements for students studying a vocation pathway.

Region 20 (Central Macquarie) –Partnership Brokerage

The first 3 months of operation in the Central Macquarie Region have seen around 10,000 km's travelled to hold discussions with a wide variety of stakeholders.

Schools have been visited, along with local councils, community organizations, all Youth Connections provider locations, and local industry representatives.

Whilst Agriculture is the major industry in the region, there is a lack of larger employers, with many businesses being family based. Mining is becoming the major focus with substantial development planned, which will become a significant focus for partnership brokering in the next 12 months.

The 2 main partnerships already in existence, the Coonamble Employment Circle and the Cudgegong Learning Community have both been addressed by the PB, with Coonamble appearing to offer potential for more structured partnerships to be developed.

A partnership has been developed involving Coonamble, Gulargambone, and Gilgandra High Schools partnering with the Badanami Centre at the University of Western Sydney. This will assist Indigenous students to gain an understanding of future possibilities from current Indigenous university students through ongoing video conferencing.

Another partnership has been facilitated involving Gilgandra High School, TAFE outreach, and Uambi Aboriginal Corporation to establish an alternate learning centre for at risk Indigenous students.

A third partnership, involving the Mudgee Mens Shed, St Matthews Central School, and Mudgee High School to establish student mentoring through hands on activities is also being developed.

Sally Dent has now joined the region 20 team and will be working with David.

School Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships

Anthony Burke is our new School Based Apprenticeship/ Traineeship Coordinator for the Hunter Region.

The majority of SBAT sign ups have been completed for 2010 with only a few still to be completed. There has been a strong expression put forward for students interested in undertaking an SBAT as part of their HSC. Due to the current economic climate it has made it difficult for employers to make this commitment to a young person. My main project for semester 2 2010 is to market and promote SBAT to students,

employers and the community.

We currently have 55 students in the Hunter Region that have been signed up as SBAT's, 4 of these being School Based Apprenticeships. Another 12 students have been signed up with Hunter New England Health completing a Health Services Certificate. This opportunity will create pathways for these students into nursing. Subway Maitland again this year has taken on 2 school based traineeships. The ongoing support of Subway Maitland is well appreciated. Lovey's IGA Dungog

has supported 2 students this year that are both studying Retail as part of their HSC at Dungog High School. We would like to thank our current and future employers of the SBAT program.

If you are interested in undertaking a School Based Traineeship or Apprenticeship as part of your HSC studies in 2011, please feel free to contact HVYE and ask to speak to Anthony your SBAT coordinator. We will be able to provide you with some helpful information on SBAT's.



Matthew Thompson—Hospitality student from Maitland High School at Central Park Café.

Region 28 (Hunter Valley) - Partnership Brokerage

From the commencement of 2010, Jane and Deborah have been busy liaising with Industry, Education, Parents and Community throughout the Lower Hunter, to negotiate and establish partnerships to support young people's Year 12 (or equivalent) attainment.

Partnerships brokered/supported to date have included a Regional Attainment Working Group, Steamfest, Food Wine and Jazz, Men's Shed Mentoring, Aboriginal Parent Engagement, Try a Trade, Alternative Learning, Kurri Hydro Skills, Dungog Education Group, Hospitality Road show.

PB staff have engaged with Regional P&C, Hunter Council for Social Services, various Interagency Groups, Council Community Planning Workshops, Hunter Skills Development Network, various Business Chambers, Aboriginal Employment Interagency, AECG's whilst maintaining close links with schools, TAFE and University in the region.

PB staff arrange monthly meetings with Youth Connections staff with the aim of developing partnerships to support engagement and attainment for all young people.

As in the Lower Hunter, Hunter Valley Youth Express has been transitioning from DEEWR's former CTS/ASP contract to the new Partnership Brokerage program. Due to the nature of the Upper Hunter geography PB Dale Fitz-Gerald has spent some time on the road travelling to, attending and presenting the PB concept to the various community, education and industry groups in the area in addition to facilitating 6 Career Quests that will be conducted over the August/September period of 2010.

Introduction to and consultation with Upper Hunter indigenous community and education groups in developing the first UH Indigenous Career Quest, scheduled for August 6th at Muswellbrook Indoor Sports Centre, has been intense and has opened many doors. The Indigenous Career Quest, sponsored by Coal and Allied (ADCC) in consultation with the Aboriginal Education Consultants Group (Muswellbrook and Singleton) anticipates 200 students attending from years 5 through to 8 from the entire UH area.

The Mobile Resource Unit (MRU) was well received at the

Singleton/Cessnock Try a Trade. This was a full on day and students that attended the MRU left with hard copy information, career pathway ideas and smiles.

The most exciting news this issue is the acceptance of the 'License to Drive' partnership's funding submission from Mt Arthur Coal (BHP Billiton) for \$30,000 to purchase two vehicles. The founding partners, PCYC, NSW Police, Muswellbrook Council and HVYE have been working on this project since October 2009. The project has been established to provide a mentoring facility, for under 25 years people, to complete the 120hr requirement of the NSW RTA logbook. Transport over the UH area is largely non-existent and having a driver's license provides access to education, employment, community, social inclusion opportunities and offers greater support to families. Muswellbrook Holden largely discounted the manual and automatic purchase price of the vehicle(s) and the servicing contract.

UH organizations are starting to recognize and understand the Partnership Broker concept and are starting to make contact with ideas for partnerships.

Education is simply the soul of a society as it passes from one generation to another.—

G.K Chesterton



Maitland High School Students at the 2010 Careers Expo.

We are always getting ready to live, but never living.—

Ralph Waldo

Emerson





Staff News

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Hunter Valley Youth Express has had a busy start to the year with staff participating in a first aid course in early June to ensure that all staff have adequate knowledge in first aid training in case of any medical emergencies. This day was a lot of fun mixed with the serious business.

Hunter Valley Youth Express after much deliberation and thought has now adopted a new mission statement "Supporting young people with the journey through education, to enhance their prospects of transitioning to a rewarding future".

This mission statement is bringing a new enthusiasm and direction to Hunter Valley Youth Express helping staff to ensure that they provide the best support and

New Staff Introductions/Welcomes



Eleysha Jarman

We would like to say a big welcome to our new additions. Eleysha Jarman has joined our team as the administration officer. Eleysha has come to us with a wide range of skills in the business administration area. Eleysha has great enthusiasm and strives to do her best. We wish her luck in her new role and look forward to Eleysha's contribution to the organisation.



David Floyd

David has come to HVYE with many years experience in the education/employment sectors and has joined our team as a Partnership Broker for Region 20 covering the Central Macquarie area. David has great skills and knowledge which will be of a great benefit to HVYE. We wish David luck in his new role and look forward to working with him and the skills/knowledge that David has to offer.

Steamfest Festival 2010

On April 17 & 18, 2010 - 4 students from Maitland Grossmann High School, 1 from both Maitland High School and Rutherford Technology High School attended the annual Maitland Steamfest Festival. The students attended an orientation on Friday to ensure they understood all aspects of the festival. They worked directly throughout the weekend with the exhibitors to maintain and up keep the machinery, also demonstrating machinery and fabrication to the public, giving the students a great opportunity to gain competencies for their Metals and Engineering courses. The festival also gave the students an excellent chance to engage with their community and build networks.

