



# Inner Eastern Local learning & Employment Network Newsletter

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## VCAL CELEBRATION DAY

Students from five local schools recently gathered together at Hawthorn Secondary school to celebrate their first semester achievements. The event was organised entirely by VCAL students as part of their study program. They advertised the event, organised food and beverages, designed the decorations arranged for music and took pictures to create a slide show. On hand to present certificates to the students were Cathy Donovan VCAL Project officer and Arden Joseph Project Executive from VQA.

Krishna Leoine – from Hawthorn Secondary school provided assistance and resources for the students. A great time was had by all. Pictures of the event are available on the website [www.iellen.org.au](http://www.iellen.org.au)  
Special Thanks to Village Cinemas who kindly provided discounted vouchers for the students



## The Lighthouse Run for Youth at Risk

### Melbourne to Adelaide Run

Kane Bowden, Education and Training Manager at Lighthouse Foundation, has recently joined the IELLEN Committee of Management. Kane is passionate about working with young people and has set out to further his commitment with young people. He is going to run from Melbourne to Adelaide with two other men and a Lighthouse young person to raise awareness and funds for Lighthouse Foundation.



The journey is over 18 days and will start on The Footy Show on Thursday night, 14<sup>th</sup> August to arrive in Adelaide on August 31

Training for the event has stepped up recently with Kane and fellow runner Peter Caccaviello, who also doubles as The Run Project Manager, putting in 100km weeks. When asked about the toll that the running is having on his body, Kane says, "it's nothing like it is going to be like on the run itself. We are doing 40kms on a Saturday and backing up with 10-15kms on a Sunday. That hurts! I can only imagine what the 18 days of 50kms a day will feel like. We are determined though. These kids we are doing it for have been through a lifetime of pain to this point. If I get sore, I just think of the kids."

"I really want to get the message out into the wider Australian community that Lighthouse is an amazing organization and has a wonderfully effective model of care. Lighthouse Foundation cares for young people who would otherwise be homeless. Once connected to the Lighthouse family you're a member for life. It's a big run and seems to be a big sacrifice, but I am only going to feel the pain for a relatively short period of time. If I can contribute a little bit to alleviating the pain these young people feel by helping to raise awareness and bring in more funds to assist the Lighthouse it will be well worth it".

Donations can be sent to:

**The Lighthouse Run for Youth at Risk**  
**PO BOX 1127**  
**Hawksburn**

**Victoria Australia, 3142** [www.lighthouseontherun.org.au](http://www.lighthouseontherun.org.au)

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# Members



## Rhys Kinsey

Rhys Kinsey is the Indigenous Education Officer at Swinburne University of Technology (TAFE Division). His blood ties are with Waddawurrung land, ie. the Geelong and Ballarat region of Victoria. Rhys is involved with course coordination and various projects that have been set up for the Indigenous community. He also consults with the Indigenous community constantly so that Community needs are addressed in developing education for Indigenous Australians. Rhys is a member of the IELLEN CoM and is also very active in local community organizations including Waddawurrung Aboriginal Corporation, 3KND, Kool and Deadly the first Indigenous Radio Station Ilbijerri Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Theatre Co-operative LTD & Outblack, Indigenous men's health and social support group.



## Tracey Fenton

Tracey is currently the Secretary of the Committee of Management and has been a member of the committee from the steering committee days. She is an employment and education counselor advising people about opportunities in employment and training and is currently employed at Taskforce - Working Edge.

Tracey has been involved in employment and education for 15 years. She has strong ties with the Adult Community Education sector and is a member of the Southern Westernport Regional Council; she is also Secretary of the Inner Melbourne Vocational Education and Training (VET) cluster. Tracey understands that opportunities are not waiting around the corner for you and that you have to create them, she feels that the IELLEN is an ideal way to support and encourage people and assist them in reengaging in society as well as following their passions. She is an avid football follower with the Demons her obsession.

Are you a member who wants to get more involved?

Contact the Subcommittee convenor for further information

<b>Membership &amp; Promotion</b>	c/o Marion Salvage 8598 9033
<b>Research &amp; Innovation</b>	Carolyn Scriven 9835 0250
<b>Training &amp; Industry</b>	Paul Delphine 9627 6649
<b>Policy, Planning &amp; Development</b>	John McDonald 9523 1466

## Looking for Guest Speakers

Members of the IELLEN CoM are planning to visit local community organisations to spread the word about the IELLEN, presenters will inform groups of the projects that are being undertaken and try to increase the awareness of IELLEN..... if your group or organisation is interested in having a member speak at an upcoming event or meeting contact: [cthompson@iellen.org.au](mailto:cthompson@iellen.org.au)

## Can YOU offer any of the following?

- Supported work placements.
- Industry experience
- Participation in a mentor tutor program
- Industry commitment to establish an industry focused VCAL
- Commitment to work on the Committee of management

Contact Cate Thompson 8598 9033 or email: [cthompson@iellen.org.au](mailto:cthompson@iellen.org.au)

# projects

## Mentor Program

- IELLEN have implemented a Mentor Program in schools. The program began in May with 11 mentors from all walks of life who commit one hour a week to meet with a young person. The mentor makes a valuable contribution to the community; assisting students to gain skills and helping them make informed decisions regarding their future. Studies have shown that mentoring programs can assist young people to improve their immediate and long term employment, life skills and learning opportunities. IELLEN run a number of training programs throughout the year and are always keen to meet potential mentors. For more information contact the IELLEN

We asked Mentor **Marian Salvage** to share her experiences as a Mentor.....

*The mentoring role is a whole new experience for me and I approached it with some trepidation. Would it be too demanding? Was I willing to give time & commitment? Did I need another relationship in my life as I juggle my roles as wife, mother and employee??? Surprise !! Surprise!! I find I am really enjoying my time as a mentor. Rather than being a one way street, I regard the experience as a mutual commitment. We each bring something to the relationship. I know I get a great deal back. I spend just one 1 hour a week visiting my mentee, we have a chat about things, exchange news and views. It seems so little in both time and commitment but I find it extremely rewarding as we relax and get to know each other. I hope I am being a friendly face and a supportive influence to my mentee. I know I will get far more back than I can ever give.*



Ros Notermans Pictured with her mentee

## IELLEN Update

- IELLEN is having continued success working with the local community to develop programs that re-engage and support young people especially at risk of disengagement. A new initiative stemming from the recent On Track project is the Early Exit Assist program which will support early exiting students. The students will be asked by the relevant school coordinator if they would like additional support once they leave school. If they request help Andrew Davis the IELLEN Project worker, will contact the student to set up a convenient time to meet and discuss options.

Within the boundaries of IELLEN it has been identified that Nearly 500 young people 'drop-out' of tertiary studies every year. A Tertiary Transition working party is being established to look into ways that can reduce the drop out rate of young people.

A VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) Cluster is being formed. Currently 10 schools in the area have expressed interest in the proposed model that will allow schools to deliver the literacy, numeracy and personal development strands with Work Related and Industry Strands being delivered via the IELLEN VCAL Cluster – for more information on any of these programs contact

[cthompson@iellen.org.au](mailto:cthompson@iellen.org.au)

- Cate Thompson EO IELLEN



Michelle Yang

## Youth Profile

Michelle Yang has recently been appointed as the Youth Connection Worker at the IELLEN Michelle's main role is to liaise with the three Youth Reference Groups for the Inner Easter Region, she is also editing the IES&YN Newsletter and overseeing the IES&YN Webpage which will have links to the IELLEN website Details coming soon..

Michelle became involved in the youth network because of something that Donald Trump said; "in order to get ahead you can't wait for opportunities to come along you need to be prepared for them". To Michelle this meant firstly you get chosen for the opportunity when it comes along and secondly be the best person to do the job. When the opportunity presented itself to attend the "Paving the Way Secondary Students Conference" she saw a way to get involved in youth issues and to learn about becoming a student leader. Since the conference Michelle has used what she has learnt to become the instigator for the formation of a network between secondary students in the area. This led to her organizing the inaugural forum in May, the IES&YN Inaugural Forum was a phenomenal success and as a result the Inner Eastern Student and Youth Network is now up and running.

For more information contact Michelle [myang@iellen.org.au](mailto:myang@iellen.org.au) or call 8598 9033

VCAL Students recently began a new course in Community broadcasting offered by SKA TV in partnership with the IELLEN hosted at Swinburne Senior Secondary College. The students over the next few months will be exposed to community television where they will gain knowledge in editing, pre production training, research skills, studio production, camera operation and studio camera and vision switching. For more information contact [efindlow@iellen.org.au](mailto:efindlow@iellen.org.au)

## Bakers Delight Induction

Students from the VCAL program at Swinburne Tafe were inducted into the Bakers Delight Traineeship program



## Swinburne Senior Secondary College

has kindly loaned 5 pieces of art work to the IELLEN for display in the St. Kilda Office

Pieces on loan include work from Joanne Luke, Stephannie Cardomone, Damian Vicenzo, Dave Vander Zee & Aaron Raphaelo

# What's Happening...

**August 5th** -St Kilda Town Hall Community School Yard' An initiative to bring all members our local community together in support of all young people & children. [more information>>](#)

VCAL pd day details available soon

**August 14th** Lighthouse Foundation Run [more details](#)  
**20 August** Principal For A Day [contact details](#)

## After Hours Health Services for Young

The Inner South Community Health Service's St Kilda site will soon have a sexual and reproductive health doctor and nurse able to provide services to young people. The partnership, with Family Planning Victoria will specifically focus on providing a 'one stop shop' range of services to young people aged 10 - 25.

The St Kilda centre is located at 18 Mitford St, St Kilda and will be open after hours on Thursday evenings from 5 - 9 pm. Referrals can be made by ringing **9534 0981** or dropping in between 5 - 7 pm to speak with any of the workers.

Contact **Jo Howard**  
Manager  
Community, Youth and Family Health Program  
9534 0981 for further information  
More details also available [www.iellen.org.au/news](http://www.iellen.org.au/news)

**The Alfred Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service**, will be holding a forum about alternative educational settings and ways of keeping 'at risk' young people between the ages of 12 and 18 engaged. It is aimed at bringing together professionals working in services for young people from the inner and middle parts of the southern region of Melbourne. The forum will be held at the Alfred premises on the 7th of October. The purpose is to facilitate information sharing, identifying perceived gaps, and to strengthen service collaboration and connectedness around alternatives to school settings within local communities.  
More details .... Email:  
[Julie.Barlow@southernhealth.org.au](mailto:Julie.Barlow@southernhealth.org.au)

# Resources

## VCAL Resources

Personal Development – Level I First Aid

Penny Smith VCAL Coordinator at Swinburne University Technology (TAFE) has found an excellent resource for the Personal Development strand of VCAL – First Aid

After a number of unsuccessful tries to find an engaging first aid instructor to teach the VCAL Students Level I First Aid. Penny has found LHK Para Medical Services who provided a fantastic instructor who engaged the students from the beginning. The students were so impressed with the class they turned up for the course on their day off from classes.

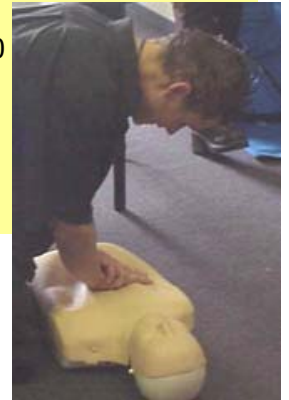
## LHK Para Medical Services

Contact: **Ken Glenn** – 9727 5520

## Course details

Level I - 2 days (2 X 3 hours)

Level II - 4 days ( 4 X 3 hours)



# Check out our Website

[www.iellen.org.au](http://www.iellen.org.au)

## Information on...

- Early Exit Assist Program
- Upcoming events, forums, meetings.
- Download copies of the newsletter
- Resource documents for educators, business & youth

*Plus lots more. If you have any suggestions for the website or newsletter please let us know*



**If you would like to get more involved with IELLEN Become a member**

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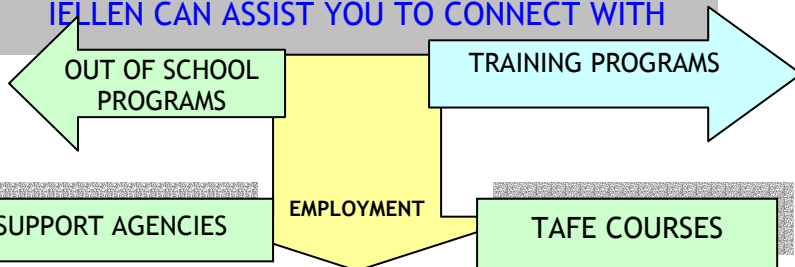
Or call: (03) 8598 9033

106 St.Kilda Road, St.

## Leaving School Early

There are many reasons why young people leave school before completing year 12. If you have recently left school you may not know that there are lots of opportunities and support for you

**IELLEN CAN ASSIST YOU TO CONNECT WITH**



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