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for your calendar

Goldfields Mentoring Network

A network for people running or planning youth mentoring programs in the six 'southern' Loddon Mallee LGAs.

Friday 9 October, 10:30 – 12:30

St Luke's, cnr Hargreaves and Mundy Streets, Bendigo. Please RSVP for catering.

Northwest Mentoring Network

A network for people running or planning youth mentoring programs in the four 'northern' Loddon Mallee LGAs.

Thursday 12 November, 11:00 – 12:30

youth mentoring week

It's a national event and it's on from 25 through 31 October. Celebrate.

- Celebrate the benefits of mentoring for young people
- Celebrate the contribution of mentors
- Raise the profile of mentoring and youth mentoring programs
- Recruit new mentors
- Work at finding partners to run programs in your community.

What to do:

- Hold a barbecue for your mentors or your matches. (Remember: you can never praise your mentors too much or too often.)
- Get an article in your local paper about a successful match in your program.
- Get yourself on as a speaker with anyone who'll listen: Rotary, your local business council, school staff.

Use the *Youth Mentoring Week Celebration Support Kit*. It's got everything you'll need.

professional development

marketing and promotion

Getting your message across! is about marketing and promoting your youth mentoring program. It's for program co-ordinators, and their managers and/or communications and marketing gurus.

Wednesday 7 October, 10:30 to 2:30

Multicultural Hub, top of Elizabeth Street, opp. Vic Market in Melbourne and it's FREE. RSVP Lauren Holst > 0411 374 225.

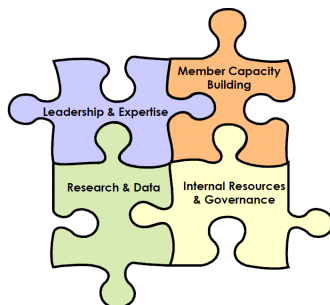
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victorian youth mentoring alliance (vyoma)

The peak body for mentoring this state, the VYMA, now has a full-time executive officer. The EO is Sarah Johnson.

The VYMA's new strategic goals are:

- leadership and advocacy for quality youth mentoring
- building the capacity of VYMA members to ensure best practice
- good research that underpins quality mentoring, and
- ensuring the efficiency and sustainability of the VYMA.



If you're not a VYMA member, you should be. The website has all the details:

www.youthmentoringvic.org.au

mentor training package

The VYMA is developing a generic mentor training package for use by any youth mentoring program from 2010.

The consultation survey report recommends ten core 'non-negotiable' training modules as the basis of a minimum standards package.

Five additional modules are likely to be developed. The report recommends 8 to 10 hours training, over two or three separate sessions.

The new VYMA advisory group has discussed and debated the report. How long training should be is contentious. As it always has been. And always will be?

possible funding sources

You'll find a separate accompanying document with a list of possible funding sources for youth mentoring programs.

The list is reproduced from the VYMA newsletter. Thanks VYMA.

program updates

links for life

LFL is NCLLEN's new program in Wedderburn and Wycheproof. Barb Bear is the co-ordinator and twelve mentors trained in July and September.

They have been matched with young people from local secondary schools.

kokoda youth leadership program (masp, mildura)

Thirteen mentors and eight young people are walking Kokoda as this edition is published. Some young people had last minute passport and visa problems.

This is the program's third visit to PNG.

L2P greater bendigo

Meryn Ryan is the project officer for this new program—a partnership of the City, VicRoads and Lead On—that helps young disadvantaged learner drivers achieve their mandatory 120 hours driving practice with the aid of a trained supervisor/mentor.

Twelve mentors trained in August and September and the program revs up with a Keys, Please launch on 13 October.

L2P macedon ranges

This program is still in the formative stage. Project officer David Norris is based at Cobaw CHS. This is the only L2P program in the state supported by community health rather than local government.

mentoring campaspe

Five agency partners in Campaspe are pursuing a grand vision of a mentoring co-ordinator who would run four programs for secondary students, primary students, vulnerable early adolescents and young community leaders.

It's new, unique and exciting. Big planning day on 23 October. Watch this space.

MFC e-mentoring

Unfortunately Mallee Family Care's e-mentoring program is in a state of flux. Mick Lowes has resigned as co-ordinator and some work needs to be done in getting the program and the schools involved on the same page. (Ugh! Horrible cliché.)

golden opportunities (GO!)

This is a tentative working name for the program envisaged in Maryborough. It's another case of watch this space.