

# Who's the Mentor

## Hi to you all

Well Spring is in the air as we head into the last quarter of this year.

Don't forget the State Mentor Summit coming up in August—many programs are having dinners and outings to celebrate this with Mentees and Mentors in their programs while others are arranging an activity day doing an activity/ painting that depicts mentoring

This brings me to the Celebration of Mentoring in the Hume in October, Coordinators please don't forget to take photos which can be displayed and if we can display any of the art work that would be great

Feed back from Coordinators contacted is that it has been a hectic time with lots going on—training of new mentors, matching mentors and mentees etc.

Again in this newsletter you will find a short questionnaire on your individual programs, if those that haven't done already could fill it out and email it back to me it will assist me in keeping an up to date record of programs, Mentors and Mentees and innovative initiatives being taken on by Agencies and groups alike—all of this information assists us as a whole in the Community when there is query about mentoring and its affect on young people.

We still have 2 Network Forums and the Celebration of Mentoring coming up in the next 4 months, more details on page 2

I continue to meet with local organizations, councils and newer and established Mentor Coordinators about the need in their local area.

Please don't hesitate to contact me to discuss mentoring.

I look forward to speaking with you all soon

Cheers *Sue*

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## Thought of the Day

Any ordinary favour we do for someone or any compassionate reaching out may seem to be going nowhere at first, but may be planting a seed we can't see right now.

Sometimes we need to just do the best we can and then trust in an unfolding we can't design or ordain. [Sharon Salzberg](#), *O Magazine*, *The Power of Intention*

## Hume Region Mentor Network Forum for 2009



### ***Information on upcoming Network Forums***

**Date:- Wednesday 26th August 2009**

**Title:- *Policy Development***—Basic policy development – websites giving assistance

SWOT analysis, some action research and evaluations. If Group Coordinators could bring their current policies for discussion and sharing

**Where:- *Conference Room***

**Strathbogie Shire Council Community Services**

**Bury Street Euroa**

**Time:- 10am—12 midday**

**Date:- Wednesday 25th November 2009**

**Title:- *end of year reflection/ Achievements and forward planning***

**Where:- *Wodonga—Venue top be arranged***

**Time 10am—12 midday**

**And don't forget:-**

### **Celebration of Mentoring in the Hume Region**

This celebration will take place in October this year—so stay tuned –this will be a great day to not only highlight your own programs but to see what other programs are doing and to take time out to celebrate with Mentors and Mentees.

**Date:- Wednesday 28th October 2009**

**Where:- Benalla - Venue to be confirmed**

**Time:- to be confirmed**

**So watch out for updates and highlight this one in your diary as not to be missed!!!**

# Want a better chance of winning a grant?

Why not attend the 'Intensive Winning Grants Seminar'?

A Seminar for volunteers, staff and fundraisers on how to win the MOST GRANTS EVER for your community organisation or school

When: 9 October 9:30am-1:00pm

Cost: \$95 per person

Where: Angliss Conference Centre Building A, Level 5 55 La Trobe Street Melbourne

Further Information: Contact Lisa Reed via email to [lisar@ourcommunity.com.au](mailto:lisar@ourcommunity.com.au) or telephone (03) 9320 6820



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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Don't forget to check out the possible grant opportunities in the VYMA—Victorian youth Mentoring Alliance July newsletter

## Changes to Federal Funding for Youth Mentoring



The Minister for Youth, Kate Ellis, has announced changes to the youth transitions programs funded by the Federal Government through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations. The Government will invest \$618 million to ensure that young Australians at risk of falling through the cracks get the support they need to get into training and work.

Under this reform new and existing youth mentoring programs will have the opportunity to apply for funding through two new initiatives:

1. Community and Education Engagement Partnerships initiative - will broker partnerships between schools, business and the community to assist schools to extend learning beyond the classroom.
2. Youth Connections initiative - will focus on life skills to help youth at risk to re-engage with their community, training and the workforce.

The new arrangements will be implemented under a National Partnership on Youth Attainment and Transitions which is expected to be finalised by July 2009. Phone DEEWR on 1300 363 079 to ensure you are kept in the loop.

## Working With Children's Check and Teachers' Registration.

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Some valuable info regarding people working with children / youth....

School teachers are not required to have Working With Children Checks as long as they have a current, valid Teachers' Registration number. The Victorian Teacher's Registration works the same way as a Working With Children Check. The following link takes you to the webpage where you can search the register to ensure that someone's registration is still valid.

[http://www.vit.vic.edu.au/content.asp?Document\\_ID=959](http://www.vit.vic.edu.au/content.asp?Document_ID=959)

For people who have had a WWCC, you can check that it is still valid by checking the WWCC register on the following page:

<http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/Working+With+Children/Home/WWCC+-+Check+Status+-+Weblink>

Don't forget the next NRGize workshop coming up:



NRGize is an invaluable workshop for those what are you running a mentoring program for young people, starting a new mentoring program or considering establishing a mentoring program for young people. It is a comprehensive training program that has been developed and trialled by practitioners over a number of years both within Australia and internationally.

When: Tuesday 22 September to Thursday 24 September 2009

Location: Ayers House Functions 288 North Terrace Adelaide SA 5000

Cost: \$620 \* Special Early Bird Price \$565 \* finishes 2 August 2009

RSVP: Visit [www.youthmentoringvic.org.au](http://www.youthmentoringvic.org.au) to book

**VYMA**—Victorian Youth Mentoring alliance membership is now due visit [www.youthmentoringvic.org.au](http://www.youthmentoringvic.org.au)

## Hume Region Group Update

If group Coordinators could find time to fill this short questionnaire in it would be most helpful to update my information

How many Mentors and Mentees do you currently have in your program?
Mentors
Mentees
Number of Matches
Do you know of any new Mentor groups in your area – either formal or informal?
Are there any challenges you have at present with your mentor program?
Name a recent success for your project
Do you have any new and exciting initiatives your program is working on?

## AVAILABLE RESOURCES

The Victorian Youth Mentoring Alliance's 'Community Partnerships in Mentoring Forum' was held in October, from this ideas and tools have been developed to assist you in building strong partnerships.

these resources from the day are available on the VYMA website at [www.youthmentoringvic.org.au](http://www.youthmentoringvic.org.au)

They cover:

VYMA Community partnership presentation

Vichealth presentation / Vichealth partnership analysis tool

The Community partnership in Mentoring resource list

Working in partnership guide

2008 Department of planning and Community development

The practical partnering toolkit 2007

The partnering tool book 2003

The partnership self assessment tool kit

And several Memorandum of Understanding samples

The publication that came out of the Volunteer Mentor Summit in July 2008.

is available for download at [www.youthmentoringvic.org.au](http://www.youthmentoringvic.org.au)

This guide is a culmination of your views and provides coordinators with a real insight into 'What Mentors Want'.

## Valuable Contacts

Victorian Youth Mentoring Alliance Website: [www.youthmentoringvic.org.au](http://www.youthmentoringvic.org.au)

Office for Youth Website: [www.youth.vic.gov.au](http://www.youth.vic.gov.au)

Youth Mentoring Network Australia: [info@youthmentoring.org.au](mailto:info@youthmentoring.org.au)

Mentoring News: [newsletter@mentoring-works.com](mailto:newsletter@mentoring-works.com)



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NESAY - North east Support and Action for Youth Inc - is a not for profit Youth and Family Welfare Agency.

NESAY has offered multi faceted programs across the Hume Region for the past 20 years working with homeless and extremely disadvantaged youth and their families.

Empowering young people by providing support to encourage feelings of self worth and confidence to deal with issues in their day to day life.

NESAY as the lead Community Agency, are funded by the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust to provide a whole of region co-ordination role for mentoring programs.

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