

Who's the Mentor

Thought of the Day

"You cannot sincerely help someone else, without helping yourself"
Winston Churchill

Hi to you all

Well welcome to 2009

By now I'm sure everyone is well into the routine again and looking at fabulous successes for the year in the Mentoring arena.

There has been a lot of contact with several groups over the past few weeks—success stories from last years programs and innovative initiatives for expansion of programs this year also feedback to me on how the MMM program has assisted group Coordinators over the past 12 months—thank you for the feedback it is most helpful in planning for future events and activities.

Careers Connection has been successful in their funding application for a mentoring program and contact with Anne Trickey in the past few weeks has been most positive— they are in the process of setting the program up and interviewing mentors so stayed tuned for updates.

The training calendar for 2009 has not been distributed as yet—there is a reference group planning day scheduled for the end of February so hopefully I will have the calendar out soon after that.

The first training day for 2009 will be held in Benalla on the 25th February and will be looking at Grant writing (please see page 2 for details)

The idea is to have a training/ networking meeting in each area of the Hume this will also give me a good chance to catch up with those Coordinators in outlying areas should they wish to do so.

The focus on Youth Mentoring continues to go from strength to strength and Communities continue to realize the potential of mentoring support for young people, so the planned day of celebration to coincide with youth mentoring week 2009 to promote the great work being achieved by Mentors, Mentees and Coordinators across the Hume Region is a major focus for the year.

This year youth mentoring week is being held in October— so we can either tie our day of celebration of youth mentoring in the Hume region into that week or hold it earlier in the year—maybe in July I'm open to suggestions on that.

Contact with local organizations and local councils about the need in their local area continues to gain momentum with several local shires holding meetings to gauge interest and needs within their area.

Partnership and sharing of resources continues to be paramount to ensure a whole of Community approach to mentoring.— ensuring that Young People receive the support and assistance they need to realize their potential.

I look forward to making contact in the near future with those Coordinators that I haven't touched base with so far this year and please don't hesitate to contact me with issues or queries that may come up in regard to mentoring within the Hume.

Here's to a great year.

Cheers *Duo*

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Youth Mentoring Network

Don't forget to take the opportunity to register your program with YMN—there is no cost in registering your program details on the online data base and gives you the opportunity to use online tools and resources.

At the same time you will also helping to create a more sustainable future for mentoring.

Visit their website today www.youthmentoring.org.au to learn more about their campaign and how to register a program on the YMN data base.

They can also be contacted on info@youthmentoring.org.au or (02) 90827287

Hume Region Mentor Network Forum—Wednesday 25th February 2009



How many of you are unsure of what is being looked for in grant applications—it is such a competitive area with the need for support growing all the time.

You may be looking at expanding your program, setting up a new program or refunding a current program

Why not come along and get some information covering:

- Effective grant writing—easy steps to planning, gathering information, writing the proposal and completing and lodging your application
- What things to watch out for
- What funders are looking for in grant applications

Chris Wootton from the Helen Macpherson Smith Trust will also be attending this session so come armed with lots of questions (this is a great chance to hear what philanthropic agencies look for in any applications crossing their desks)

When: Wednesday 25th February 2009

Where: Uniting Church conference room—Carrier Street Benalla (see attached directions)

Time: 10am—12 midday

Don't forget this great resource as well

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Part 1 - This Month's Highlights

Hello and welcome to the October edition of EasyGrants.

Our Great Grant this month is the **Helping Hands** program. Not-for-profit organisations can apply for funding under this program for projects and activities that offer clear public benefit for communities living in small rural and remote locations in Australia, contributing to their development in social and community welfare, economic, environmental, health, education or cultural areas. Get in quick to apply as applications close October 27 2008.

We have a number of funding opportunities listed this month that are new to EasyGrants. These include the

- **Tank A Day** program, which is designed to help Australian primary schools kick start their water saving journey and educate students about the importance of conserving our precious natural resources. A total of 200 rainwater tanks will be on offer for primary schools. Only primary school principals may register their school. If you are a parent, guardian, friend or student, and know of a school that has not entered the challenge, speak to a teacher or the principal and encourage them to take up the offer.
- The **Green Precincts Fund**, which encourages water and energy savings measures at the community level. The program aims to raise community awareness about water and energy savings and to encourage take up of water and energy savings measures, including the use of renewable energy in the home and at community facilities. Funding is capped at 50 per cent of eligible costs, with minimum funding of \$500,000, up to a maximum of \$1.5 million (GST exclusive) per project proposal.
- And the **NSW Aboriginal Trust Fund Repayment Scheme**. The aim of this scheme is to make sure that any potential claimants or their descendants are registered with the program by the 31 December 2008 deadline. Spoken Wages is the money that was withheld from Indigenous people's wages, pensions, child endowment payments, inheritances, and lump sum compensation payments. It was either not paid or kept in trust by the Government. If a person who may have been owed money in this way has died, their descendants can make a claim.
- Finally, the new **Sports Without Borders** program is designed to assist young people from newly arrived refugee and first and second generation migrant backgrounds to integrate into their local communities by facilitating their participation in sport. Both individuals and sporting/community organisations are eligible to apply. Applications close October 31st 2008.

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Best of luck,
The OurCommunity Grants Team

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- Funding Tool No.3. **GrantsBook - How To Find Money Fast - 50 Ways How to Raise up to \$5000**
- Funding Tool No.4. **GrantsBook - Winning Grants Starting in January - The Step by Step Guide**
- Funding Tool No.5. **Take Thousands Service through the Australian Giving Centre**
- Funding Tool No.6. **BeaGrants Newsletter (Private Companies & Commercial Community Groups Grants)**

Training coming up

Although our training in February cover Grant Writing there is also the training below coming up in Melbourne for those interested.

Intensive Winning Grants Seminar

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

This course provides the answer to all your grant seeking questions. Learn the secrets for easily winning more grants for your community organisation, and find out how to drastically increase the number of grants you can apply for without pushing yourself (and your group) into an early grave.

You Will Learn:

- The best ways to present your proposal - tell the story of your project and your group to the greatest advantage
- How to develop your statement of need - choosing data to support your project proposal
- How to develop an "organisation template" - to save time in writing applications
- How to humanise your story - presenting a compelling picture
- How to navigate the grants landscape - sorting out which grants are best for your project
- How to write a proposal - every word matters; style, treatment and content
- Making friends and long-term relationships with grant makers - managing relationships, acknowledging funders
- Giving the grant maker what they want - how to tailor your proposal for multiple grant makers
- Creating winning project plans & realistic budgets - ensure project plans and budgets get the proposal across the line

Meeting different requirements from different sources - different levels of government, philanthropic and corporate

Key Benefits:

- Australia's best value-for-money training
- Australia's most useful and practical grants training
- Training developed specifically for the community sector context
- Convenient locations - training provided in capital cities and regional centres throughout Australia and in other locations by arrangement
- Practical grant seeking solutions that can instantly applied in your organisation
- Associate Membership of the Australian Institute of Community Practice and Governance for all course participants

Engaging, experienced, approachable presenters and highly practical, interactive training

Cost: \$95 per person

Further Information:

For further information please contact Lisa Reed via email to lisar@ourcommunity.com.au or telephone (03) 9320 6820.

Please Note: Course details are correct at time of publication, however dates, times and venues may change. Any changes will be advised via email - please ensure you provide a correct email address during registration.

MELBOURNE—20th May 2009 9-12.30

ANGLISS CONFERENCE CENTRE

Building A level 5—555 Latrobe Street Melbourne

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

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

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

Office for Youth Website: www.youth.vic.gov.au

Youth Mentoring Network Australia: info@youthmentoring.org.au

Mentoring News: 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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