



South West VETlink Inc Newsletter

June 2008

From the Executive Officer

They say time flies when you are having fun! Well - here at the LCP office we have been having so much fun that it's halfway through the year already!



I should like to warmly thank the work of our fantastic team here at South West VETlink and introduce you to our two new fabulous additions:

Sylvia Annear has joined our team for one day per week. Sylvia complements the already excellent work done by Carolyn Newman.

Susan Main joins South West VETlink to co-ordinate the Bunbury Region Employer Induction and Workbook Project. Sue will be liaising with current and prospective employers compiling updated information for the Employer Directory that will be accessible via our website for 2009. Although predominantly working

offsite she can be contacted on 9795 9718 or 0409 201 870 and via this office.

At the recent WA Career Advice Australia conference Ms Robyn Calder, Branch Manager, Transitions Branch, Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations commended the LCPs, RICA and Youth Pathways on their dedication, in sometimes difficult circumstances, to facilitate career development and quality workplace learning for our clients. In addition Ms Calder announced that for our work in careers and transitions the May 2008 budget confirmed an extension to the Career Advice Australia Initiative so all contracts are aligned to at least the end of 2009, which is great news.

Welcome to Cape Naturaliste High School, a new school to open to 2008 in the Vasse region, this brings the number of schools under our LCP contract to 31.

Warm regards

Jocelyn Hope
Executive Officer
South West VETlink Inc.

Upcoming Events

Professional Development

“Update, refresh, share & review”

Wednesday, 8 August 2008
Sanctuary Golf Resort, Bunbury

This professional development session facilitated by **Bruno Pilleggi** will relook at the **Australian Blueprint for Career Development** and share the journeys of three of our local schools. The format will:

1. **Review** the context for Career Development.
2. **Refresh** the WA Guidelines for Career Development and Transition Support Services and the Australian Blueprint for Career Development (ABCD).
3. **Share** experiences associated with Individual Pathway Plans (IPPs) and Career and Transition Portfolios.
4. **Update** schools with the developments in school planning frameworks.

Registrations Close 23 July
Please note that registrations forms can be accessed via the website on www.southwestvetlink.wa.edu.au



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Step to the Future Forum

18 & 19 August 2008
Bunbury Regional
Entertainment Centre

What a wonderful success story this forum has been. In 2007 the South West schools cautiously attended this forum with just fewer than 600 students. In 2008 we shall support two forums being the Junior (Years 8 -10) and the Senior forum (Years 11 and 12).

Your response has been fantastic - the Junior Forum is sold out and the Senior Forum has less than 50 seats.

So that's 1600 students and support staff.

Congratulations and thank you!

Information on confirmed
speakers coming soon.

Future Possibilities Forum 25 September 2008 Bunbury Forum Shopping Centre



FUTURE POSSIBILITIES
EXPLORING YOUR POTENTIAL,
DEVELOPING YOUR ABILITIES

GIVEAWAYS // INFORMATION // ENTERTAINMENT

“ The Future Possibilities Forum is an opportunity to inform youth, families and teaching staff about training and employment options for people with disabilities and learning difficulties ”



DATE: Thursday 25 September 2008
TIME: 10.00am - 2.00pm
VENUE: Bunbury Forum Shopping Centre
For further information contact Christine Sibley
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Yes we've been busy!

Giving it a WIRL

This project enabled ten young Western Australians to showcase their working lives via the national digital career resource known as WIRL or 'What's it really like?' As its name suggests WIRL targets its youthful audience by creating genuinely insightful glimpses of young people's experience in training and employment. These video segments can be easily accessed via the project web site at <http://www.wirl.com/au> or at our website, www.southwestvetlink.wa.edu.au.

WIRL South West was a collaborative project involving the Disabilities Focus Group (facilitated by South West VETlink to identify collaborative projects - a Disabilities Service Commission local Focus Group, Activ Foundation, Rural Skills Australia and South West VETlink. The WIRL film crew traveled from Melbourne to film the segments giving the six disabled and four young people from rural backgrounds involved in the project firsthand experience of participating in an intensive, media project in which they were interviewed and filmed in line with the project's tight deadlines for completing each segment.



South West VETlink hosted a celebratory 'Lunch and Launch' for all the participants and their families and employers at which the young stars were given another media opportunity to respond to questions about their experience on the project.

WIRL South West provides an excellent platform for local young people to contribute their stories to a national career development context. On this

basis and as a result of the 2007 successes, South West VETlink will be facilitating a WIRL for young indigenous Western Australians in 2008. This is a collaborative project with Local Community partnerships in Narrogin and Albany.

STOP PRESS!

PURCHASE your own copy of the DVD - \$10.00 per copy (incl. postage & handling)

Phone Carolyn on (08) 9751 4333 to place your order.

External Fun - ding

Career Education Lighthouse Schools Project

As you may be aware the Career Education Lighthouse Schools Project recognises best practice and encourages innovation in school career education programs through providing funding to schools. Lighthouse Schools act as champions and demonstrators of best practice in quality career education and encourage other secondary, primary, government and non-government schools to implement quality career education programs. The Project is one of a number of Commonwealth Government initiatives which aim to highlight and reinforce high quality career education as an essential part of schooling in Australia.

Applications for 2009 Lighthouse Schools Projects will close on 31 July 2008.

For more information including on eligibility visit:

<http://newsletter.gradcareers.com.au/lt.php?id=ZE4AA1KJVwcmGLQDC00GBQABBw%3D%3D> or email careerscholarships@curriculum.edu.au

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