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“Let’s talk... study, work & life”

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August topic:

Welcome to “Let’s talk... study, work & life” bought to you by Wellington and East Gippsland Learn Locals.

The August program focused on our “Get ready for work” programs – currently on offer from all our sites across East Gippsland and Wellington shires. Our sites are in Orbost, Buchan, Paynesville and Heyfield and we can come to you!! At the moment we are offering programs in Bairnsdale, Sale and Lakes Entrance. We also offer the opportunity to access some of our programs online using video conferencing for remote communities such as Swifts Creek, Cann River, Dargo.

A few updates from our June episode on **Financial Wellbeing**

In July we ran a program in Lakes Entrance supporting people to get their licence and perhaps purchase a car. Are you aware that the Victorian State Government is supporting eligible Victorians to change over to a safer car. It is called the Unsafe to Safe program and is open to young regional Victorians until the 27th August.

Check out a concession that is available to low income families that are not connected to mains water supply – they are eligible for a rebate on the purchase of water for domestic use. You can contact the Concessions Info Line on 1800 658 521

Budgets and “budgeting apps” are always a point of discussion in our “Money Matters” programs, the Choice website has recently released a report on the pros & cons of budgeting apps and which ones are the best. www.choice.com.au or just checkout the MoneySmart website.

Just a reminder we have a couple of “Money Matters for women” programs starting in Term 4 in Sale and Paynesville – don’t hesitate to give us a call to find out more information.

So..... lets talk about the “Get ready for work” programs, what are they about?

All our “Get ready for work” programs are focused on supporting people into employment opportunities or education pathways. Our programs are offered over 5 weeks and are designed in conjunction with local industries to get you ready for work.

Topics covered in these courses include:

Eight employability skills to help you get a job:

Teamwork, Initiative, Problem solving, Learning, Communication, Technology, Leadership, Self management

You can be taught technical skills in the workplace however if you can show signs of these employability skills you are an asset to any employer!

Interview skills

How to dress for success, writing key selection criteria, and practice with interviews.

Industry connections

All our courses are connected to local industry – helping you to secure employment, what jobs are available, what skills do you need and how to use their recruitment processes and applying for jobs online.

Resumes and cover letters

We support you to write a current and adaptable resume and prepare a cover letter to get you noticed.

Some of our unique course features include:

Guest speakers that will help you:

- Develop your resume and cover letters.
- Understand the workings of the industry
- Discover pathways for further study.
- Tips to help you start your new job

We have had some fantastic industry supporters over the last 18 months including:

Gippsland Lakes Complete Health

IGA in Heyfield

Long Paddock

Classique Café

Australia Sustainable Hardwoods

Old Grain Store

Bairnsdale Region Health

Orbost Health Service

Who can attend these “Get ready for work” courses

Our courses are suitable for a range of different people – if you haven't been in work for a long time, if you are returning to work after having a family or caring for a family member, if you are changing careers, if you haven't been well and are returning to work, if you want to update your skills or find out what options are open to you.

The course content is flexible enough to be adjusted to suit the needs of all students and at the same time our focus is always on ensuring an enjoyable and comfortable learning experience.

We have quite a few “Get ready for work” programs starting in Term 4 in Heyfield, Paynesville, Bairnsdale and Orbost.

Find out more about when our next “Get ready for work” course is running in your community by contacting any of our centres at Buchan Neighbourhood House, Heyfield Resource Centre, Orbost Education Centre, Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre or Sale Neighbourhood House. You could also check out what courses we have to offer on our website, just search Learn Local Gippsland.