



Some smiling faces at Goroke's most recent Art and Craft workshops in June/July school holidays.

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Council at Careers Expo

Council staff had a great day on Tuesday 25th June at the Western Victorian Careers Expo 2024! Our team enjoyed meeting many enthusiastic students and job seekers at our stall, sharing insights about careers and opportunities within our shire. Here's to a bright future for all the attendees!



Students visiting the Western Victorian Careers Expo had the opportunity to learn more about working with West Wimmera Shire Council. The expo took place on June 25 at Longerenong, and our focus was to showcase the range of career opportunities available at WWSC.

We had staff from different departments available to speak to interested students, discussing their roles, career paths, and the skills and qualifications needed for their positions. Our goal was to highlight the diverse positions we offer and the value of working in small rural communities. We also displayed any current vacancies.

Our stand at the careers expo was supported by Engage! Victoria, which helps young people create, participate in, and engage with activities, projects, programs, and services that assist them in fully participating in the communities where they live and work

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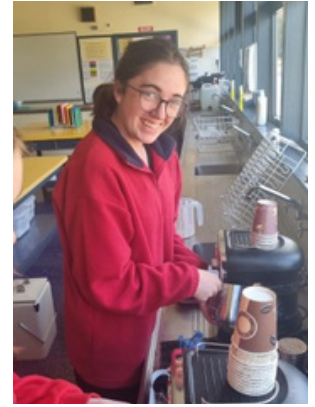
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Vocational training

Over a two day period, the Kaniva College Year 10's VCE/VM and VCE/VPE students participated in some hospitality based training at the school. The first day was Safe Food Handling, and the basics of Barista, and the second day was practicing coffee making, and Responsible Service of Alcohol. The Safe Food Handling and RSA Courses were accredited which gave participants a valuable qualification to be able to work opportunities.



Harrow kids head to Robe Surf School

West Wimmera's Southern young people, enjoyed the opportunity to travel to Robe to participate in a double session of Charlie's Surf School. While the season was definitely on the turn to being on the cooler side, this did not dissuade 20 participants from learning new and reinforcing previous learning in a really enjoyable way. As the coast is at least a couple of hours away from where most of these young people live, it was a great opportunity to enjoy something that they normally would not have the opportunity to do. Travel, meals and snacks were included as part of the outing.



Experiential and VPM hands on learning

During term 2 and into term 3, young people from Years 7 - 10 at Edenhope College were able to get out of the classroom to do some hands on learning, out in the community, doing volunteer and recreational activities that were designed to build community citizenships skills, and build confidence, social and leadership skills. The VPM Hands on learning group were setting up a social enterprise project to hone their leadership, business and community engagement skills. These skills will be invaluable if young people wish to develop an idea from scratch, to develop plans and strategies to create their own business.

Engage! Victoria funding provides opportunities to thrive in the communities that they live, to make connections, develop technical and interpersonal skills, and build confidence in their ability to think strategically and build something from scratch.

Kaniva students get Fit 2 Drive session

Thursday 23rd of May, the year 10 and 11 students at Kaniva College Participated in a Fit 2 Drive course, as they move towards learning how to drive. The Fit 2 Drive facilitator got everyone to think about the kinds of hazards present on the road, and how many of them were within the drivers control. There were some that weren't, but it highlighted just how many avoidable risks drivers can avoid through making good decisions, and reducing distractions.



Three members from Vic Pol presented to the class, including 2 highly experienced members from the Highway Patrol team. They highlighted the escalated risks that young people face as young drivers, and some of the penalties and consequences of making poor decisions while behind the wheel.

The Fit 2 Drive facilitator also re-enacted a real life example of how poor planning, negative peer influence, and illegal behaviour led to the death of 4 young people on what should have been a night of celebration and fun, and just how quickly the situation escalated to tragedy.

It was a fairly intense day, but hopefully the lessons learned from the day will be retained.

Dance workshops

Over May and June, Justin Siedel from Freestyle Dance Ministry visited all of the West Wimmera Shire schools to deliver amazing workshops, that put smiles on everyone's faces. Justin is no stranger to West Wimmera as he has visited a number of times, and is a favourite amongst participants.

The program was funded through FReeZa Victoria, managed by West Wimmera Shire Council's Youth Program.

Edenhope formal

The senior students of Edenhope, Goroke and Balmoral colleges recently held their combined school formal. Decisions about themes, venues, decorations and food were made by students which made the night even more personal. The Engage! Victoria program has a category which funds youth events, such as milestone and rite of passage celebrations. These celebrations are important to mark the end of the high school journey for many of the students, and such occasions were conspicuously absent during the isolation of COVID, which left students unrecognized and without any real 'hoopla' which is important for such an important milestone in the lives of our young people.

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