

GOULBURN MURRAY LOCAL LEARNING AND EMPLOYMENT NETWORK STRATEGIC PLAN 2021 - 2024

OUR GOALS

INFORM

We provide information about local jobs of the future, skills in demand and growing industries

PREPARE

We find opportunities to give young people work exposure/experience and connections to the local labour market

CONNECT

We work with employers to better connect with young people and schools

WHAT WE WILL DO

- ▶ Provide research about the future of the local labour market
- ▶ Explore creating a labour market data portal for students, job seekers, families and those working with young people
- ▶ Continue creating capacity building resources for teachers/careers educators and those working with young people beyond school

- ▶ Continue to connect young people to school based apprenticeships, work placements, work readiness and immersion activities
- ▶ Advocate for the LLEN 'Project Ready' work readiness program to more schools throughout our region. Project Ready offers a tailored vocational program for secondary students that require additional support
- ▶ Investigate earlier years activities to build aspiration and course choices

- ▶ Continue to build connections with employers and key industry stakeholders to create strategic and sustainable partnerships
- ▶ Engage employers in activities to help young people, especially those at risk of disengaging or who have already disengaged from school
- ▶ Work with employers to better attract and work with young people
- ▶ Continue to grow connections with beyond-school career and job programs. Linking their services to other stakeholders will help keep young people connected after school

OUR MISSION

Many young people are not making a successful transition from school to work due to barriers they face along the way.

In 2016 in our region:

- ▶ **7% of young people aged 15 to 19** (408) were not in school or employment, reducing their lifetime income by 10% for every year left early
- ▶ **20% of young people aged 20 to 24** (957) were not in education or employment, missing the period for developing a base of experience that is imperative to secure a successful career
- ▶ Shepparton in our region is the **7th highest youth unemployment hotspot in Australia** with a rate at 18%

And yet, jobs in our region are increasing, with the **fastest growing industries** being construction, agriculture, health care and social assistance and manufacturing. Opportunities are there for our young people.

This strategy focuses on improving transitions to education, training and employment to ensure every young person, no matter their circumstance, can thrive and be the best version of themselves.

KEY REGIONS

We work within three key regions to improve young people's participation, engagement, attainment and transition outcomes.

- ▶ Moira Shire
- ▶ Greater Shepparton
- ▶ Strathbogie Shire



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“Our vision is that all youth in our communities are successfully engaged in education, training and employment.”

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