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WELCOME TO IMAGINE, EXPLORE, DISCOVER

Winter has come and I am sure most people are already longing for warmer days to get us through the colder months of the year. I hope you are all keeping warm.

IED's winter edition brings you the latest news from our Hume Global Learning Village (HGLV) members. It is great to see

how *IED* continues to be a source of information and inspiration for anyone involved in learning in Hume.

In this edition you will read about Hume Horizons 2040, Hume City Council's Community Plan. Many members of our community are participating in this important discussion about how we envision our city in the future.

Our input will guide Council's priorities and delivery of services up to the year 2040. Your say is invaluable – get informed and get involved.

A reminder to all my fellow teachers and principals: nominations for the 2013 round of scholarships open soon. I encourage you all to nominate your inspiring teacher for their chance to win a Teachers' Scholarship award.

In other news, we are seeing the rollout of two major education projects in Hume: the Hume Multiversity Initiative and the Hume Education Guarantee Scheme. Read all about the initiatives that will bring higher education to Hume in 2014.

You will also be introduced to some exciting new learning programs taking place in Hume.

Don't forget to visit our webpage on the internet to read the full version of some articles or to simply read *IED* online. Visit www.hume.vic.gov.au and click on 'Libraries and Learning'.

Enjoy your reading.

Ken Thompson

Chairman,
Hume Global Learning Village Committee

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HUME GLOBAL LEARNING VILLAGE IT IS FREE TO JOIN

The Hume Global Learning Village (HGLV) is a unique, dynamic and inclusive network comprised of 800+ individuals and organisations who are committed to improving learning opportunities in Hume. HGLV members receive free coverage of their learning organisation's events in *Imagine, Explore, Discover* (print and online formats) and the monthly email newsletter *Village Voice*. Send your submission to *IED's* editor at ied@hume.vic.gov.au and include a media release or brief description of your program or activity. To have your material published, you must be a HGLV member and your item needs to be learning-related. To become a member visit www.hume.vic.gov.au and click on 'Hume Global Learning Village'. It is free to join.



MEET+EAT PROJECT

A STORY TO SHARE

Abdi Abden, from Craigieburn, is one of Meet+Eat's Cultural Leaders

Meet+Eat is a documentary series set in Hume City which is bringing people from different backgrounds together to share a meal.

Each episode of Meet+Eat uses the act of sharing food as a way of getting people to tell stories, debate issues that are important to them or share something inspiring that they are doing in Hume.

The project has a strong learning component. A group of community representatives was selected to become part of the production team.

The group started training with industry professionals and has learnt about all aspects of the film industry from writing and producing to operating the camera, filming and editing.

"Our objective is to train local people who have a vision and passion for making films with their community, so they can continue to give a voice to every corner of their neighbourhood. The long term goal of Meet+Eat is to work with our cultural leaders to gain professional level production skills and work towards gaining more funding to help them set up their own enterprise and micro film industry in Hume," said Emma Macey, CuriousWorks Creative Producer.

"We are basically learning how to direct a film, how to operate sound, light and camera. In this phase we are watching professionals at work. In the second phase, we will reverse roles and will direct our own films," said Abdi Abden, one of Meet+Eat's Cultural Leaders from Craigieburn. Abdi also featured in the 'Go Back to Where you Came From' (2012) TV series.

For Abdi this is a new way to reach out to his own community and document their stories. "It's been a great learning journey about my own neighbourhood. I can't believe how lucky I am to be part of this free training program as I also want to set up my own filming business," he said.

The CuriousWorks crew is travelling around Hume and filming on location in Jacana, Craigieburn and Meadow Heights. By the end of the three-year project, the intention is to cover other Hume areas.

"Hume is such a rich rural culture, with old suburban developments and new developments all side by side. Not only is Meet+Eat an opportunity to meet another Australia but it shows another side of Hume," said Emma.

Produced by CuriousWorks and funded by Hume City Council, VicHealth and The Scanlon Foundation, the Meet+Eat films will be shown as part of a red carpet event at the Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn later this year.



Helen and her mother Fotini in the kitchen: "a wonderful opportunity to discover a new culture"

HAVE A STORY TO SHARE?

As part of the Meet+Eat series, Helen Hatzikalas, and her mother Fotini Mastrostavvis, hosted a Greek dinner to a Samoan family. "The most interesting thing was seeing the children from both families learning about a different culture," she said. Helen's family was then invited to attend a dinner hosted by her Samoan guests. "We listened to their music and ate beautiful food, it was a unique experience. We also talked about our migrant experiences: my parents' arrival in the 50's and their arrival in the early 2000's, we discussed how things have changed," she said.

CuriousWorks is looking for people who, like Helen and her mum, would be willing to host a dinner and share their personal stories or discuss local issues. Applications are taken anytime up until March 2014.

Visit www.curiousworks.com.au for more information.

CRAIGIEBURN CENTRAL JOBLINK PROGRAM

In the lead up to the opening of the new Craigieburn Central shopping complex, LendLease, in partnership with Hume City Council, has launched the Craigieburn Central Joblink.

"Joblink is an innovative partnership program which aims to guide local residents to courses, training and overall job search support which will help them to connect to the different employment opportunities that will be available at the shopping centre," said Maria Dimitriou, Hume City Council's Employment and Learning Coordinator.

A series of free information sessions and workshops focussing on job readiness skills are currently being conducted at the Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn.

Topics include resume writing, job search and application techniques, interview techniques, and employers' expectations. In addition, the Joblink Project Officer is working from the Craigieburn Library, providing one on one career support and the information on employment and learning opportunities around Craigieburn.

Project partners Kangan Institute and Meadow Heights Learning Shop have also planned courses specific to the emerging employment opportunities at the shopping centre which are listed on the Joblink website.

NMIT COURSES

PREPARATION FOR PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

The Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE (NMIT) offers a diverse range of short courses to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in the job market.

This year NMIT is running workshops for professionals who are ineligible for a government-funded place in the wellknown Overseas Qualified Professionals (OQP) program, and who are seeking employment in Australia.

Participants may be newly arrived professionals or even people born in Australia who are having difficulty breaking into the job market.

Through the Preparation for Professional Employment (PPE) course students will develop networking opportunities with professionals from relevant industries.

They will also gain practice in interview skills and obtain knowledge of the Australian workplace culture.

"This is the first time we are running a PPE course. The course is designed to assist professionals with obtaining interviews and in securing employment through networking," said Terry O'Reilly, NMIT's Program Coordinator.

Each short course runs for two sessions and costs \$340. Participants receive a model resume and cover letter, sample response to key selection criteria, interview skills advice, sample script to assist in contacting employers by telephone and face-to-face, and a sample email message to assist in contacting employers electronically.



Winston Cuxton talks about his jobs prospects with Joblink's Umme Salma

A Job Expo with Craigieburn Central retailers will also be held on Wednesday 28 August at the Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn. "The expo will give retailers the chance to showcase their vacancies and provide local residents the opportunity to directly connect to the employment and training opportunities that will be available in their area," said Maria.

Visit www.craigieburncentraljoblink.com for more information. To make an appointment for a career support session with Umme Salma, Joblink Project Officer, call **9205 2602**.



The 2013 dates for the PPE courses are Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 June, and Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 September.

For more information contact Michelle Zhan at oqp@nmit.edu.au or call Michelle on **9269 1700**.



Participants may be newly arrived professionals who are having difficulty breaking into the job market

Donna Barrera and students at
Craigieburn South Primary School:
the best in Australia

CRAIGIEBURN SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

AUSTRALIA'S TOP PERFORMER

Results on the MySchool website showed that Craigieburn South Primary School was one of Australia's top performers in Grades 3 and 5.

Students at Craigieburn South Primary are performing well above the national average in spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

Donna Barrera, Assistant Principal, said the school had been on a 10-year journey to improve its results. "All programs and lessons have a specific learning intention. We also offer many support programs including reading and maths intervention, speech support and English as a second language," said Donna.

The school monitors student progress on a regular basis. Teachers then analyse and reflect upon school and classroom data and base their lessons accordingly.

Donna said she is proud of the school's results but urges parents to visit the range of schools available before making a decision on which school to enrol their children.

"Although the My School website provides parents with a good indication of how the school is performing, it is always important for parents to visit the school to see all the programs at work and to have any questions answered. They want to make sure the school they select is right for them and their children."

Visit www.craigsth.vic.edu.au for more information.

What is the My School website?

The My School website provides information on 9,500 Australian schools. You can quickly locate schools in your community and compare them with similar schools across the country. Visit www.myschool.edu.au for more information.

COOLAROO SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

MY COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

Coolaroo South Primary School's 'My Community' project is bringing together students, their families and the local community for an exciting new arts project.

Having recently renovated one of their old buildings, the school decided to turn it into a communal space.

According to Fahriye Yilmaz, Coolaroo South Primary School Community Liaison Officer, once the space was created, the next step was to have it decorated by the families who would be using it.

"This is how the idea came about: we wanted our parents and community members to feel like this is their room, so how better than to give them ownership of this very special space?" said Fahriye.

Community artist Anna Ashton was invited to assist and guide the families through an innovative tile artwork workshop. All families came together and under Anna's guidance decorated their own tile.

The theme was 'My Community' and each participant was invited to express what 'community' meant to them through their own artwork. Once the tiles were ready, Anna completed a wall mural for their new space.

The area now holds various community events and workshops. Each week there is a playgroup session where families engage in oral language and literacy activities with their children.

The sessions always have a special guest such as a maternal health nurse, and occupational, speech and play therapists.

For more information on Coolaroo South Primary School's My Community project, contact Fahriye Yilmaz at yilmaz.fahriye.f@edumail.vic.gov.au or call Fahriye on **9309 1664**.



Fahriye Yilmaz, Hume Teachers' Scholarships winner (2011), is coordinating Coolaroo South's art project



eSmart Schools Coordinator Emily Gilbert with Year 6 students Hunter Kong and Callum Bishop.

HUME SCHOOLS CYBERSAFETY INITIATIVE

With ever-changing digital technologies so readily available to students, there has never been a better time to teach them about smart, safe and responsible use of technology.

Twenty-five schools in Hume City are following the lead of more than 1,400 others across Australia, by taking cybersafety education to the next level with eSmart Schools.

eSmart Schools, an initiative of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation, is a behaviour-change system to help schools to improve cybersafety and deal with cyberbullying and bullying.

Now in more than 60 percent of Victorian Government schools, the eSmart Schools system is driving students' desires to learn about cybersafety and acceptable online behaviour.

eSmart Schools uses a whole school approach including evidence-based practices, policies and activities to support the school leadership team to make cybersafety a normal part of every young person's life.

Kismet Park Primary School's eSmart Coordinator, Emily Gilbert, is thrilled with eSmart Schools so far.

"eSmart Schools is so important to our school – we want to give our students, teachers and school community the knowledge and practices to make safe, smart and responsible decisions when it comes to using technology," said Emily.

With easy-to-access online resources, thoroughly researched Framework domains and orientation training sessions, eSmart Schools is a leading cybersafety system for schools in Australia.

Visit www.esmartschools.org.au for more information or to register your school.

STRIDE FOUNDATION CAREER SNAPSHOTS IN CRAIGIEBURN

After two successful years assisting students at the Gladstone Park Secondary College, the Stride Foundation is now introducing its Career Snapshots program to students at Craigieburn Secondary College.

The program links students with volunteer mentors who talk through the skills they will need to be successful in the workplace. Participants will explore different career possibilities and learn about various roles available in the workplace.

"Career Snapshots highlights the purpose of school and the importance of planning a pathway for the future," said Lyn Nicholson, Stride's Mentoring Program Coordinator.

"The program includes visits to a range of local businesses to get a firsthand look at what goes on. Over the past two years more than 60 students have had the benefit of this unique experience," she said.

The program's outcomes show that students apply themselves more fully at school when they understand the link between education and their future wellbeing. "One student commented that the program helped him to have a better outlook on the importance of education and now he wants to complete Year 12," said Lyn.



Career Snapshots program: volunteer mentors talk about skills the students will need in the workplace

Career Snapshots will run from July to December 2013 with 30 students participating. The program is supported by Hume City Council, Hume Whittlesea Local Learning and Employment Network and to date, more than 20 volunteer mentors.

For more information on Careers Snapshots email Lyn Nicholson, Stride's Mentoring Program Coordinator on lnicholson@stride.org.au or call Lyn on **9602 3311**.



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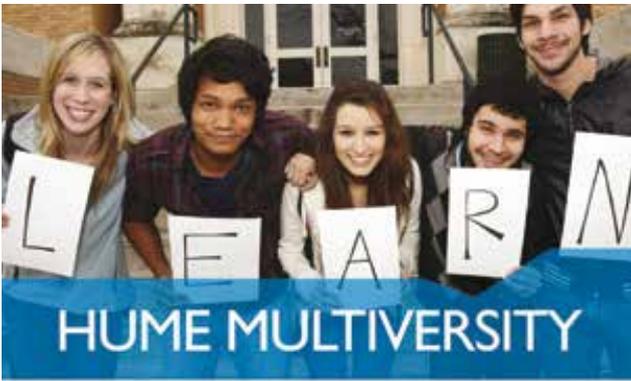
A COMMITMENT TO LIFELONG LEARNING

As part of its Learning Together 2030 strategy Hume City Council has commenced the process of developing the Learning Together 4 (LT4) Action Plan 2014 – 2017.

The LT4 will build on previous learning action plans and will be developed in close consultation with the Hume Global Learning Village Advisory Board, Committee, its members and the broader Hume community. It will also be informed by contemporary research on community learning.

Visit www.hume.vic.gov.au to see how you can get involved in shaping learning in Hume.

BRINGING HIGHER EDUCATION TO HUME



Hume Multiversity will deliver undergraduate and vocational training courses across Hume.

Project partners Deakin University and Kangan Institute will work to deliver the Deakin at Your Doorstep (DAYD) program. Initially, Deakin is planning to deliver the Associate Degree of Arts, Business, Sciences at the Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn.

CRAIGIEBURN

RURAL AND REGIONAL ENGAGEMENT FORUMS

As part of the Hume Multiversity initiative, Deakin University's Centre for Rural and Regional Law and Justice has developed a series of rural and regional engagement forums.

The forums will be run in conjunction with the Deakin at Your Doorstep (DAYD) program delivered by Kangan Institute at the Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn.

The forums will be telecasted to the Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn and twelve other locations in Victoria through state-of-the-art video conference technology, providing small business and service providers the opportunity to hear from leading experts.

"The opportunity for business and industry to hear from industry experts, live through new technology platforms at the Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn is a major bonus for regional communities and assist in breaking down the barriers of distance," said Alistair McCosh, Senior Project Manager, Deakin University.

Victoria University, working with Kangan Institute, is planning to deliver courses at the Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows and Sunbury Neighbourhood House and Community Centre.

Courses will be open to applicants from a range of backgrounds including mature-age students and returning to study, Year 12 students, and students currently completing a diploma or looking for a career change.

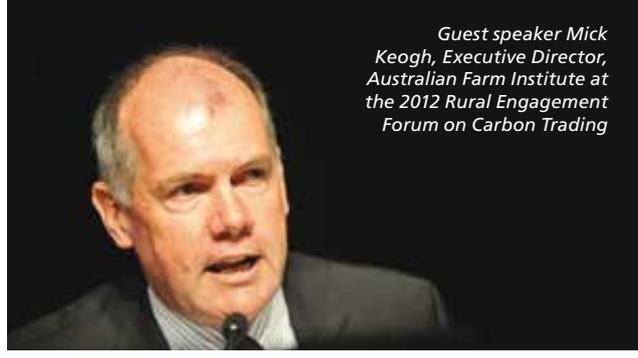
The HGLCs and the Sunbury Neighbourhood House and Community Centre will be equipped with the latest educational technology, including video-conferencing facilities.

Students will work together in a dynamic learning environment with tutors and lecturers who will be available onsite offering real-time support. Applicants can contact the course provider directly for more information about the application process.

Visit www.hume.vic.gov.au/yourpathwaytouniversity to register your interest online or for updates on the Hume Multiversity initiative including information session dates and new course announcements.

The next rural and regional engagement forum on Cyberspace and How it Affects Security for Small Business will be held on Wednesday 19 June 2013, from 10.30am to 12pm, at the Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn.

Visit www.deakin.edu.au/crrlj for more information.



Guest speaker Mick Keogh, Executive Director, Australian Farm Institute at the 2012 Rural Engagement Forum on Carbon Trading

SUPPORTING CHILDREN DEVELOPING PARENTS

OPENING NEW EMPLOYMENT PATHWAYS



The training program can serve as a stepping stone for women to further their employment opportunities

One of the key aims of the Supporting Parents Developing Children (SPDC) project is to assist in the development of learning, training and employment pathways for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) women.

The Bilingual Storyteller/Playgroup Leader Training Program was developed for women who want to volunteer in the SPDC programs, present a bilingual storytime session, or facilitate a playgroup session. The training program can also serve as a stepping stone for women to further their studies or employment opportunities.

The program features practical learning exercises, demonstrations, discussion and mentoring by existing bilingual storytime staff and playgroup leaders.

Since the SPDC project started in 2011, 52 parents undertook training at one of the nine Early Years Hubs funded by the project. Twenty five women gained employment and 16 women received a Certificate III in Children's Services.

To find out more about any of these programs, email Anna Boland SPDC Project Coordinator at annab@hume.vic.gov.au or call Anna on **9205 2530**.

WADAD'S STORY

Wadad Hassoun is a woman of Lebanese background who has been living in Australia for 22 years. She has five children and has been a stay-at-home mother since arriving in the country.

As her youngest child is now eleven years old, Wadad felt the need to get a qualification and improve her chances of finding work.

Her first step was to volunteer at the Campbellfield Heights Primary School's Early Years Hub, at the school her children attended.

In 2011, she completed a Certificate III in Children's Services and was encouraged by the hub workers to join the Bilingual Storyteller/Playgroup Leader Training Program.

A year later Wadad was employed as a casual playgroup facilitator at the Hub.

"I read stories to the children in English and Arabic, organise their learning activities and refer the mothers who don't speak English very well to local social services," said Wadad.

An average of 15 mothers and 25 children attend Wadad's playgroup sessions every week.

Wadad said that the Hub has given her the opportunity to regain her confidence. "I've improved my English skills and the Hub helped me a lot in becoming more confident. I see many mothers coming here who remind me of myself, and I want them to feel welcome," she said.

For more information about Hub activities, opportunities and programs, email Rachel Germantsis, Hubs Project Worker at rachelg@hume.vic.gov.au or call **9205 2463**.



Wadad Hassoun and her daughter: "Volunteering at the school's hub led to my employment"



HUME LIBRARIES

WHAT'S ON

Hume Libraries offers many fun and creative activities for you. The monthly *What's On* calendar lists exciting and free activities and workshops at your local Hume Libraries branch. Visit www.humelibraries.vic.gov.au for more information.

TEACHERS' SCHOLARSHIPS 2013

DO YOU KNOW AN INSPIRING TEACHER?

Nominations will soon open for the new round of Hume's inspiring teachers. Anyone can nominate an inspiring, passionate and innovative teacher for their chance to win one of six Teachers' Scholarships.

Each year, winners from various categories are awarded scholarships up to \$4,000 which they can use to learn about new models, ideas and approaches to learning, knowledge or skill development in Australia or overseas. Runners-up in each category will be awarded over \$500 to use towards professional development.

Past winners have used the scholarship to take part in overseas study tours, professional development opportunities, and conferences and seminars, to gain further expertise into their

specific area of interest and to then apply this knowledge to their school community.

Winning teachers have also formed valuable contacts through the networking opportunities presented to them through this program. All shortlisted nominees will be formally recognised during the Teachers' Scholarships awards night later in the year.

Teachers can self-nominate, or be nominated by colleagues, students, parents or the public. For more information, including the details for each category, eligibility requirements and tips for nominating go to www.hume.vic.gov.au/teachersscholarships or call **9356 6999**.

BANKSIA GARDENS COMMUNITY SERVICES AND THE LIGHTHOUSE PROJECT

The Lighthouse project involves a series of community gatherings to explore the creative capacity of the Banksia Housing Estate residents and the Broadmeadows community.

The community gatherings will feature performances from local artists and provide all participants – children, adults and families – with the opportunity to engage in lantern-making workshops.

"The workshops are tailored for all age groups. We will use recycled materials and simple methods so everyone can engage," said Fiona O'Grady, Project Coordinator.

The gatherings will also act as an informal 'audit' to gather information about the community's creative interests such as singing, dancing, performing and writing.

"At the end of these gatherings we will organise an outdoor lantern parade at dusk, departing from our Banksia Gardens Community Services building. We will invite all participants to parade with their lanterns and show off their creative work," said Fiona.

The community meetings and workshops will run from September to October 2013. Visit www.banksiagardens.org.au for more information.



Artist Fiona O'Grady is researching the creative interests of the local community

HUME SCHOOLS

TEACHING LIFE SKILLS



*Fernando Ianni:
teaching students to
develop resilience*

Wellbeing programs are becoming a greater part of Hume students' school life. Many schools are integrating mental health programs to help students identify their own strengths and overcome challenges and adversity.

The idea is to teach them how to deal with both success and disappointment and the aim is to increase their mental resilience and wellbeing.

"Schools need to do more than teach numeracy and literacy skills and knowledge. They need to be a place where children also learn 'attitudes and values'. It is important that we teach them how to set their goals and how to develop resilience," said Fernando Ianni, Principal, Roxburgh College.

At Roxburgh College, a variety of student support programs are offered. "We are constantly developing strategies that improve our students engagement and wellbeing, based on programs such as the Leadership Group or our Mid Years Program. For this, I employ retired teachers and principals to mentor students who show high ability but have low aspirations," said Fernando.

"We also have our CASA Program, which aims to assist Year 9 students to maintain healthy relationships, and establish a respectful environment within the college," he said.



*Brett Moore and students:
learning valuable life skills*

At Sunbury Downs College students are provided with the opportunity to participate in a range of wellbeing programs that will help them engage in the school activities but also learn valuable life skills.

"We work closely with our students to ensure their ongoing support, wellbeing, learning and engagement," said Brett Moore, Principal, Sunbury Downs College.

Sunbury Downs College runs various peer support programs including the VCE Supportive Friends program for Year 12 students, where students learn from each other and use these skills to work together to achieve positive results and realise their aspirations.

"We are also working with Victoria University on an Australian Research Council Grant project entitled 'Raising Aspirations' which will empower students with the critical thinking and life skills required to become engaged, active and ethical citizens in our future society," said Brett.

Visit www.sunburydowns.vic.edu.au and www.roxburghcollege.vic.edu.au for more information on the schools featured in this story.

IN TRANSIT

ENGAGING FAMILIES AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY

A small survey of Grade 5 and 6 students, parents and teachers showed that the 'In Transit: from Primary to Secondary School' DVD has had a positive impact on students, living or studying in Hume, and their families.

Launched in 2011 by the Hume Whittlesea Local Learning and Employment Network (HWLLEN), the DVD aims to better support the school community, especially students, during their transition from primary to secondary school.

It consists of real people, of all ages, talking about how to prepare for and how to make the most of secondary school.

The survey results showed that, for some students, hearing from 'real life' secondary students was what they liked most about the DVD. They also pointed out that the DVD's content was reassuring as it increased their confidence about the transition process.

The survey results also highlighted the DVD's simplicity of language and structure as one of the parents' favourite features.

"Everything was put into stages, so I knew what they were going to discuss at different stages," said one parent.



*Maureen Leahy, Meadows
Primary School Learning
Coordinator, shows the
In Transit DVD to a parent*

Some parents also agreed that the DVD improved their confidence to question their child's teacher about transition issues. Parents appreciated the currency of the new information, recognising that the process has changed since they had attended secondary school.

In Transit: from Primary to Secondary School DVD is available at www.hwllen.com.au. For more information contact Cemile Yuksel, Hume Whittlesea LLEN Partnership Broker, on **9309 5500**.

HUME EDUCATION GUARANTEE SCHEME

A NEW PATHWAY TO UNIVERSITY



John Fitzgerald (centre back)
and the Youth Pathways
and Careers Team

The Hume Education Guarantee Scheme (HEGS), a pilot project between Hume City Council and education partners Victoria University and Kangan Institute, will assist local students in accessing tertiary education opportunities by guaranteeing them a place in a course with either one of the two tertiary providers.

The HEGS works with aspiring tertiary students that have not been offered a place through VTAC but have satisfactorily completed VCE. These students are able to seek assistance from Victoria University and Kangan Institute who will work with them to secure a pathway into a course of interest.

John Fitzgerald, Sunbury College Career Counsellor, said the program is a great way for his students to access tertiary education.

“Any program that can give students an additional pathway into further education or training is invaluable. The HEGS is a positive initiative in support of engaging our students in higher education. Many students at VCE may not achieve the necessary level to gain direct entry to a tertiary course. They may have underperformed for a variety of reasons such as difficult life circumstances yet they still harbour a strong desire to continue studying towards their preferred career path,” said John.

“The HEGS is an excellent example of a flexible pathway that provides students in Hume with every opportunity to succeed, and lead fulfilling and productive lives,” he said.

For more information visit

www.hume.vic.gov.au/yourpathwaytouniversity
and register your interest by completing the HEGS registration form.

HUME HORIZONS 2040

HUME, WHAT'S YOUR DREAM?



Residents participate in
one of the Turkish-English
bilingual workshops run by
the Hume Horizons team

Hume Horizons 2040 is Hume City Council's long-term community plan. Inspired and driven by the local community, this plan aims to outline everyone's aspirations and expectations for Hume's future, to the year 2040.

Residents, businesses and service providers are being invited to participate in a range of consultation sessions and opportunities to express their views.

There are a number of exciting ways in which residents, businesses and service providers can get involved and have their say. These include online discussion forums; bilingual community workshops and the 'brewing our future' coffee conversations where people are invited to join the Hume Horizons team for a cuppa and talk about their vision and dreams for the future.

Council staff will be meeting with local community groups and will be on-hand to talk about the plan in the community events and festivals, including the Broadmeadows and Craigieburn festivals. If you would like someone from Council to come and talk to your community group, please email **HumeHorizons@hume.vic.gov.au** or call **9205 2200**.

Visit **www.hume.vic.gov.au/HumeHorizons** for more information and to sign up for the monthly e-newsletter.

The Hume Horizons e-newsletter is sent each month to keep the community informed of the major activity and news to date, as well as details on upcoming consultation for the month ahead.



JEAN AND BOB RAU

NORTH WEST FM

Jean and Bob:
celebrating 20 years on air

Jean and Bob Rau have been part of the team behind 98.9 North West FM since its first transmission from a Broadmeadows TAFE College in November 1988. In this interview, Jean and Bob talk about their new radio segments, remember their favourite stories and tell us how the North West FM is empowering the community to deliver their own message.

IED: Why did you decide to produce your new segment 'Voices of the Community'?

Bob: We constantly look for ways to involve our community in the workings of the station but sometimes people are reluctant to get involved for a variety of reasons.

Jean: We decided that rather than wait for the community to come to the station, we could find ways of going out and involving people at places where they congregate.

IED: How are you reaching these people?

Jean: With high quality portable equipment we are able to attend community events and record the stories of people of all ages as they participate in festivals, celebrations, fun days or historic events.

Bob: During our visits, we assist local not-for-profit groups in creating community service radio announcements to promote their services and organisation. We also run workshops explaining what points to consider when writing a media release or a community announcement.

IED: After recording these announcements, what is the next step?

Jean: North West FM is then able to broadcast them on-air, which will provide promotion for the groups who have taken part. A variety of recordings are made, some as community service announcements and others as short interviews.

"We run workshops and assist local groups in creating community announcements to promote their services"

IED: Why do you think this kind of involvement between community and their local radio station is important?

Jean: At North West FM we work to the idea that community radio is radio for and by the community.

IED: In 20 years of broadcasting what stories from the studio can you tell us?

Jean: We once had two politicians from opposing parties who almost came to blows in the studio during their interview; another politician once would slide down in his seat until only his head and shoulders could be seen.

Bob: There was also the neighbour who came to the studio to complain that our alarm had disturbed his sleep during the previous two nights. He was met with our groveling heartfelt apology – and is now one of our most loyal presenters!

IED: Can you tell us more about your partnership with a government radio station in Samoa?

Jean: A program presented by the Broadmeadows Samoan community on our radio is broadcast on the government radio station in Samoa each week and is heard right across that country. As a result of this we receive lots of phone calls from Samoa which we put to air on North West FM.

Bob: We broadcast our Samoan listeners' messages and good wishes to friends and relatives living in our local community.

IED: What does it mean for you to celebrate North West's 20th anniversary?

Jean: We have watched North West FM develop from an aspirant group to the amazing 'family' of competent presenters on-air today. Volunteering with community radio provides the 'elixir of youth' – how lucky we are to be able to work with such inspiring young people, or with the dedicated programmers who juggle work commitments but still find the time to provide a variety of musical and educational information.

Bob: There are also our senior programmers who have been involved with community radio and quality programs for 30 years or more. What a privilege to be able to celebrate such a milestone as North West FM's 20th anniversary.

Visit www.hume.vic.gov.au/imagineexplorediscover to read Bob and Jean's full interview and www.northwestfm.org for more information.

THE LEMON TREE PROJECT

CULTIVATING A CULTURE OF SHARING



It was five years ago when Jodi Jackson felt that some streets of her beloved Craigieburn were becoming a bit lifeless.

"It was sad because those were the streets that my husband and I had grown up in and we both remembered them being vibrant and full of life," she said. This is how the seed for the Lemon Tree Project was planted in 2012. IED caught up with Jodi to find out more about it.

IED: Why lemons?

Jodi: The lemon tree is a high-yielding, handsome, evergreen tree that is wonderfully ornamental and can be grown in a wide range of climates. Their fruit is highly useful, both in culinary terms and also for cleaning. Lemon trees really seem to resonate with people – most people have a use for lemons at some point of the year.

IED: When did the project start?

Jodi: The project kicked off in May 2012 and is now picking up incredible speed. We have groups from as far away as New Zealand and Italy contacting us about forming their own national branches of the Lemon Tree Project so that they can help individuals and groups in their respective countries and plant communal lemon trees.

IED: How many communal lemon trees have you planted and where?

Jodi: We have five pilot sites that we have been working on in the Hume area, one of those, the 52a Mulberry Pass, was also one of our Sustainable Living Festival planting sites. The other four sites include: the entrance to the Craigieburn Community Garden, Bridgewater Lakes Retirement Village in Roxburgh Park, Gladstone Park Primary School and the Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn.

IED: Can anyone get involved?

Jodi: Yes. All it requires is for people to collaborate with their neighbours. Talk to your neighbours, tell them about the project. If everyone puts a little bit in, the community at large gets a whole lot out of it.

Visit www.thelemontreeproject.com to learn more about the Lemon Tree Project. Visit www.hume.vic.gov.au/imagineexplorediscover to read Jodi's full interview.

HEALTHY TOGETHER HUME

IMPROVING HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The Healthy Together Hume team has been working alongside local schools over the last few months to improve the health and wellbeing of school communities.

Healthy Together Hume is a partnership between Hume City Council, Dianella Community Health and Sunbury Community Health Centre and aims to improve health and wellbeing where people live, learn, work and play in Hume City.

As part of this initiative, the Healthy Together Hume team is working directly with local schools, early childhood services and workplaces to develop safe, healthy and friendly environments for learning.

Many schools in Hume City are already addressing key concerns such as physical activity, healthy eating, oral health, mental health, bullying and respectful relationships.

Some schools have adopted healthy practices such as 15 minute sessions of active play for teachers and students at the end of recess and pedometer challenges. They also introduced physical activity policies, twilight sports carnival, and participated in 'ride and walk to school' days.

"Schools in Hume City have told us that improving their student's health and wellbeing is a priority for them, as there are clear links between a child's wellbeing and their learning outcomes," said Jillian Dent, Hume City Council's Partner and Engagement Officer.



For more information contact your nearest Health Promotion Officer: Sabitra Kaphle (Broadmeadows) at sabitra.kaphle@dianella.org.au or call **8345 5357**; Gabby Bull (Craigieburn) at gabriellebu@hume.vic.gov.au or call **9356 6133** or Amanda Perry (Sunbury) at amandap@sunburychc.org.au or call **9744 9561**.



Flinstones
by Aleyna Gumus

YOUTH PHOTO COMPETITION

HOW DO YOU SEE IT?

Aleyna Gumus, from Greenvale, and Pablo Miguel, from Gladstone Park, are the winners of the 2013 Hume Libraries Youth Photography Competition.

Aleyna's entry *Flinstones*, and Pablo's entry *La Campanella*, won the main prize, a digital SLR Camera. According to the judging panel, their amazing photographic work best reflected this year's theme 'How do you see it?'

More than 190 entries were judged across two categories – Ages 12 to 14 and Ages 15 to 18. The entries were assessed by a judging panel that included Wendy Byron (The Age Library Coordinator), Hannah Chalker (local freelance photographer and former 2011 winner) and Sarah Galletta (local freelance photographer).

All winners, runners up and finalists will have their work exhibited publicly at Hume Libraries branches until Friday 12 July 2013. Visit www.humelibraries.vic.gov.au for more information.

Youth photography competition 2013 winners

Aleyna Gumus

Ages 12 – 14
from Greenvale
image title: *Flinstones*

Pablo Miguel

Ages 15 – 18
from Gladstone Park
image title: *La Campanella*

Runners up each receive \$150 JB-HIFI vouchers:

Volkan Ozner

Ages 12 – 14
from Meadow Heights
image title: *Touch Me, If You Can*

Nathan Chew

Ages 15 – 18
from Greenvale
image title: *Beauty of Design*

Category: Ages 12 – 14

Finalists: Aleyna Gumus (*A New Beginning*), Bayley Young (*Drought*), Brianna Paul (*Untitled*), Eve Chalker (*Footy Fan*), Keren Goncharov (*Sunset of Orange*), Sara Sadat Mir Sanei (*Sun and Flower*), Talia Multu (*What a Magnificent World*), Tess Mazzella (*Pure Sunset*).

Category: Ages 15 – 18

Finalists: Brandon Draper (*Painting in the Dark*), Bridie O'Connell (*The Lovers Bridge in Paris*), Kubra Baser (*Dream*), Nathan Chew (*Waiting for Christmas*), Nur Haza Muhamad Hanim (*Entrance*), Osudinee Gajaman (*Untitled*), Scarlett Do (*Misery*), Shontelle Walker (*Truth Lies Beneath a Girl*).



La Campanella
by Pablo Miguel



Untitled
by Osudinee Gajaman



Waiting for Christmas
by Nathan Chew



Footy Fan
by Eve Chalker



Hume is a community with numerous skateparks such as Craigieburn, Sunbury, Meadow Heights, and the plaza-style Roxburgh Skatepark.

Skateboarding Australia (SbA) is now coming to Hume to open a skateboarding hub and show the Hume youth (and willing adults) how to use the various skateparks Hume has on offer in a fun and safe manner.

“The SbA Hubs are a new age version of a sporting club without walls and entry fees. The skatepark is where the skateboarding community meets, and the Hubs’ primary purpose is to get more people into skateboarding by offering free events that are fun and inclusive,” explains Richard Flude, SbA’s National Development Manager.

At the StreetWise ‘Learn To Skate’ workshops anyone can come along, sign up (people under 18 years will need a parent to sign them in), borrow a skateboard and helmet. The participants will then be taught valuable lessons from Australian Sports Commission recognised skateboarding coaches. The workshops are usually two hours in length, and are aimed at beginner and intermediate skill levels.

SbA also works with the local skate shops to give prizes away at these events, simultaneously promoting supportive retailers.

“We also work with those who are behind the lens: aspiring videographers are given paid gigs to chronicle the talent within the hubs while showcasing their craftsmanship,” said Richard.

Visit www.sba.org.au/hubs for more information.

MEADOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL

THE LEARNING CLUB

The Learning Club, a partnership between Hume Global Learning Village members Meadows Primary School and Melbourne City Mission, is so successful that there is a waiting list for students who want to join.

Established in 2006 at the school, the club is a mentoring program that brings together volunteer tutors and children who need help with their homework and school assignments.

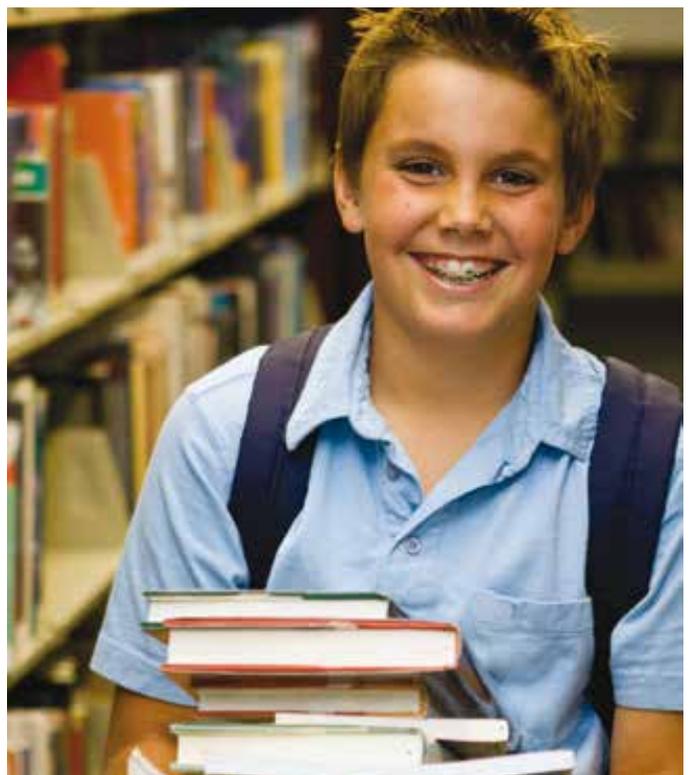
Volunteers spend 1.5 hours per week with a group of primary school students who may require assistance with reading, numeracy or social skills and may be experiencing learning difficulties.

The group meets once a week after school hours and the feedback from teachers and parents is very positive.

“Students love the program and absences are rare. Volunteers also feel that they are having a positive impact on the students and their families,” said Sally Richter, Learning Club Coordinator.

The Club is also looking for volunteer tutors who are reliable and passionate about assisting students with their homework.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer tutor can contact Wendy Lake, Coordinator, Volunteer Services via email wlake@mcm.org.au or call Wendy on **9385 3231**.





PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2013 is a great opportunity for children from Years Prep to 10 to experience the magic of books. There are more than 7,000 items on the Premier's Book List this year and Hume Libraries have a great selection of these in stock.

Last year over 220,000 Victorian students read more than 4 million books. This year's Challenge is expected to inspire even more children and young adults than ever before to foster a love of reading.

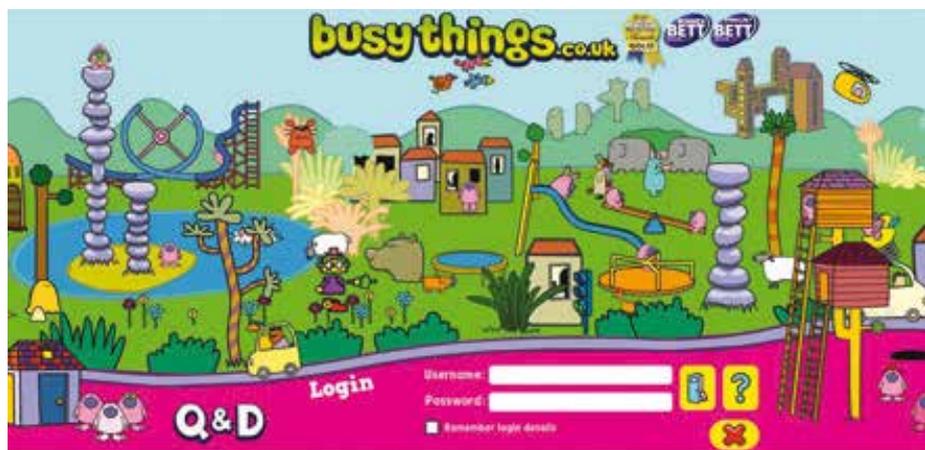
The Challenge is not just about reading in English. The Challenge is open to reading in any language. Students can read, or be read to, stories in Arabic or Spanish, classic comedies in French, the Ramayana in Hindi, Chinese poetry and more.

Schools must be registered and register on behalf of their students, for students to participate. A student who is home-schooled or whose school is not participating in the Challenge may also register as a home-based reader.

In 2013, for the first time, infants and pre-prep children are being encouraged to join the Challenge.

Visit www.education.vic.gov.au/prc for more information on the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Books on the Premier's Reading Challenge list are identified in the library catalogue. Visit www.humelibraries.vic.gov.au to view Hume Libraries' catalogue.



HUME LIBRARIES

ONLINE RESOURCES

Hume Libraries has introduced exciting online resources to its youngest library members.

Britannica's SmartMaths Practice is an interactive, online maths program for primary school to Year 8 students. The program uses a game-like interface to engage children in learning and challenges them to become better at Maths. It explores the child's specific abilities with an array of problems covering numbers, shapes and space, measures, data handling and algebra.

BusyThings is another new program with over 240 online games designed to educate and entertain children from three to seven years of age. It is colourful, interactive, has simple sounds and music and is based on early years learning programs developed in the United Kingdom.

Visit the SmartMaths Practice or BusyThings in the Online Library section of the Hume Libraries website. Go to www.humelibraries.vic.gov.au/Reading_Research and click on Online Library.



HUME LIBRARIES

www.humelibraries.vic.gov.au

The Age Library

Hume Global Learning Centre – Broadmeadows
1093 Pascoe Vale Road, Broadmeadows 3047
Phone 03 9356 6900

Craigieburn Library

Hume Global Learning Centre – Craigieburn
75-95 Central Park Avenue, Craigieburn 3064
Phone 03 9356 6980

Gladstone Park Community Library

Taylor Drive, Gladstone Park 3043
Phone 03 9356 6990

Sunbury Library

44 Macedon Street, Sunbury 3429
Phone 03 9356 6970

Tullamarine Library

58 Spring Street, Tullamarine 3043
Phone 03 9356 6966

Hume Mobile Library

The Hume Mobile Library operates on a weekly timetable across Campbellfield, Coolaroo, Dallas, Greenvale, Meadow Heights and Roxburgh Park.
Phone 03 9356 6980

HumeLink

Hume City Council's multilingual telephone information service.

General enquiries phone **9205 2200**

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