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September 2021

//EO Message

Spring is in the air and the sign of new growth popping up everywhere – something I am taking more time to appreciate as we continue to ride the COVID rollercoaster, and when staying home is the new going out!

While the Beyond the Bell collective continues the work across the region, we are now collaborating to scope possible new initiatives to respond to the emerging challenges of the pandemic and its impact on children and young people. In particular, we are focusing on discussions relating to *Social and Emotional Wellbeing* and *Engagement in Learning*. If you would like to join the conversations, please be in contact.

A big shout out to all of our educators and child and youth focused agencies and organisations supporting children and young people across the region: THANK-YOU for all your work.

And to our children, young people and families who are transitioning in and out of remote learning - you are CHAMPIONS!

Take care and stay safe.

Kate Roache
Executive Officer



//Youth Conversations

Our work continues across the region, in particular the sharing of the Youth Conversations Research Report and considering what the next phase of work looks like. We concluded the first phase of this project on 2 September with the last Project Control Group meeting. The group have been involved in major decisions and processes to ensure the integrity of the project was maintained. We are very grateful to each member and their organisation for their time and commitment:

- Kathy Sanderson: Brophy Family & Youth Services,
- Alistair McCosh: Deakin University
- Carlo Ticchi: Department of Education and Training – Wimmera South West Area
- Tracie Martin: Department of Families, Fairness and Housing

- Wendy Lever Henderson: South West TAFE
- Karen Walsh: Youth Affairs Council Victoria
- Cassandra Prigg: Youth Representative.

Stay tuned for Phase 2!



Jesse Beavis
Welcome!

//The Collaborative Table

We welcome Jesse Beavis (Youth Development Trainee - Glenelg Shire Council) to The Collaborative Table. We are looking forward to her energy and insights.

On receiving endorsement from the Board Jesse commented: *“Now that I am joining The Collaborative Table, I look forward to meeting and working with many others around the table and forming further connections with partners and youth specific services. I also look forward to furthering the development of skills and knowledge of young people and advocating on issues that can impact on their progression.”*

//An insight into the purpose of The Collaborative Table



*Our children and young people;
every choice; every chance*

THE Collaborative Table

***Purpose:** To bring an informed, diverse, big picture view to the work of Beyond the Bell.*

To achieve this The Collaborative Table:

- Maintain a regional view
- Innovate and work strategically
- Maintain a critical lens with a constructive and solution focussed view
- Act as a sounding board and link for ideas generated by the Board and local communities
- Activate regional initiatives with the Regional Backbone Team

The Collaborative Table Principles and Values:

- We are proactive, responsive and adaptive to the changing needs of our community
- We align Beyond the Bell work with regional priorities
- We collaborate and develop ideas with key stakeholders
- We identify gaps and align with key research projects and initiatives, integrating the evidence in our planning
- We value add rather than duplicating effort
- We are innovative, curious, and flexible
- We challenge the status quo to encourage system change
- We work from a strength-based perspective and celebrate diversity and inclusivity

Members of The Collaborative Table bring a diverse range of experiences from a variety of context. They share their expertise and practitioner knowledge, independent of their current workplace.

BtB VISION: All children and young people are connected to education and engaged in their learning.

PURPOSE: To actively work with communities to enable children and young people in South West Victoria to engage in education and successfully transition through key stages of their learning.

//School Readiness Campaign (formerly known as the Superheroes Campaign)

‘Sanga and Oops’ – Get ready for School!

of 5 episodes depicting school readiness attributes is coming to you soon!



//Project Officer

Are you passionate about advocating for the lives and learnings of young people in our community?

This role presents a unique opportunity for you to make a meaningful impact right throughout the Great South Coast. You will achieve this by engaging with a range of community and educational stakeholders to help lead social change to improve educational outcomes for children and young people.

Perhaps you are an experienced Community Development/Engagement professional, with proven success in leading initiatives, programs and services that are impactful to the specific regional needs.

Alternatively, you may have graduated in education, social sciences, community development or a related field and are now keen to now apply your specialist knowledge to our focus areas.

Either way, we would love to hear from you.

A detailed Position Description is available by visiting

<https://btb.org.au/news/#workwithus>

Applications addressing Key Selection Criteria should be forwarded to Executive Officer: eo@btb.org.au by no later than COB Monday 20 September, 2021.

Confidential enquiries are welcome to the Executive Officer, Kate Roache on 0491 722 069 or eo@btb.org.au

//Membership

Become a member of Beyond the Bell. Membership entitles invitation to special events and voting rights the AGM. Most importantly, membership assists in the delivery of Beyond the Bell activities and programs which are all aimed at supporting children and young people to succeed in education.

\$10 – Yearly Individual Membership

\$50 – Yearly Organisation Membership

\$2 – Concession

(NB: Membership is for financial year 1 July 2021-30 June 2022)

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Save the Date!!
BtB AGM



4-5pm. More details to come.

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Email info@btb.org.au or
call on 0491 722 069 to discuss the possibilities.



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