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Welcome Back

We're back!

Although we never quite left, we have had a short hiatus from our Newsletters. We're looking forward to filling you in with what we've been up to so far in 2023, and continuing to keep you updated with regular Newsletters.

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In June this year, Deakin University, in collaboration with Beyond the Bell, launched a tailored professional learning program, designed specifically for graduate teachers in the greater southwest region in Victoria. The workshops are designed to cater to the unique professional needs of graduate teachers, and provide them with the support necessary to excel in their teaching career.

feedback and insights on this new program, and join a community where you can continue to share, support and explore challenges and trends in your professional practice, and build on their skillset through collaboration.

The next workshops will take place on the dates below.

Course Dates

The workshops offered will be for Graduate teachers in their **first/second & third/fourth** years of teaching

		Date	Time	Delivery Mode
Workshop B	Session 4	11 Oct	3.45 - 4.45pm	Online
	Session 5	1 Nov	2.30 - 4.30pm	Face to Face
	Session 6	22 Nov	3.45 - 4.45pm	Online

Location for face to face is the Deakin University Warrnambool Campus

Participation in these workshops will enhance your skills and also give you the opportunity to connect and network with other colleagues in the field. Building meaningful relationships and expanding your professional network is a crucial aspect of professional growth and development.

To register for this program, or to find out more please visit; <https://pledhub.deakin.edu.au/>

//MAD: South West

The Making a Difference (MAD) Crew consists of 12 passionate and diverse young individuals from across the Great South Coast. The Crew's main objective is identify issue young people are facing, and work towards embedding positive change within their communities.

Formed in 2021, the Making a Difference group was established to address recommendations from of the initial Youth Conversation Research Initiative: Strengthening Career and Pathway advice for young people.

Throughout 2023, the Crew are focusing on codesign, advocacy and leadership. The group has held four virtual meetings, and participated in Youth Affairs Council Victoria workshops, including "Running Great Workshops" and "Advocacy Training." These sessions, led by young peer facilitators, took place in person in Portland and Warrnambool. The MAD; Crew found the Training Workshops empowering and inspiring.



With a focus on advocacy, codesign and leadership they have consulted with the Neil Porter Legacy and FUSE South West to provide insights, opinions, experience, and expertise into current, local initiatives for young people.

A massive thank you and congratulations to the MAD: South West Crew for exceeding all expectations and for empowering us, advocating for change and engaging in codesign and collaboration. A huge thank you also to the Youth Affairs Council Victoria, for providing the amazing training opportunities to these young people.

If you are, or know of a new or existing youth initiative or organisation that would value genuine youth voice, input and feedback please feel to reach out to our Project Coordinator; rwilks@btb.org.au to find out more.

//Level Up

The Level Up Project is a collaborative approach to supporting students aged 12-19 across the Great South Coast, to remain engaged in their education by promoting connection and engagement with education and learning. The project works in conjunction with secondary schools and agencies to build efficacy in students to continue with their education and training and to identify aspirations of future career pathways.

We would like to express our gratitude to our amazing partners who have actively carried out this project by delivering exceptional programs within. This project is supported by the support of the Australian Government.

As we are halfway through the completion of this year's Level Up program, we are proud to share the following achievements of students, volunteers and agencies;

Standing Tall in Warrnambool

Standing Tall in Warrnambool is pleased with the strength of connections being made between our **60 mentors and their students** through weekly catchups and activities. They are currently in the process of creating a series of videos to celebrate some past and present connections to highlight their program to our community.

If you are interested in being a mentor for the Standing Tall in Warrnambool program, click the button below!



GSGLEN

As part of the Glenelg and Southern Grampians Local Learning & Employment Network, PREP and Portland Secondary College students are excelling in the 'Project Ready' project.

They've completed core units, visited local industries, and supported the community through school lunch preparation and Little Book Box refreshments. Students are building their industry knowledge and skills in preparation for work placement opportunities during Term 3. The project will conclude with students successfully earning their **Certificate II in Active Volunteering**. Thank you to all students for your participation and to everyone involved in making this project a success.



NPL

The Neil Porter Legacy has successfully delivered **19 sessions of their 'Fifty-Fifty' program**. This program connects secondary school classes with industry professionals, providing students with the opportunity to access cutting-edge equipment, knowledge, and training directly within their school lessons. It also helps students establish valuable connections with local employers.

industries, highlighting the exciting career opportunities available to young women. The program was delivered to Emmanuel College, Merri River School, Timboon P-12 School, Cobden Technical School, Brauer College, and Warrnambool College students, with brilliant success.



Live4Life Launch Events

Congratulations Live4Life on successfully hosting another two launch events! One in Portland earlier in May and the other in Hamilton later that month.

Live4Life is a mental health education, wellbeing and youth suicide prevention model designed specifically for rural and regional communities.

We are thrilled to have had the opportunity to contribute and be part of such a fantastic community and initiative.



None of these incredible programs and outcomes would have been possible without our community supporters, partners, and stakeholders.

A huge thank you to;

- Brophy Family and Youth Services
- Corangamite Shire Council
- Deakin University
- Department of Education
- Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources
- Glenelg Shire Council

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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.

VISION

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

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