

Inner Eastern Local Learning and Employment Network

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018



# Small organisation, big impact



**Committee of Management**

**LEFT TO RIGHT:** Philip Javier, Gary Buckeridge, Angela Stathopoulos, Holly Carpenter, Jess Lawrence, Bronwen Thompson, Sam Joukadjian. **ABSENT:** Cherry Grimwade, Nathan Chisholm (seconded).

## Joint CEO and Chairperson's Report

With four EFT staff, the IELLEN delivered on 6 contracts and grants during 2018. The two largest are with the Department of Education and Training (DET), for "Partnership Brokerage", and for delivery of the Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) Service. We write "are" as these contracts cover a two year period, until the end of 2019. For the year 2018 we also received five smaller grants. This was for work to deliver the "On Track" service (DET); a transition program (funding by DET via School Focused Youth Services); a Local Drug Action Team Program (funded by the Alcohol and Drug Foundation); a "Health Add-On" project (funded by

Southern Metropolitan Primary Care Partnership); and a Community Grant (City of Boroondara). Total funding was worth just over half a million dollars.

### Partnership Brokerage

After consultations with DET regional staff, with schools and other stakeholders, the IELLEN submitted a two year Work Plan in March to DET. This is a comprehensive Work Plan, addressing seven partnership domains (as shown in the report). As approved in May, some individual partnerships and networks weren't established until the second half of the year. Outcomes on some initiatives are to be achieved during 2019. For

the two year period (2018/19) the IELLEN is facilitating or actively supporting at least 26 partnerships, networks, projects and community-based committees.

### SWL Service

All 31 LLENs across Victoria have revised Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) for the SWL Service in 2018/19. These are to meet state-wide targets for placement opportunities (sourced from employers) and also the number of subsequent opportunities taken up by students. By August the IELLEN had already met one of our individual KPIs for 2018. By then we also reached

another milestone, supporting access to a placement from the fiftieth individual school. Students from schools as far as Cranbourne in the South, Ferntree Gully in the East, Sunbury in the North, and Werribee in the West had taken up our opportunities. This reflected the staff's great work in securing the widest range of opportunities, with 12 industry areas covered.

### Staff and Committee

More than 450 young people directly benefitted from our numerous partnerships, programs and services during 2018. For their diligent work we thank the staff team: Amy Liddy,

Tracey Fenton, Dennis Cindric, and Tom Rankin, as well as administrative support in John Broughton, Ardian Putra and Fran Zemunik. Our appreciation extends to the Committee of Management: Bronwen Thompson, Sam Joukadjian, Gary Buckeridge, Cherry Grimwade, Jess Lawrence, Philip Javier, Holly Carpenter, and to Nathan Chisholm, recently seconded. Thanks to all of you for your governance and strategic oversight. We are fortunate to have such depth of talent and continuity of service from both staff and committee. And fortunate to have such wonderful stakeholders in our

catchment. With their support, the IELLEN is making a real difference to the lives of young people.

**Andrew Neophytou**  
CEO  
**Angela Stathopoulos**  
Chairperson





**Staff** LEFT TO RIGHT Dennis Cindric, Fran Zemunik, Andrew Neophytou, Tracey Fenton, Amy Liddy, Tom Rankin

During 2018, the IELLEN actively supported partnerships, providers and initiatives, including:

**Prahran Community Learning Centre (PCLC)** Committee of Management, and two sub-committees

**Oakwood School** School Council

**Communities That Care, Stonnington** Community Board Member, and member of three Working Groups

**Youth Engagement Partnership (YEP)** across Stonnington/Port Phillip Steering Committee, and Data Analysis Working Group

**Youth Affairs Council of Victoria** Policy Advisory Group

**Bayside Peninsula Navigator Program** Executive Group

**Boroondara Young Peoples Advisory Committee** Member

**City of Port Phillip School Resilience Demonstration Project** Steering Group



**4** EFT staff delivered on **7** contracts and grants



**250** stakeholders were engaged - schools, not-for-profits, employers and Local Government



**26** partnerships, networks, providers or programs being facilitated or supported



**450+** young people directly benefitted from programs and services

# At a Glance

## WHO WE ARE

The IELLEN is a not-for-profit organisation, working to improve education, training and employment options and outcomes for young people

## WHERE WE WORK

The IELLEN focus is on work with stakeholders across Stonnington, Port Phillip and Boroondara

## STAKEHOLDERS

Include schools, community and youth services, business and industry, local government - and young people themselves

## IELLEN-led Partnerships

During 2018/19 we are establishing and facilitating partnerships across 7 domains.

### Partnerships include:

#### Mental Health

Resilience and Wellbeing Network ("RaW") for school wellbeing staff; a Trauma Informed Practice Network; and initiatives such as new service directories / resources.

#### Learning Support

A Learning Mentor Partnership; and a Homework Club Network.

#### Industry - Education

A suite of career education programs: workplace tours; "work readiness" workshops; career forums; and mock job interviews for young people.

#### Cross-sector Work

Includes the Inner Metro Youth & Community Partnership (IMYCP); and a Local Government Areas (Youth & Middle Years) Community of Practice.

#### Identified Young People

Projects and initiatives for cohorts such as young carers, and LGBTIQ youth. Information and assistance to young people via the DET-funded "On Track" surveys.

#### Education Training Transitions

Windsor Intensive Transition Support Program; VCAL Provider Network; Boroondara / ACFE Learn Local provider Forum; a Social Enterprise Network; and an Awards event.

#### Health and Community Capacity Building

Local Drug Action Team (LDAT) Program, and our "Health Add On" project, both focused on Stonnington public housing estates.

# SWL 2018 Program Impact

**202 students** undertook placements sourced by the IELLEN

**56 schools** benefited from IELLEN placements

**33 vocations** across 12 industry areas were represented

**65 businesses** hosted students in their workplace within or for the IELLEN region



# Help us build **BETTER FUTURES** for **YOUNG PEOPLE**

Together we can do more to combat early school leaving and youth unemployment.

**PARTNER** with us. Have an idea or proposal? Talk to us

**SUPPORT** our programs and initiatives with a donation of time or money

**SPONSOR** our Annual Awards, or a child/young person in need of financial assistance (education costs)

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