

Enhance Work Placement Experience for Everyone

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....increasing access of rural students to 'industries of choice' for Work Experience placements

"Enhance Work Placement Experience for Everyone" is funded by the National Careers Institute Partnership Grants Round 2 and is coordinated by the Glenelg and Southern Grampians LLEN in partnership with Rotary District 9780.

The project aims to enhance career education & work experience opportunities by increasing access of rural students to 'industries of choice' in larger communities. In 2022 this project has impacted more than 600 students in 7 secondary schools in the Glenelg and Southern Grampians regions. Two students took up the opportunity to complete their work experience in a community other than where they live and were billeted by Rotary families during this time (both students were from Portland and hosted in Hamilton by the Rotary Club of Hamilton).

Our aim in 2023 is to progress into Stage 2 which will see the work extending across the western half of Victoria with reciprocal hosting of students across LLENs. We are hoping that more students will take up the opportunity to complete their work experience in a town other than where they live. Students will be supported by the LLEN Structured Workplace Learning networks and Rotary Clubs of District 9780 to enable them to do this.

Our work will focus predominantly on the following LLENs which are all within the Rotary District 9780:

- Central Grampians LLEN
- Geelong Region LLEN
- Highlands LLEN
- Murray Mallee LLEN
- South West LLEN
- Wimmera Southern Mallee LLEN
- Glenelg and Southern Grampians LLEN

The process will involve LLENs working with students to:

1. explore Work Experience opportunities beyond where they live using the Statewide Portal and SWL network,
2. identify a host employer and completing the usual Work Experience documentation with the student's school,
3. connect with the GSGLEN Enhance Work Experience (EWE) team to identify a Rotary Club and a Rotary family from that club to provide billeting for that student.

I have advised LLEN workers that setting up a Rotary billeting arrangement will require a minimum of 4 weeks' notice. There is a lot to do to set this up

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including identifying the Club, finding a Rotarian of that club who is willing to billet, completing forms for the arrangement, and connecting the student and family with the Rotary family. The Enhance Work Experience team of the GSG LLEN will coordinate the Rotary engagement aspect to ensure that all of the correct protocols are followed.

What do we need from Rotary Clubs?

We are looking for a commitment from clubs to engage in the Enhance Work Experience project. It would be helpful if some of the ground work can be done in case I need to call upon your club:

- Contact Marg (EWE coordinator) to add your club to the list of billeting clubs
- Identify club members who are happy to billet students in their home
- Ensure that those club members have their Working With Children Check and Youth Declaration forms up to date.
- Stay tuned for details of a Code of Conduct relating to the updated Child Safe Policy coming soon.

Find out more about Enhance Work Experience from the GSG LLEN website <https://gsgllen.org.au/enhance-work-experience/> or by contacting Marg on the below details.

Marg is available to speak at Group and club meetings to further explain this project which will ensure that our young people are supported to make "work experience worth experiencing".

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