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DATES TO NOTE

Aug 5th  The Porn Factor Training
Aug 6th  BATForce Network Meeting
Aug 19th & 20th  Youth Conference 2015 Deakin University
Sept 1st  BATForce presents Engaging Parents and Carers in Schools Geelong
Sept 3rd  BATForce Annual General Meeting – subject to confirmation
Sept 9th  Combined Geelong Education Network Meeting for Schools and Agencies
Sept 10th  Youth Voices
Sept 11th  Reach Finding Heroes Introduction Workshop
Oct 8th  Reach Finding Heroes Graduate Workshop
Oct 23rd  Supporting LBGTQ students
Oct 24th  Start of Children’s Week
Nov 24th  Prevention of Violence Against Women Forum – see overview below

BATFORCE NEWS

ENGAGING PARENTS & CARERS IN SCHOOLS

PARENTS/CARERS...MORE THAN JUST CANTEEN DUTY

An invitation to school council members and school leadership teams to learn more about how you can maximise parent/carer engagement in your school.

GEELONG SESSION
Geelong Community Cats,
Skilled Stadium
1ST SEPTEMBER 2015
6.30-8.30 pm
RSVP to karlie@batforce.org.au
**SECTOR NEWS**

**VICTORIAN STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (VICSRC)**

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**2015 VicSRC Recognition Awards – nominations opening soon!**

As we celebrate 10 years of VicSRC, we’re celebrating you. Nominate now!

The 2015 VicSRC Recognition Awards are about celebrating the achievements of SRCs and presenting examples of best practice in student voice, student led action and student participation. A total of $15,000 is up for grabs across five categories to invest in SRCs, education, student voice activities or social change initiatives.

Young people involved in student voice, leadership and representation are invited to nominate! Nominations open Friday 31 July and close 5pm Friday 11 September. Find out more [here](#).

Proudly supported by the Department of Education and Training and Newsboys Foundation. **Questions?** Please contact Fiona Campbell, via communications@vicsrc.org.au or (03) 9267 3777.

*This information was obtained from YACVic*

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**AWARDS**

**READYS 2015: RECOGNISING EXCELLENCE AWARDS FOR DELIVERING YOUTH SERVICES**

These awards aim to recognise excellence in youth service delivery and youth work in Victoria and to celebrate the unique and innovative ways we work with young people across the State.

There are three awards being offered:

1. The local government award
2. The non-government, not for profit award and
3. The Danny Sandor READY for Excellence in Youth Work Practice (awarded to an individual in the Victorian youth sector), presented in partnership with the Youth Workers’ Association.

**Nominations close:** Friday 14 August, 5pm  
**Finalists announced:** Monday 31 August  
**Winners presented:** Thursday 15 October

[Click here](#) for more info and to download the nominations pack and form.

*This information was obtained from YACVic*
Each year the City of Greater Geelong seeks expressions of interest for a range of sport and recreation facility development grant programs that are made available by the State Government.

Register your expressions of interest here

EVENTS

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION WEEK EVENT

Barwon South West Homelessness Network

Anywhere But A Bed

A free Homelessness Prevention Week event to raise awareness about homelessness in Australia

3rd - 9th August

To participate all you need to do is:
* Sleep anywhere but your bed during HPW2015. *
  The couch, the floor, a tent in the backyard.
* Invite your family and friends and organise some fundraising activities. *
  Funds raised will go to homeless services in your area.
* Join in with the conversation to end homelessness in Australia. *
  Talk about your experience. Find out more.
* Follow us on social media *

Facebook / anywherebutabed  Twitter - anywherebutabed

For more information and to register for the event go to

WWW.ABAB.ORG.AU

AbaB
THE PORN FACTOR - MAKING VIOLENCE SEXY

THE PORN FACTOR - MAKING VIOLENCE SEXY - WEDNESDAY 5TH AUGUST 2015

This session is filling quickly so book a place NOW to avoid disappointment!

This workshop will build your knowledge of porn’s influence and explore how you can address it, including the implications for risk assessment and treatment of sexually abusive youth.

The training is led by, Maree Crabbe whose work on pornography is delivered across Australia and internationally. Readily available and aggressively marketed online, exposure to hardcore pornography is now mainstream. Porn has become a default sex educator for many young people, with serious implications for their capacity to negotiate free and full consent, for mutual respect, for sexual health, and for gender equality. As a result there is growing concern, both in Australia and internationally, that porn’s influence is contributing to cultural conditions that cultivate sexual assault

Date: Wednesday 5th August 2015

Time: 9.30 am – 4.30 pm

Venue: Level 1, 59-63 Spring Street, Geelong West

Cost: $200.00

To Register

About the presenter:

Maree Crabbe is coordinator of the community education and violence prevention project, Reality & Risk: Pornography, young people and sexuality. She is co-director and co-producer of the broadcast documentary film Love and Sex in an Age of Pornography, and author of the secondary school resource, In The Picture.

Maree has worked with young people – and on issues affecting young people – for over 20 years. She has developed and delivered programs focusing on sexual violence prevention, sexual diversity and prevention of STIs. Maree’s articles on young people, sexuality and pornography have been published in online and print media.

Julie Mandersloot
Office Administration
Barwon Centre Against Sexual Assault
PO Box 245 Geelong 3220
T 03-5222 4318 | F 03-5223 2979 | 24 Hr Crisis Line 1800 806 292
REEL HEALTH

International Short Film Festival

Featuring a selection of captivating short films from all over the world, Reel Health showcases stories of courage and inspiration, brimming with hope, strength, friendship and survival.

Saturday August 1 ~ 3pm
BARWON HEADS Hall - 79 Hitchcock Ave
Book at http://www.trybooking.com/HYOX

Wednesday August 5 ~ 7pm (Launch night)
Village Cinemas GEELONG - 194 - 200 Fryie St
Book at http://www.trybooking.com/HYPC

Friday August 7 ~ 7pm
Courthouse Youth Arts GEELONG - 60 Little Malop St
Book at http://www.trybooking.com/HYPG

Thursday August 13 ~ 7pm
COLAC Cinema - Cnr Gellibrand St & Rae Street
Book at http://www.trybooking.com/HYPP

Friday August 14 ~ 7pm
SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre,
DRYSDALE - 17 – 21 High St
Book at http://www.trybooking.com/ICYC

Tuesday August 18 ~ 3pm
Cumberland LORNE Resort - 150 Mount Joy Parade
Book at http://www.trybooking.com/HYPU

Thursday August 20 ~ 12 midday
Nolane Child and Family Centre,
NORLANE – 52 - 56 Gerbera Avenue
Book at http://www.trybooking.com/ICXW

Tuesday August 25 ~ 7pm
Surf World TORQUAY - Surf City Plaza, Beach Rd
Book at http://www.trybooking.com/HYGU

Friday August 28 ~ 7pm
EAST GEELONG Uniting Church - ‘Bay Room’,
195 Ormond Rd
Book at http://www.trybooking.com/HYPX

Wednesday September 23 ~ 7.30pm
QUEENSLIFF Uniting Church – 83 – 89 Hesse St
Book at http://www.trybooking.com/ICXJ
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<td>Let Us Begin (USA)</td>
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<td>A very real and raw examination of living with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) or MND as told through a sufferer and her family.</td>
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<td>The Gimp Monkeys (USA)</td>
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<td>“We are climbers first, disabled second,” says Arc’teryx athlete Craig DeMartino. The Gimp Monkeys follows three rock climbers on their quest to climb Zodiac; a 1,800-foot route on the southeast face of El Capitan in Yosemite National Park. Their tenacity and remarkable attitude demonstrates how losing a limb has pushed them harder to succeed.</td>
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<td>Pushing On (USA)</td>
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<td>Created as a music video, Pushing On reflects the full journey of life. Starting the story as a new-born child and working through various stages to becoming an old man, the character dances and pushes on through life to the beat of the song.</td>
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<td>Duct Tape Surfing (Australia)</td>
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<td>A slight lapse in concentration 20 years ago left Pascal a paraplegic and crushed many of her life dreams. With the help of a family friend, and many rolls of duct tape, she is no longer an observer in life.</td>
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<td>Cloud And Mud (China)</td>
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<td>The River Inside (Australia)</td>
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<td>Struggling through a night of grief and loss, a man allows a tear to well in his eye. He draws it back and the audience is taken on a journey of his emotions. Utilising the painstaking skill of stop-motion animation, The River Inside shares a story of sadness, anxiety and, ultimately hope.</td>
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<td>Destinations (Australia)</td>
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<td>A glimpse into the tireless work of a volunteer who offers guidance, love and support to members of the Chinese community suffering through cancer in its many guises. Her inspirational work makes an invaluable difference to this community during these most poignant of times.</td>
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<td>Smile (Italy)</td>
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MENTAL HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE

GEELONG CATS IN THE COMMUNITY & PATHWAYS INVITE YOU TO...

MENTAL HEALTH IN THE WORKPLACE

GREAT FOR YOUR STAFF AND YOUR BUSINESS

A WORKING LUNCH FOR HR PROFESSIONALS WITH TOOLS TO PROVIDE A SUPPORTIVE WORKPLACE AND DISCUSS THE WIDER BENEFITS TO YOUR BUSINESS FOR CEOS.

WHEN: Wednesday 26 August | 12pm–2pm
VENUE: Deakin Cats Community Centre, Simonds Stadium (enter through the Doug Wade Gate)
GUEST SPEAKERS:
GEELONG CATS CEO BRIAN COOK, PATHWAYS CEO PHIL DUNN & PSYCHOLOGIST, CHRIS MACKEY.
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:
CHRIS MCGRATH, MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION CONSULTANT, PATHWAYS

With 30 years of sector experience and a client base of over 300, Pathways is the leading provider of mental health services in the Geelong region.

Light lunch served. Places are limited. To avoid disappointment RSVP by Monday 17 August 2015 by emailing your name, position and company to communitycentre@geelongcats.com.au.
These sessions are free and part of the Cats Community Education Session 2015.

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FOR SCHOOLS
HEALTHY CHILDREN’S NETWORK

REGISTER NOW! Thursday 13th August, 3:00pm-5:00pm

Healthy Children’s Network event: “Creating safe, happy and healthy learning environments”

Please join us for a fun and interactive workshop held at the Boorai Centre (Integrated Child and Family Centre), Ocean Grove.

You will have the opportunity to:

- Hear examples from local schools and early learning centres
- Share experiences and ideas as to how to create safe learning environments for children, parents and staff
- Pick up local health and safety information and resources
- Go in the draw to WIN $1000* for your school or early learning centre’s health and wellbeing initiatives

Please note: Attendance at this event is only possible for early learning centres and schools registered with the Healthy Together Achievement Program.

To register please visit: www.achievementprogram.healthytogether.vic.gov.au/

Please encourage members of your health and wellbeing teams (including parents and students) to come along!

Detailed agenda to be sent shortly.

*Terms and conditions apply

RSVP by Friday 7th August, bookings essential: http://www.trybooking.com/IKBV

This professional development activity is proudly supported by the Department of Education and Training and relates directly to the DET Health and Wellbeing Priorities.

Also: VIT registration; Teachers who attend this PD will receive a certificate of attendance to assist with recording PD hours, the session relates to the APST standards 4 and 7.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions srodd@geelongcity.vic.gov.au.
Please see below for a fantastic new resource that you may wish to promote to your schools.

*Adolescents on Social Media... A Guide for Parents* has been developed by Jamie Roberts (who many of you will remember from his multimedia presentation at the 2014 Term 4 SFYS Statewide in Woodend). This parent information resource will also assist schools with the promoting of safe and ethical use of all mediums of digital technology.

It would be fantastic if you could pass the below information on to your schools via your extensive networks. You may even wish to have a look at the resource yourself! Complimentary access can be gained up until July 31.

**What is it?:** A resource for primary and secondary schools featuring six short videos aimed at helping parents to better understand the allure of social media for young people, and to provide knowledge, strategies and ideas that can greatly reduce the risk of conflict, privacy issues and damage to reputations online.

**Why?:** The game has changed when it comes to the amount of time school staff spend working with students to resolve conflict and manage their reputation. Social media is here to stay, and with it more complications for schools as students are now connecting 24/7 online from which many issues now flow into the school yard.

Parents can play a valuable role in reducing issues relating to adolescents social media activity but are often unsure where to start. This resource enables schools to reach parents in their homes and provide them with important information and strategies.

**How?:** A school subscription enables schools to access and share the videos with parents online (both individually and collectively), download the series for use at school events, embed the series in a website or social media page, and lend the series on DVD to parents struggling with internet access. (Schools are provided with 3 copies)

**What the series covers...**

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About the Presenter: Jamie Roberts, Youth Worker and Cyber Safety Advocate has presented social media workshops for parents at many schools that aim to assist them to better understand the allure of social media for young people, and what strategies they can use to ensure their adolescent children stay safe, protect their online reputations, and avoid conflict or bullying online.


View the series: Clicking on ‘School Access’ and using the password ‘adolescent’ will provide school representatives with access to the series playlist until July 31st.

For more information call Jamie on 0408521972 or email: info@schoolwellbeing.com.au

CERTIFICATE III IN EDUCATION SUPPORT (CHC30213) (INTEGRATION AND / OR TEACHERS AID)

Please find below an excellent opportunity for integration aides or teacher aides who are not qualified to gain their qualification. Could you please distribute amongst your teaching staff and networks.

**CERTIFICATE III IN EDUCATION SUPPORT (CHC30213) (INTEGRATION AND / OR TEACHERS AID)**

*This qualification covers workers in a range of educational settings including public and independent schools and community educational settings that provide assistance and support to teachers and students under broad based supervision. Some occupational titles may include education assistant, education support workers, home tutor, teacher’s aide or literacy and numeracy support worker.*

*Government funding available to eligible students. Child care assistance/funding available.*

**VENUES**

*Ocean Grove  Thur & Fri  starting 6th August*

Should you have any further questions, please contact us on 5255 4294 or by email at reception@ognc.com.au.

Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre
5255 4294
YOUTH VOICES 2015
A collaboration between gpac:ed, headspace Geelong & Barwon Adolescent Task Force and supported by Cyber Cats

IT IS TIME TO TURN THE TABLES

Youth Voices gives young people the opportunity to turn the tables on how the media, general public, teachers and adults often view and judge the choices they make and the things they do. It is about young people being the experts and educating the adults, parents and educators on topics such as: social media, safe partying, family violence, sexual identity, bullying, healthy relationships and more.

Any young person group or individual between the ages of 12-25 can participate in Youth Voices using any of the following mediums to express their views: acting, dancing, music, singing, poetry, filmmaking, photography, a speech or PowerPoint etc.

The young person does not necessarily have to appear on stage or perform, as they can represent their ideas through mediums such as film or photostory. The other option is for them to display any visual arts work, such as painting or photography, in the GPAC foyer.

Any young person group or individual may enter up to 2 x 10 minute presentations.

Program Structure:

When: Thursday 10th September 2015 to celebrate RUOK day.

Day presentation: 12.30 – 3.00
Young people will come together to share work; express their views, ideas and opinions as they rotate from presenting to watching the presentations.

Evening presentation: 7.00 – 9.30
Adults, parents and educators are invited to come along to support and encourage the young people as they present their views, opinions and ideas across a range of creative mediums.

Cost: There is no cost for a young person to participate in this event.
Adult tickets for the evening presentation are $5.00.

Once the registration form is received more information will be sent.

For further information and to book contact:
Kelly Clifford - Youth and Education, GPAC
PO Box 991 Geelong VIC 3220
P- 03 5225 1207  F- 03 5225 1229  E- kelly@gpac.org.au

9/06/2015 - gpaced
YOUTH VOICES 2015
Registration

Presentation Requirements:

- The Length: 10 – 15 minutes – which includes set up and pack up.
- Lighting: there will be set lighting states for you to choose from.
- Sound: sound effects, voice over and music can be used.
- Data projection: available.
- Set (if required): GPAC will supply 10 chairs and 3 tables.

The program is free to enter and groups can enter up to 2 x 10 minute presentations.

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For further information and to book contact:
Kelly Clifford - Youth and Education, GPAC
PO Box 991 Geelong VIC 3220  P- 03 5225 1207  F- 03 5225 1229  E- kelly@gpac.org.au
Deakin University Student Access and Equity Youth Conference
- Welcome to my world -

Wednesday 19 & Thursday 20 August 2015

The Conference Committee are extremely pleased to advise the 2015 program has been released.
Please click here to view the program

Please click here to view the conference website
Disability and Sexuality Forum  
Supporting the sexual expression of people with disabilities

People with a disability can have the full range of sexuality and relationship experiences. However, research shows that currently people with a disability have less experience and often more negative experiences than others.

This short forum explores some of the barriers that exist for people with disabilities as well as ways we can encourage and support intimate connections with others. The forum will also explore the sex industry as an option for sexual expression.

More about the guest speakers:

Dr George Taleporos  - An academic and consultant who has a PhD in sexuality (Taleporos & McCabe 2003)

Dr George will be facilitating a panel of speakers with disabilities who will share their personal experiences and challenges regarding intimate relationships and will also provide an interactive presentation on the practice of sexual facilitation. This seemingly confronting aspect of disability support will be openly explored and all questions will be answered with practical solutions.

Sex worker  - A sex worker will be present to clarify the expectations and supports required when accessing a sex worker (for both males and females). The sex worker will discuss personal experience of servicing people with a range of disabilities

Victoria Chipperfield  - Director of Stabilise
Victoria will be displaying a range of sex toys and products suitable for people with disabilities. Online catalogues will be available on the day.

More Details & Booking
PO Box 2110 Ivanhoe East, 3079
Equality between women and men is the way forward to preventing violence against women

Barwon CASA (Barwon Centre Against Sexual Assault) in partnership with Deakin University invite you to SAVE THE DATE for our
Prevention of Violence Against Women Forum, 24 November 2015

When: Tuesday 24 November
Time: 9.15 am (Registration opens at 8.30 am) to 5 pm

We are very excited to announce that we have engaged highly regarded keynote speakers including Nelly Thomas and Maree Crabbe.

The aim of this Forum is to:

- Highlight the current best practice models and information toward the prevention of violence against women and their children
- Provide the broader community with opportunities to critically engage with a range of prevention initiatives and gain knowledge of the social determinants of violence against women and children
- Increase your capacity to make informed, evidence-based decisions around the implementation of violence prevention programs.
- Provide opportunities for a more cohesive community approach to prevention activities and programs
- Provide a diversity of speakers and programs that can be implemented across multiple settings
- Create a networking opportunity and discuss relevant issues.

You will be able to use the evidence-based knowledge you have gained to inform your practice.

The information, research and knowledge presented will cover areas including:

- Pornography
- Masculinity and male privilege
- Women with disabilities
- Prevention programs in multiple settings including schools, with new parents, local government, workplaces and business.

Our keynote speakers:

Nelly Thomas

Nelly Thomas is an award-winning comedian, speaker & MC, Author and Health Promotion Ambassador. As well as being an award-winning performer, she was listed as one of Australia’s “most innovative thinkers” in The Age Newspaper’s, The Zone and was featured on the ABC’s Big Ideas: The Smartest Stuff on TV, Radio and Online. In recent years, Nelly released her comedy DVD, The Talk (a sexual health and ethics DVD for teens and their carers) as well as her first book with Random House Publishing. The book is called What Women Want and canvasses the big issues of the modern era.
**Maree Crabbe**

*Maree Crabbe* is coordinator of the community education and violence prevention project, Reality & Risk: Pornography, young people and sexuality. She is co-director and co-producer of the broadcast documentary film Love and Sex in an Age of Pornography, and author of the secondary school resource, In The Picture. Maree has worked with young people – and on issues affecting young people – for over 20 years. She has developed and delivered programs focusing on sexual violence prevention, sexual diversity and prevention of STIs. Maree’s articles on young people, sexuality and pornography have been published in online and print media.

**Rodney Vlais**

Rodney Vlais is the Manager of **No To Violence Male Family Prevention Association (NTV)**, a psychologist and one of Australia’s leading policy workers and is also spokesperson for work with men who perpetrate family and domestic violence. An experienced men’s behaviour change program practitioner, Rodney has worked in six programs over a period of ten years, has written widely on the issues, and has provided training to program practitioners and other family violence service system workers across most Australian States and Territories. He is passionate about helping men ‘tune a gender antennae’ towards identifying and transforming male entitlement and privilege in their own behaviour, networks, cultures and institutions.

**Keran Howe**

Keran Howe is **Executive Director of Women with Disabilities Victoria**. Over many years Keran has represented issues related to women’s health, violence prevention and the rights of people with disabilities. In her previous position she managed the Department of Social Work at Royal Women’s Hospital. Committee work includes Chair of the Inaugural Disability Advisory Council of Victoria, Chair of Women with Disabilities Australia and a member of the National Disability Research and Development Steering Committee. She is currently a Director of the Residential Independence Trust Board under the Transport Accident Commission and of Domestic Violence Victoria Board. In 2005 Keran was awarded a Churchill Scholarship to visit USA and Canada to examine hospital responses for pregnant women and women with disabilities who experience violence. Keran was awarded a Centenary Medal for her work on behalf of people with disabilities and has been inducted to the Victorian Women’s Honour Roll.
Donna Williams BA Hons, Dip Ed, renowned author, lecturer and autism consultant.

Born in 1963, thought deaf and diagnosed as psychotic at the age of two, Donna Williams thwarted institutionalisation, and acquired functional speech in late childhood. The author of ten books in the field of autism, an international public speaker since 1994 and autism consultant since 1996, Donna will provide a fascinating insight into the world of Autism as someone who has actually been there.

Donna is presenting 4 sessions – Autism from the Inside

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The sessions run from 7.30pm – 8.30pm and the cost is $80 or $40 concession

There will be limited opportunities to access this course via Skype – please contact SpringDale if you would like to access the course in this manner. Ph 03 5253 1960.

SpringDale Neighbourhood Centre

Bringing our community together for more than 25 Years
MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID COURSE

Mental health first aid is the help given to someone developing a mental health problem or in a mental health crisis. The first aid is given until appropriate professional treatment is received or until the crisis resolves.

Fridays 9am from 14th August at the Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre
Course Fee: $90.00 Discount fee normally $220.00 2x 8 hour sessions
Tutor: Barwon Health

TRAINING FROM OUR COMMUNITY

Advanced Grant Writing Seminar
(Wednesday 5 August, 10.00am - 3.00pm)
You've mastered the basics, now it's time to become a GRANTS MASTER. Learn how to become a sophisticated, successful grantseeker for your organisation. As this is an advanced grants session participants must have either completed a prior grant training session or be actively involved in grant writing for their organisation.

Fee: $295

Secrets of Successful Boards
(Tuesday 4 August, 10.00am - 3.00pm)
A healthy committee of management or board is integral to the success of any community organisation. This full-day course will help you understand your legal and practical responsibilities as a committee/board member, and how you can create a more harmonious, more productive and more effective working group.

Fee: $295

Diploma of Business (Governance)
(Beginning Monday 31 August)
The Diploma of Business (Governance) is a new diploma-level governance qualification. This nationally recognised qualification is designed for members of not-for-profit boards and committees, and the CEOs and senior staff who work alongside them. The content for this course has been developed by the Institute of Community Directors Australia, an Our Community enterprise, and delivered in partnership with Chisholm Institute.

Fee: $4495
FOR YOUTH

DRYSDALE YOUTH CENTRE OPENING

Check out the youth chill out and activity space in Drysdale for 12-25 year olds.

The space is for you.....make it how you want it to look like!!

All FREE
Music, activities, food, lot of fun!

Also have your say on what you want to see in the space each fortnight!

Open Day
Tuesday 18 August
3.30-5.30pm
Springdale Neighbourhood Centre, Drysdale

Everyone is welcome

WWW.YOUTHCAN.VIC.GOV.AU
City of Greater Geelong
Youth Development Unit
Phone: 5272 5272

CITY OF GEOLOGY

GEELONG
FOR THE MUSICALLY TALENTED

If you know a young person who is musically talented or plays in a great band then the below info might be of interest to them. The music industry is a tough nut to crack so any initiative that provides a leg up is well worth considering.

We are working with the Bank of Melbourne on their Melbourne Music Bank competition, which is in its third year in 2015. Designed to give emerging artists a leg-up in the music industry, the competition invites bands/individuals to upload their song online. An expert panel picks 12 finalists, and the public is then encouraged to vote for their favourite song. The top four from the voting stage perform at the final event (8 October at Arts Centre Melbourne) and the expert panel picks the winner.

A link to the competition website which will provide you with more information can be found here: http://info.bankofmelbourne.com.au/melbmusicbank/

The winner of the competition gets 2 days’ recording at Sing Sing studios, a film clip, album artwork and 500 copies of their CD, and an entourage of support to help launch their career, including a manager, publicist, booking agent and radio pluggers.

Competition ambassador Ella Hooper explains the competition here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnB1I01jxcs
And this is the video clip of last year’s winner, Heloise: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jtMMol8j0Qw

We would love for you to promote the competition via your social media channels – particularly Facebook and Twitter – to spread the word of Melbourne Music Bank and encourage people to enter. The dedicated hashtag is #MelbMusicBank, which is being used by @bankofmelb on Twitter and Instagram.

Please don’t hesitate to get in touch should you have any questions.

Kind regards,
Maddy Phillips
Willett Marketing
03 9536 2555
The fOrT will be open Monday to Friday each week during Term Three, 4pm-6pm. There are some new programs being offered, which include extra music lessons, arts programs, Girls Only Drop In, Boys Only Drop In, excursions, dance classes and FIFA competitions.

The fOrT has welcomed a new staff member, Ryan, who is the music program co-ordinator. Ryan is very passionate about music and supporting young people to find their own connections. Ryan has been running workshops on creating your own percussion instruments, inviting bands to play at the fOrT, running disco’s and will begin teaching the young people how to record their own music this term.

The very popular Laser Strike will be held at the fOrT on Tuesday 25\textsuperscript{th} August. An excursion to the Supercats Basketball will be held on Friday 14\textsuperscript{th} August and the awesome Dance Machine will be at the fOrT for the entire week of 31\textsuperscript{st} August to Thursday 3\textsuperscript{rd} September.

All activities, programs and excursions delivered by the fOrT Youth Centre are Free and for ages 12-25 years. For further information or booking details, please contact Jane Ruge on 5274 9074.
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The program is facilitated by qualified youth and social workers and has no affiliations with any church denomination. Drop in is available every Friday night during school terms from 6pm to 9pm (excepting excursions when we may be a little later) and costs between $5 and $20 depending on the activity. All in house events are $5.00 and this will cover the cost of staff and dinner. 2 camps are held annually for young people to attend, the Victorian Police High Challenge camp and the OGNC camp.

Should you have any further questions, please contact us on 5255 4294 or by email at reception@ognc.com.au.

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**DROP IN ACTIVITIES**

**TERM 3 2015**

- **July 17th — In house**  Welcome back
- **July 24th — In house**  KFC dinner
- **July 31st — Excursion**
  - Super Tramp—Geelong
- **August 7th — In house**  Art Class
- **August 14th — In house**  Boxing
- **August 21st — Excursion**
  - Andrew Bews Gym Geelong
- **August 28th — In house**  Minute to win it
- **September 4th — In house**  Karaoke
- **September 11th — Excursion**
  - Time Zone Geelong
- **September 18th — In house**
- **Footy finals night**

Whilst every effort is made to maintain the programmed activities. Due to circumstances beyond our control changes may occur.
FREE YOGA FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

4pm-5pm
Monday 17th August
5 week program

Keep Calm and Do Yoga

Fun
12-20 yr olds only
Come have laugh
Exams coming up?
Great for sports

Be more relaxed and flexible
Stressed?
Great for mental health
Look after your body

Grovedale Neighbourhood Hub: 45 Heyers Road Grovedale

Open to young people ages 12-20 years old. Registrations & permission forms required. Contact Karina kdonkers@geelongcity.vic.gov.au or 5272 4699