

National Career Development Week in Yarra Ranges – May 18 - 24



As part of NCDW in Yarra Ranges, members of the community were able to attend either a free Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Advice Session with Skills Stores Melbourne East or Planning the Next Step Workshop with a Career Councillor from Morrisons.

RPL Advice Sessions enabled people to assess their suitability to undertake a full RPL assessment for further training and qualifications mainly up to TAFE level. All people who attended these sessions were successfully referred for further RPL with a state government subsidy of \$250 to offset the cost.

Fifteen adults attended the Planning the Next Step workshop enabling them to explore their skills, values and interests and how these could be applied to future career pathways. Participants went away from the workshop with a variety of resources and tools to plan and better manage their career choices.



Barb Lorey (centre) Career Councillor from Morrisons with Planning the Next Step Workshop participants Diana, Karen, Katrina and Sue. who were busy exploring the Job Guide as a useful resource.

Other NCDW activities in Yarra Ranges included the launch of the Live Learn & Earn XChange, the online network promoting and linking people in Yarra Ranges to lifelong learning and career development. This was selected as a 2009 NCDW Victorian lead event. People and organisations can now join the Live Learn & Earn XChange at

www.yarrarangeslearning.net.au

National Career Development Week activities in Yarra Ranges were conducted as part of a Yarra Ranges new initiative to promote all of May as “Leap into Lifelong Learning Month” combining not only National Career Development Week but also National Volunteer, Neighbourhood House, Education and Library & Information Weeks.

Local NCDW activities are an initiative of the Yarra Ranges Career Development Plan 2007 - 2010, developed by the Shire’s Community Engagement and Development Team, with support from key community stakeholder organisations including Centrelink, Eastern Regional Libraries, Swinburne TAFE, Outer Eastern Local Learning & Employment Network & Morrisons.

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