

**'Set Your Heart on a Career in Accounting', Swan Hill Region, organised by Murray Mallee LLEN**



12 students from 5 regional secondary schools completed a week 'work experience' program in 8 accounting and finance organisations. The program incorporated presentations to students, mentoring from qualified accountants, allowing students to undertake real tasks such as BAS, banklink, client tax returns and staff meetings. On the final day of placement, students were taken on a 'walking tour' of 9 other organisations that have finance departments, where staff explained roles and career pathway opportunities in the financial sector. The tour was followed by a luncheon attended by students and 27 staff from participating financial institutions. Students and employers were presented with participation and appreciation certificates. The program is in its second year and will continue to be an annual event of schools calendars in the future.