



## News

# Aiming for more accountants

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SWAN Hill is asking students to set their heart on a career in accounting.

A local work experience program to promote accounting has been running all week and culminates today with a luncheon and tour of local businesses that use accountants.

The program — Set your heart on a career in accounting — was chosen as one of four lead events in Victoria for National Career Development Week, which runs until Sunday.

The program involves students from district secondary schools participating in a one week work experience program, hosted by accounting firms and other financial institutions in Swan Hill.

Angus McArthur and Geordon McLoughlan, both year 10 students at Tyrrell College in Sea Lake, did work experience at Swan Hill accounting firms this week.

Geordon — who has worked at PDF Accounting all week — said he had never considered a career in accounting before, but a talk from two of the firm's staff members changed that.

"I didn't even think about it until they came to the school," he said.

"I still have no idea what I want to do... but it is an option.

"(Work experience) tells you what's out there, if you're not sure of what to do in the future."

Angus — who has done work experience at Swan Hill Credit Union — said

he had thought of a career in accounting but "wanted to see what it was really like".

"I'm enjoying it — it's interesting," he said.

"I considered (being an accountant) but I

didn't have solid plans. It's made me want to do it more.

"I'll do accounting at school next year."

His supervisor, Alexa Moser, said work experience was an important step in discovering the right career.

"It's helpful to know that what you think you are interested in, you are," she said.

"Instead of studying for a long time and finding out you don't like it."



**EXPERIENCE:** Angus McArthur and Alexa Moser at Swan Hill Credit Union.



**TRY OUT:** Geordon McLoughlan has spent this week getting work experience as an accountant.