

# Overview 2019

The following is a brief outline of the focus for **Highlands LLEN** in 2019 as we remain committed to creating learning opportunities for young people by facilitating genuine partnerships and complementary support systems.

## Highlands LLEN

Highlands LLEN is part of a Victorian network of 31 LLENs established in 2001. We have strong connections to local communities, including schools, education and training providers, business and industry, all levels of Government and community.

In 2019 Highlands LLEN broadened its focus by adding GROW Ballarat to our suite of contracts. This year also marks the end to the current funding cycle for the Structure Workplace Learning and Education Engagement contracts. The VET Cluster continues to offer broad VET choices to 520 students in the region. Our relationship with the Central Highlands Children and Youth Area Partnership, secured funding to coordinate the Youth Advisory Board.

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## Education Engagement

The Highlands LLEN brokers sustainable partnerships that increase the rate of Secondary School aged young people in the Highlands Region who are engaged in education or training. This contributes to the overall aim of increasing the proportion of young people who stay in education and complete Year 12 or a vocational equivalent.

Utilising Partnership Brokerage practices, Highlands LLEN connects the people and organisations with relevant expertise to address a range of issues that can lead to education disengagement.

Highlands LLEN plays a vital role in establishing networks, collaborations and partnerships that facilitate the connection of young people to the initiatives that meet their needs and improve their prospects of engaging in education, training and employment.

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## Structured Workplace Learning (SWL)

Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) supports efforts to provide placements for students undertaking Vocational Education and Training (VET) programs as part of their senior certificates. To achieve this, the Highlands LLEN engages with industry and employers to source SWL opportunities that are advertised on the Statewide Portal.

The Highlands LLEN SWL Program makes it possible for young people studying VET to undertake different jobs, meet local employers and gain beneficial opportunities to practice their knowledge and skills through SWL and/or School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships (SBATs).

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## GROW Ballarat

Growing Regional Opportunities for Work (GROW) is a Collective Impact initiative, with business, government, community organisations and individuals working together to address disadvantage in areas of high unemployment in Ballarat.

This long term unique regional strategy was established in Geelong in 2013 and has four key pillars that guide activities.

1. Social procurement
2. Impact investment
3. Demand-led employment
4. Shared measurement framework

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## Youth Advisory Board & Project Work

The Youth Advisory Board (YAB) is a collective of 15 young people who are all passionate about improving outcomes for young people in the community through leadership and advocacy.

There are a number of key projects that Highlands LLEN undertakes each year including data analysis, report writing and resource production which all assist Highlands LLEN in providing information to stakeholders and achieving goals in key areas of our work.

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## VET Cluster

The Vocational Education and Training (VET) Cluster is a partnership between the Highlands LLEN and 22 Secondary Education providers within Ballarat and surrounding areas.

Our programs, delivered by Registered Training Organisations, offer students an opportunity to undertake National or State vocational certificates which are recognised as part of a student's Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) or Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) as endorsed by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority.

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The Administration Officer supports Highlands LLEN in all key portfolios and other major projects including: Get into Games Expo, School Leavers Manual etc.

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Administrative Support (VET Cluster) is a role designed to support the work of the VET Cluster Coordinator and ensure the Cluster operates efficiently and effectively.

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The Finance Officer supports Highlands LLEN in achieving balance and consistency across all financial concerns. This role is crucial to the successful operation of the organisation.