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Message from the Manager



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Welcome to the Bass Coast Adult Learning (BCAL – pronounced BeeCAL) newsletter! Some people may not know that as well as being a provider of 'Learn Local' short courses and NDIS Capacity Building sessions we are also a Registered Training Organisation which means we offer a number of certificate level qualifications for anyone wanting to gain some qualifications to help them in their careers.

We're wonderfully busy this year with interesting courses in horticulture, computing, beauty, English and even maths. And we have a popular capacity building program for NDIS participants which includes sessions on cooking, photography, art, job

skills and practical maintenance. We're introducing a couple of new courses over the next few months. Practical Music covers a range of music industry topics and Lifeskills which covers practical topics that can be applied to life and work. There will be more information on these courses in our Term 3 brochure and on our website in July.

We are fortunate to have teachers and facilitators who care deeply about the work they do to help build better futures for everyone who comes through our doors. This could be you. *Deb Watson,*

Centre Manager



We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, the Bunurong / Boonwurrung people and pay respects to their elders past, present and emerging and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in our community today.

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders as the first Australians and recognise that they have a unique relationship with the land and water.

Geoff- Active in multiple roles



I love Mondays! My working week starts in the shed turning recycled materials into really solid garden furniture. After lunch I do some proof reading for Josh as he works on the Newsletter and other media commitments. Tuesdays I help people get control of their finances in Money-Wise. Wednesday is another fantastic day as I steer our "Through the Lens" photography group with adventures that have included a visit to the State Coal Mine, a session with our Hair Dressing group and close ups of the BCAL Horticultural garden. Tasty affordable meals are on the menu from the BCAL Pantry with Jeremy and Daniel on Thursday. Friday with Josh is a great way to review the week as we work on more face book posts and marketing material. I can't wait for the next week.

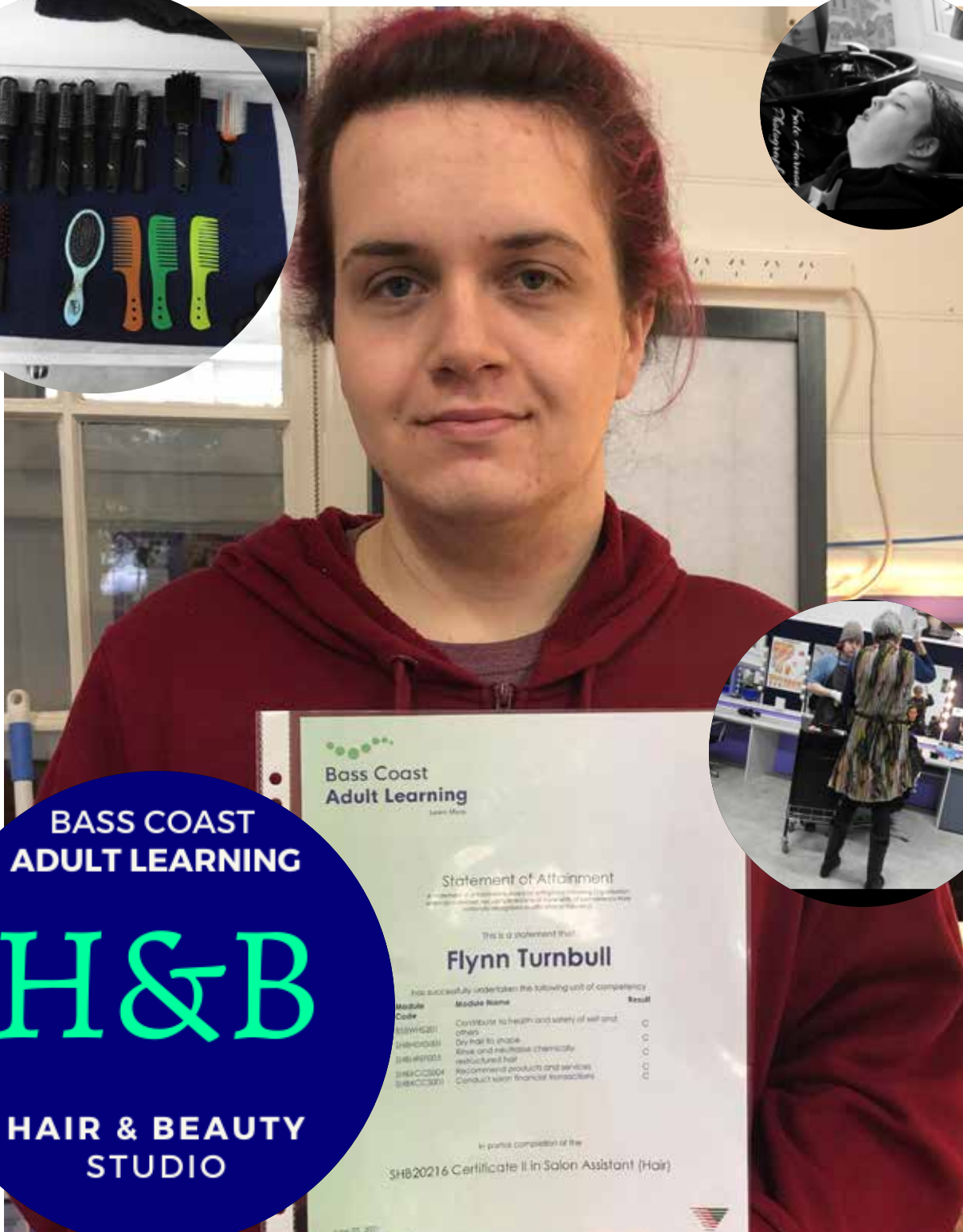
Josh- The Marketing Guru



My name is Josh Latham. I'm 28 years old and I'm currently the new Marketing officer here at BCAL, I started in the first week of term 2. I've really enjoyed my time here and I believe this is my dream job. I will be doing my best to work towards my own marketing skills and learn more along the way. Geoff Ellis is my coworker and he is really great to work with he keeps me very motivated. I am the creator of this newsletter which will be printed and available online at the beginning of each term. I am also organising a business breakfast called "Diversability" which will take place in November. This event will be about raising awareness and developing opportunities for people with a disability to find work. I'm really excited for the future of BCAL and enjoy the times ahead.



Congratulations to Flynn for finishing his Certificate II in Salon Assistant!



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Capacity Building

"Thru the lens"

Thru the Lens is a great example of people who build friendships while exploring our surroundings through photography. We share knowledge and have a few laughs along the way. We also think about the purpose of photos,



which could be keeping in touch via social media, getting them framed for exhibitions or creating a lasting memento of a great day out. It's BCAL capacity building at it's best.



In the "thru the lens" photography group are Kate, Jessica, Jeremy, Mary, Josh and teacher Geoff. We have a newcomer this term in Flynn Turnbull. Welcome Flynn!



Loran's Journey (‘Grow Your Own’ teacher)



My name is Loran McKean. I came here from far North Queensland with my little girl on my hip, a suitcase filled with everything we owned and a car seat. We had nothing. I was workaholic back then and I realised that there is more to life so I shifted to Victoria where the hustle and bustles are a little bit quieter. It took a while to get established. I got myself a car to get around and decided to start a cert 2 in horticulture here at Bass Coast Adult Learning. I graduated! During that course I spotted the back garden at the centre and that inspired me to start the BCAL Garden Project. I started asking for seed donations and donations from Bunnings as well as picking up things from the side of the road like scraps and self-seeding plants. I ran it for 2 years with no income. I just managed to pull it together. Once I got things happening I started to tap into places like the Shire Council for mulch. Bunnings will always help out for fertilisers and other material. Now I grow produce that I can donate to community groups and whatever is left I could sell to local chefs in the area. They give me money to put back into the organisation so it really is our Community Horticultural Garden.

Capacity Building

The GOOD BOWL



In these cooking photos are 'Good Bowl' teacher Melissa and students Flynn, Shelley, and Dianne. They had a big day preparing lunch for National Volunteer Week!

Capacity Building **Exploring Art**



The art groups have been multiplying! There are now three weekly capacity building groups being held in the art room. The walls are adorned with vibrant oil paintings, pastels, gouache, acrylics and multimedia artworks. Lately we've had fun making mosaics. Soon we will team up with the photography group participants and visit local gallery "ArtSpace" to view the latest exhibition and find out about displaying cards featuring artwork from both groups. Other activities we're looking forward to include more excursions to local galleries and an exhibition of participants' artwork as part of the BCAL Festival in November.

Lisa Ovejero

Exploring Art facilitator



In this photo these two art students are Liz and Vanessa.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK



VOLUNTEER PARTY DAY

In May 2021, the EAL students worked together with their teacher. They wrote thankyou in their first languages to our volunteers. They also wrote a message in English to our volunteers.

On Monday the 17th of May we had a party together. The Mayor spoke, the Manager spoke, the teachers spoke. We all spoke together. Cards, gift vouchers and photos were presented to the volunteers. It was COVD safe inside and out. The Good Bowl and Thru the Lens were there helping out. There was lots of tasty multicultural food to eat and plenty of warm conversations happening all around BCAL.



Wonthaggi Pathways



Saturday 13th November

**Bass Coast Adult Learning
239 White Road Wonthaggi**

12noon to 4pm

3mFM Outside Broadcast 12noon – 2pm

Mini Parade: 1pm



Make this the year to change your story!

Market Stalls

Art, Craft, Woodworking
Homemade Condiments
Fresh Produce
Plants

Food Vans

Sausage Sizzle
Kebabs
Coffee and
Cake



Proudly brought to you by:

Activities

Music
Woodworking
Hair Braiding
Art & Craft
Story Telling Booth
Home Gardening Tips
And possibly even...
Craft Beer Making
Horse Rides
Yoga
Smoking Meat
Bocce



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New Courses starting this term



Life

Life Skills for Work Readiness

We all have things we feel a bit unprepared for. This course has been created to help you get ready for work as well as anything life throws at you.

Topics include:

- Getting a Tax File Number and ABN
- Using MyGov
- Budgeting & financial planning
- Understanding credit
- Communication skills
- Presentation
- Finding a place to live
- Basic computer skills
- Preparing a résumé
- Health & nutrition

Plus some handy around-the-home skills including basic home and car maintenance.

Be



10 wednesdays
Aug 4—Oct 20
10am—3pm
Tutor: Kate McNish
Cost: \$90 (\$70 conc)



If you haven't had a chance to read our Term 3 brochure you might have missed these two new courses starting soon....

Life Skills for Work Readiness – getting all the 't's crossed and the 'i's dotted!

...and **Practical Music** for budding musicians wanting to broaden their knowledge of the industry...and of course do some jammin'....



Music

Practical Music

A perfect starting point for those interested in learning about different aspects of the music industry.

The course is facilitated by professional musicians and visiting industry experts. Includes excursions to local performance venues, a weekly jam and exploring local public performance opportunities.



Topics include:

- Industry roles—performer, production, roadie, manager
- Event types
- Songwriting
- Busking
- Legal considerations
- Copyright
- Selling recordings online

Each weekly session will conclude with an afternoon jam to help you get to know other musicians and help with your improvisation.

The final session will be a public performance.

10 Thursdays
Aug 19—Nov 4
10am—3pm
Tutor: Lisa Ovejero
Cost: \$90 (\$70 conc)



In case you missed the video on our Facebook page...here's the recipe for Moo's famous Banana Bread...

Banana Bread

Oven temp 180°C

Cook time 55 minutes

Ingredients

2-3 medium very ripe bananas
½ cup or 115g melted, cooled, butter
½ teaspoon baking powder
1 pinch salt
¾ cup or 150g sugar (any kind except for icing sugar)
1 large egg
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 ½ cups or 200g plain flour

Instructions

Line a standard loaf tin with baking paper.
Sift dry ingredients together.
Smooch up the banana and add other wet ingredients
Add the smooched wet ingredients into the sifted dry ingredients and mix until combined
Pour into loaf tin
Bake for 55 minutes

Serve warm or cold, with or without icing or butter...



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