

Whittington Works Alliance Program

Supported 'education to employment' initiative for the long-term unemployed of eastern Geelong.

The Whittington Works initiative is a social inclusion program delivering education, training and employment to the long-term unemployed residents of Geelong's eastern suburbs. The program addresses areas of regional need by linking industries experiencing skills and/or labour shortages with vulnerable or disadvantaged residents keen to re-enter the job market.

- A partnership between Skilling the Bay and the Whittington Works Alliance to link education to employment opportunities.
- Delivering an industry specific approach targeting people from Geelong's eastern suburbs who are at risk of long-term unemployment.
- Building on an existing, successful model for supporting training linked to employment opportunities.
- Supporting the creation of a culture of educational attainment and lifelong learning across all of Geelong.
- Delivering on Skilling the Bay's commitment that future employment must be for all Geelong residents.

Partnerships in action

The Whittington Works Alliance brings together local communities, business, government and community organisations to develop local solutions to education, training and employment issues. Focused on the eastern suburbs of Geelong, the Whittington Works Alliance delivers industry specific programs based on employment needs within the community.

The program provides education and training in industries experiencing skill shortages. Partners include Jobactive providers, Registered Training Organisations and employers.

The partners each have a specific role within the program:

- Jobactive providers identify program participants and provide ongoing support during training;
- Registered Training Organisations tailor the training to meet the participant's ability and industry needs; and
- Employers provide advice regarding skill needs and offer work placements to participants.

The partnership between Skilling the Bay and the Whittington Works Alliance aims to deliver education, training and employment outcomes for disengaged adults. Participants experience a combination of education and training with an emphasis on work placements to provide them with job readiness skills.

Courses offered include:

- Certificate III Aged and Community Care
- Certificate II in Cleaning Operations
- Certificate II in General Automotive
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Food Processing Skill Set (Short Course)
- Bricklaying Skill Set (Short Course)

Highlights

- In 2015, of the 41 people who enrolled in courses 26 successfully completed the qualification (63%)
- Over half of the graduates in 2015 and 2016 have achieved successful employment outcomes.

Further information

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