

CEO Chatter



As we close another quarter at Western Riverina Community College, it is a good time to pause and reflect on the progress, connection and purpose that continue to shape our work.

Across the College, our focus remains firmly on practical, student-centred learning and on reducing barriers for people seeking education, skills, and new opportunities.

During the quarter, the WRCC Board Retreat provided an important opportunity for Directors to step back, consider our future priorities, and reflect on the governance, compliance and strategic opportunities that will guide our shared direction. That work sits alongside the everyday commitment of our staff and trainers, whose efforts continue to make a real difference for learners across the Western Riverina.

We also take this opportunity to acknowledge Sue Reynolds, who has retired from her role as Vocational Education Training Manager. Sue has made a valued contribution to WRCC over many years, and we thank her sincerely for her service, knowledge and commitment to vocational education and training. Pleasingly, Sue will not be disappearing completely and will continue to be involved as a trainer in literacy, business, and IT.

The College also came together for our annual dinner, which provided a welcome chance for staff to connect beyond the day-to-day, enjoy some team-building activities and share relaxed social time together, with karaoke adding plenty of energy and laughter to the evening.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to another productive and positive quarter. As we look ahead, WRCC will continue to strengthen its programs, partnerships, and systems so that we remain responsive to the needs of our learners and communities.

I look forward to seeing you at the college soon.

Best wishes,

David Martin
CEO, WRCC



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Leeton Centre Manager's Report

We have certainly kept ourselves busy here in Leeton over the past few months.

Our classes are going along well, and our Individual Support students are moving through their course nicely with Alison and Shirley. They are now working towards getting their work placement started, which is an exciting next step for them.

Our NSA program has also been going really well, with Sue and Jo doing an incredible job and making a real difference in students' lives. It still amazes me how many adults struggle through life with very limited reading and writing skills. This is such an amazing program, and we are very fortunate to have received the funding to make positive changes and help people who may have previously been left behind.

Speaking of our two wonderful trainers who are making such a difference, it is with much sadness that Sue has retired as our VET Manager. However, I am very excited to say that Sue will be coming back in a few weeks to do some teaching here in Leeton. I will be doing my best to load her up on that day so she has plenty of reasons to keep coming back!

We absolutely love having Sue here, and I cannot express enough gratitude for the support and guidance she has given me over the past 18 months. I am so glad that this is not goodbye, but rather, "I'll see you in a couple of weeks."

There is plenty in the pipeline for Leeton, so watch this space.

Kim Handsaker, WRCC Leeton



WRCC & the Community

Trainer Alison Quinn, supported by Kiara Duncan, recently delivered training in First Aid (single unit) in Ardlethan, as part of the WRCC Community Outreach programme.



Full Qualifications – Individual Support

A huge congratulations to our 14 amazing students who have completed their Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing and Disability)! This is a fantastic achievement and a true reflection of their hard work, compassion and dedication to caring for others. We are incredibly proud of each student and can't wait to see the positive difference they will make in the ageing and disability support sectors.



Annabelle Goulthroe



Grace Malupo



Tanya Clarke



Chantell Esnath Chisare



Brooke Saddler



Kendy Morgan



Heather Erskine



Narelle Middleton

Asylum Seeker Employer Skills Support

Asylum Seeker Employer Skills Support (ASESS) is a program by Settlement Services International (SSI).

SSI send their clients to us for assistance to get scaffolded and supported classes for people on humanitarian and protection visas, who are looking to gain necessary qualifications for work here in the Western Riverina.

WRCC gives language and literacy support and also specific tutorials designed for Foundation Skills which enable them to achieve these goals.

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A Fond Farewell & Best Wishes

A fond farewell & our warmest best wishes to **Manshant** as she finishes one chapter with WRCC and begins an exciting new adventure beyond our organisation. We are deeply grateful for all Manshant has contributed during her time with us — her support for learners, dedication, and positive energy have made a lasting impact.

Congratulations, Manshant — we wish you every success and happiness in this next chapter!

Staff & Trainer News

Thank you, Sue – and Happy Retirement!



Celebrating Sue Reynolds' 28 years of service to our community through GALA & Western Riverina Community College, Griffith.

In 1998, Sue Reynolds joined GALA – the Griffith adult-learning organisation that would grow into Western Riverina Community College – as Literacy Co-ordinator and Vocational Education Officer. Working from the original Banna Avenue premises, Sue helped everyday people build the reading, writing and work skills to change their lives – the quiet beginning of a remarkable career. By 2003, Sue had become Manager of GALA, steering the centre through a period of real growth and community impact. Then GALA moved to new premises on Yambil Street, and David Martin joined as Executive Officer to drive the organisation's vision.

Sue returned to the work closest to her heart, as Literacy Co-ordinator, laying the foundations for what would become Western Riverina Community College.

From there, Sue devoted herself to Adult Literacy Education and the Post School Options (PSO) program. She opened doors for school leavers and adults with a disability to keep learning, connecting and belonging, turning education into community.

A new, purpose-built home on Hickey Crescent was created for WRCC – a milestone Sue had helped build toward for more than a decade.

Sue became the Student Support Officer, cementing her reputation as the sector's

Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) expert for Adult Community Education. Whatever a learner needed to succeed, Sue found a way, one conversation, one breakthrough at a time.

Sue took the helm as VET Training Manager – a role she would hold right through to her retirement this year.

From literacy worksheets to leading vocational training, Sue spent nearly three decades giving the Riverina's learners the skills, and the confidence, to thrive.

For 28 years Sue gave the Riverina's learners her heart, her patience, and her unshakeable belief that everyone can grow.

With love and gratitude, from all of us at Western Riverina Community College.

Staff & Trainer News *(continued)*



Staff Development in Gerringong

Sue, Cathy and Jo met with Foundation Skills trainers from Community Colleges across NSW in Gerringong. This is an extension of the Community of Practice work done by and with our peak association, Community Education Australia (CEA) and led by Deb Littlehailes.



Congratulations to teacher Brad

Congratulations goes to Brad Radovanovic, one of our teachers at Western Riverina Community School.

Brad recently graduated from the University of New England, having completed a Bachelor of Education (Secondary Mathematics).



Thank you to Manshant

CEO David thanked Manshant on behalf of all the WRCC / WRCS attendees, for doing such a great job in organising our Winter Games Annual Event held in June.



WRCC/WRCS Annual Dinner 2026

The WRCC / WRCS team got together on Friday 26 June at the Griffith Golf Club for a mixed afternoon and evening of adventure and laughs.

A Scavenger Hunt was created and delivered by **BananaLife** from Sydney. Entertainment was provided by ... us! With a little help from **J.A.C.K.E.D. Karaoke**.

Ben Danoa and the team from **Little Italy** provided the delicious meals. And as you can see on the following pages, it was a quirky experience for us all, and a lot of fun.



Thank you to all who attended and participated.

As our key learning and development event of the year, the Annual Dinner is also an opportunity to reconnect with each other, and strengthen bonds across our organisation.

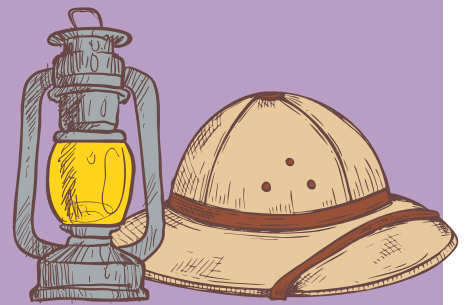
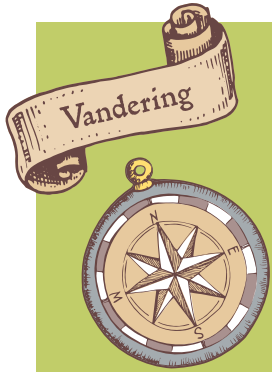


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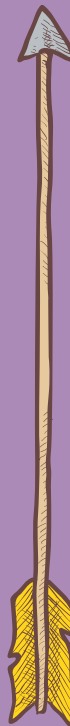
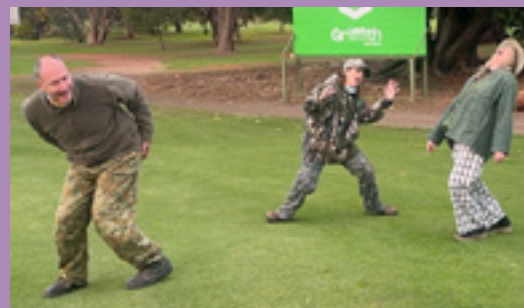


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SEASONAL COOKING with Jo Simpson

Easy Orange & Almond Cake

Looking for something delicious with our local fresh oranges? This Orange & Almond Cake is moist, full of fresh citrus flavour, and is gluten free.



INGREDIENTS

- 2 medium Oranges (skin on), around 600 grams
- 1¼ tsp Baking Powder
- 6 large Eggs
- 1¼ cups Sugar
- 2¾ cups Almond Meal



METHOD

1. Boil the oranges for 10 minutes. Drain and repeat twice more. (*worth the trouble*)
2. Cool, chop and remove the seeds.
3. Blend the oranges until smooth.
4. Add the remaining ingredients and blend well.
5. Pour into a lined 23cm cake tin.
6. Bake at 160°C for 60 minutes.
7. Cool, dust with icing sugar if desired, and enjoy!

TIPS

This cake is perfect with a cup of tea or coffee and a good dollop of cream.

You can even put an orange syrup over it when it comes out of the oven.

