



2018 Annual Report



The Buloke ENGAGE! Program provided the opportunity for 15 young people from Charlton and Wycheproof to take part in a leg of the Great Victorian Bike Ride - a 3 day ride from Rutherglen to Benalla in December 2018. With the majority of sports in Buloke being competitive team sports, the ride provided the opportunity for young people to be individually challenged both mentally and physically within the support of a group event.

The young riders worked alongside experienced riders in the community who assisted them with training sessions , team building and bike preparation, generously sharing valuable skills with the young participants. To quote some of the young cyclists – "It was so much more than a bike ride!" and "It gave me the chance to meet people I would never get to meet." Demonstrating the importance of these initiatives, one of the participants said they could not have gone on the ride if it wasn't for the Engage! Program as the major sponsor.



Message from the Executive Officer

It was an honour to step into the very BIG Executive Officer shoes left by Jerri Nelson toward the end of 2018.

In looking back over the year, the clarity and strength of vision of the NCLLEN and it's partners, is evident at every step. Receiving Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status in December has opened up even more potential for us to facilitate timely place-based responses to address the needs of children and young people 0-19years.

Continued investment in the NCLLEN by our funders and partners is highly appreciated and affirms their genuine engagement and dedication.

This year has seen steady growth in all of our programs. I want to thank our passionate and dedicated NCLLEN staff- we are proud of the work we undertake with our partners to support all children and young people in our rural community to thrive.

Beginning in the early years, we are grateful for William Buckland Foundation's contribution to our Strong Families Strong Children-Loddon program. Even though it's early days, we are excited by the tangible outcomes this program is achieving. Our focus remains on all children in Loddon receiving the earliest support, so that they arrive at school ready to learn.

Helping our children and young people engage in and stick with education is good for our community and society as a whole – it results in higher productivity, less unemployment and better health and wellbeing.

Other core programs facilitated during 2018 include:

- Managed Individual Pathways (now Career Education Program)
- Youth Building Places and Spaces
- Broader Horizons
- Structured Workplace Learning (SWL)
- Engage!
- Navigator

- St Arnaud Strengthening Families
- MATES Mentoring Program
- Flexible Learning Options (FLO)

A strong organisation is achieved through stable leadership and the NCLLEN has been blessed with this for many years.

On behalf of our Board and staff we wish to sincerely thank Tricia Currie for her strong and steady leadership. Tricia joined the committee in 2010 and has been the Chair since 2013. I also extend our grateful thanks to retiring committee members Kate Clark and Carol Canfield who have generously shared their skills and served on the board since 2005 & 2007 respectively.

I am confident that all three of these people will continue to champion the work of the NCLLEN and be strong advocates of our children & young people.

We thank each and every stake holder for their continued passion and participation. Together we remain focussed on the goal of all of our children and young people thriving. Every one of us who interacts with a child or young person has a part to play in helping them succeed. It takes a village!

Jane Hosking, EO, NCLLEN



Farewell Message from the Chair

As I vacate the Chair and step down from the NCLLEN Board I would like to reflect on the tremendously strong and exciting development of this small and influential organisation through the past nine years.

The Board has shared reflections, heard the stories of young people and transformed from a single contract entity to a charitable organisation enabling new investment into our rural communities.

It has been my delight and privilege to work with three Executive Officers and their teams in this time. The substantive and dynamic leadership of Jerri Nelson until recent months, brokering partnerships, building relationships and mining for data to tell the story of vulnerability and opportunity for the young people, children and families of our rural communities. Barry McKenzie, who led rural advocacy around skills and employment and now, Jane Hosking who has brought a deep understanding of early years investment and the opportunity to lead a "for purpose" organisation into the next stage of growth.

Thank you to the Board Directors for providing strong progressive governance. My very best wishes to the LLEN and the incoming Board for the future.

Tricia Currie, Chair - NCLLEN



North Central LLEN

The **VISION** of the NCLLEN is children and young people who are confident and capable, and on their way to success in life and work.

The **PURPOSE** of the NCLLEN is to support children and young people to actively participate in education, training, employment and the community.

We will **ACHIEVE OUR PURPOSE** through the facilitation and coordination of partnerships that deliver support to children, young people, their families and carers experiencing poverty, distress or disadvantage in the Shires of Loddon, Buloke and the community of St Arnaud in the Northern Grampians Shire.

Our priority is to support children and young people experiencing rural disadvantage, social isolation and from low socio-economic backgrounds.

A snapshot of our 2018 Achievements...

PARTNERSHIPS/ COLLABORATIONS



81 children & young people



15 schools



50+ businesses



5 pre-schools & 4 playgroups



5 Local Government Councils



2 children & youth area partnerships



1 philanthropic organisation



3 state government departments



30 Other LLENs

60+ young people supported in VET work placements & 30+ industry professionals providing industry exposure for Young People



104 young people's voices contributed to Local Government planning across the north central region.



62 children & young adults participated in mentoring activities



316 individual young people participated in Engage! activities



Supported 5 regular Story Times and 5 children to increase their kindergarten attendance across the Loddon Shire.

429 young people assisted with Managed Individual Pathways



6 young people re-connected to education through the North Central Flexible Learning Options program

Three year Strong Families Strong Children's project commenced in Loddon Shire with funding support from the William Buckland Foundation.



79 young people engaged in the L2-P program



15 young people participated in the Great Victorian Bike Ride

Our 2018 Financials

| NCLLEN Inc. Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2018 | 2018 \$ | 2017 \$ |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 420,140 | 268,258 |
| Trade and other receivables | 98,306 | 336,995 |
| Other current assets | 2,066 | 2,188 |
| Total current assets | 520,512 | 607,441 |
| Non-current assets | | |
| Property, plant & equipment | 2,102 | 3,003 |
| Total non-current assets | 2,102 | 3,003 |
| Total assets | 522,614 | 610,444 |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Trade and other payables | 51,643 | 39,312 |
| Other liabilities | 94,703 | 176,124 |
| Provisions | 21,485 | 21,683 |
| Total current liabilities | 167,831 | 237,119 |
| Non-current liabilities | | |
| Provisions | 9,875 | 12,566 |
| Total non-current liabilities | 9,875 | 12,566 |
| Total liabilities | 177,706 | 249,685 |
| Net assets | 344,908 | 360,759 |
| Equity | 344,908 | 360,759 |
| Total equity | 344,908 | 360,759 |

| NCLLEN Inc. Profit & Loss Statement as at 31 December 2018 | 2018 \$ | 2017 \$ |
|---|-----------------|----------------|
| Revenue | 615,298 | 787,343 |
| Salaries and employee benefits expense | (433,815) | (394,242) |
| Depreciation and amortisation expense | (901) | (458) |
| Project costs | (59,584) | (69,023) |
| Motor vehicle expenses | (56,048) | (54,869) |
| Administration and association costs | (45,967) | (41,597) |
| Occupancy and associated costs | (22,041) | (20,546) |
| Advertising and promotional costs | (5,693) | (6,977) |
| Other expenses | (7,100) | (4,452) |
| Surplus/(Deficit) before income tax expense | (15,851) | 195,179 |
| Income tax expense | - | - |
| Surplus/(Deficit) after income tax expense | (15,851) | 195,179 |
| Other comprehensive income | - | - |
| Total comprehensive income attributable to members of the entity | (15,851) | 195,179 |



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