

THE DJERRIWARRH



COMMUNITY & EDUCATION NEWS

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 was first
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 in 1989 in
 Melton."

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25 years developing opportunities for so many



– Chairman's Report 2014/15 –

Djerriwarrh Community & Education Services (Djerriwarrh) has been providing employment and education services to the people of Melton and surrounding communities for many years. This year Djerriwarrh is celebrating its twenty-fifth birthday, a significant milestone of which we are very proud. Djerriwarrh is a 'not for profit' organisation and is led by a Board of Directors. Since its inception twenty-five years ago, there have been numerous directors, all of whom have offered their skills and experience in leading the organisation. Director roles are voluntary and I'd like to acknowledge the contribution each and every one has made.

This year we have experienced a number of financial challenges, and accordingly the Board has taken measures to ensure financial sustainability. Within the employment, education and youth sector there is increased competition that requires Djerriwarrh to constantly reflect on the services delivered. This requires a creative and innovative approach wherever possible. An example of this was Djerriwarrh being awarded the tender for the Federal Government's Work for the Dole Coordinator Services Program. This contract is a significant one that enables Djerriwarrh to play a key role in the employment services area. The Board is mindful of its governance obligations and strives to achieve best practice. The Governance

and Finance and Audit Committees are cornerstones of the Board structure and I thank all current directors for their commitment, passion and time in supporting Djerriwarrh. Djerriwarrh is indeed fortunate to have Chief Executive Officer Trish Heffernan who has vast experience and a strong ethical basis. Trish and her management team have performed outstandingly in a difficult year and the Board would like to sincerely thank them. On this wonderful achievement of twenty-five years, it is also opportune to thank Djerriwarrh staff, past and current, for their commitment and passion in delivering a wide range of services to the Melton area and surrounding communities. Without their ongoing

commitment and dedication, Djerriwarrh would not be what it is today.

To all our partners, thank you very much for your continued support and assistance to Djerriwarrh.

In summary, I am very proud of Djerriwarrh's role in providing training and developing opportunities for so many people over the past twenty five years. There are many pathways people may take to achieve their employment goals and the range of education and training programs and support services provided by Djerriwarrh has enhanced opportunities so that each individual can achieve their aspirations and dreams.

Djerriwarrh is truly a worthwhile organisation that I am proud to be part of.

Peter O'Brien



Thank you to L2P Volunteer Mentors

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Visit www.djerriwarrh.org.au for the latest **course information**

Djerriwarrh Community & Education Services, provides students with training that results in qualifications and statements of attainment that are recognised and accepted by industry and other educational institutions throughout Australia.

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VISION

(Our vision for the community we serve)

Self-reliant people, strong communities.

MISSION

Our Approach

Djerriwarrh is a leading not for profit community provider working closely with individuals, families and their communities to provide opportunity, direction and self-sufficiency.

Djerriwarrh provides programs to advance individual and community growth.

We do this by:

1. Providing high quality learning opportunities.
2. Providing access to high quality youth support services.
3. Supporting individuals to re-engage with education,

training, employment, family and the broader community.

4. Responding and adapting to community needs.
5. Working in partnership with other organisations.



OUR CORE VALUES

CARING

We provide a safe and welcoming environment.

INCLUSIVE

We put people first and help them to feel valued.

ADAPTABLE

We aspire to respond to individual and community needs in a creative and flexible way.

RESPECTFUL

We treat all people fairly and equally and follow through on our commitments.

ACCOUNTABLE

We are responsible and answerable for our decisions and actions.

Board, staff and volunteers integral to our success

– CEOs Report 2014/15 –

Over the past 25 years Djerriwarrh Community & Education Services (Djerriwarrh) has become a leading provider of education, training and youth support services in the local government areas of Melton and Brimbank and in the locations of Sunbury and Bacchus Marsh. Djerriwarrh was first established in late 1989 with strong support and commitment from the Melton City Council. Djerriwarrh was initially based at 7 McKenzie Street, delivering one program called SkillShare. In 1991, Djerriwarrh moved to 239 Station Rd, again with the support of Melton City Council and is still based there today along with sites in Sunshine, St Albans and Sunbury. Brian Beveridge was the inaugural CEO and he provided executive leadership of Djerriwarrh until early 2009.

Over the years the organisation has grown with fluctuations in size and staffing as contracts were won or lost and government programs ceased. As at 30 June 2015 Djerriwarrh offers a range of education, training, employment and youth services including: Skills for Education and Employment Programme (SEE); Adult Community and Further Education funded program (Learn Local); Vocational Education and Training (VET); Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) courses; Springboard; School Focused Youth Services; Neighbourhood House; and, L2P. In 2014-2015, the Youth Connections contract ceased on 30 December 2014 which meant the loss of a vital youth assistance program to the local communities and the loss of staff for Djerriwarrh. This combined with the challenges of a highly competitive and compliance driven training market and the

conclusion of the Australian Apprenticeships Access Program's contract triggered a restructure which meant further loss of staff early in 2015. On a more positive note, in 2014-2015, Djerriwarrh successfully applied to become a Senior Secondary Provider of VCAL (Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning) and commenced the first VCAL group in February 2015. Djerriwarrh was also successful in its applications for ACFE Growing Pre accredited delivery and two ACFE Board Capacity Innovation Funds and won the Work for the Dole Coordinator Services contract for the Western Melbourne Region which commenced on 1 May 2015. The board, staff and volunteers at Djerriwarrh, both past and present, have been integral to the success of Djerriwarrh over the years and in 2014-2015 they have continued to play a pivotal

role in the success of the organisation moving forward. 2014-2015 has been a particularly challenging year and I wish to personally acknowledge the following for their support and commitment to the purpose and values of Djerriwarrh:

- The Board of Directors especially the Chair Peter O'Brien;
- The Management team comprising of Anita Cutler, Debbie Collings, John Pollard and Joanne Doyle;
- Djerriwarrh staff and volunteers; and,
- Partner organisations.

Finally, I feel very fortunate to work for an organisation that has a committed active board, brilliant staff and loyal friends and based in wonderful communities.

Trish Heffernan



Australian Apprenticeships Access Program

2014-2015 was the last year for the Australian Apprenticeships Access Program (formerly New Apprenticeships Access Program which was first contracted in 2002). A relationship with Western Health was first established in 2007 to deliver Access programs. The partnership resulted in excess of 150 students gaining a traineeship with Western Health. With the demise of Access, in 2014-2015 Djerriwarrh continued to work closely with Western Health to deliver Certificate II in Community Services in 2015 with the goal that students successfully completing this qualification may be offered a traineeship with Western Health.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING Pathway to employment

Successful work placement leads to traineeship

– Stephen Reinmuth –

Early in 2015 Adam first heard of the 'hospital program' from a staff member from Western Health. Adam attended the information session at Footscray Hospital and was subsequently interviewed with a staff member from Djerriwarrh Community & Education Services and Western Health. He was

accepted into the Introduction program. This was Djerriwarrh's 22nd group in partnership with Western Health. Says Adam '... the intro program prepared me for the workplace giving me a good understanding of the skills required and how to apply them in the workplace. On work placement the training buddies went well and the supervisors assisted in the short placement period...'

Adam was successful in gaining a traineeship. He has a disability and has at times found the long days a challenge but confirms that the staff have always been supportive. Adam has recently buddied students from Group 23 on their placement.



Student Mading.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING SkillShare Designed to assist unemployed people develop skills

SkillShare was the first contracted program for Djerriwarrh Community & Education Services in 1989. The organisation was then known as 'Outer Western SkillShare'. This program involved offering a range of short pre employment programs to unemployed people registered with the then Commonwealth Employment Service (CES). The programs were designed

to assist unemployed people develop skills that would help them to get employment. Djerriwarrh became a provider of Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) Programs in Melton in 1994 and then in Sunbury in 1999 and has continued to offer ACFE funded programs to this day. Organisations that offer ACFE funded programs are now called Learn Locals.

Djerriwarrh became a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) in 1996. Today, Djerriwarrh offers a range of accredited courses including foundation courses, community services, hospitality, business, horticulture and hairdressing.

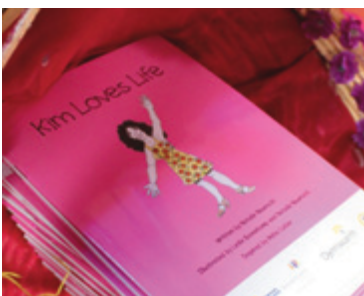


Life Members of Djerriwarrh

- Syd Elliott
 - Brian Beveridge
 - Noel Donaghey*
 - Leo Johnson OAM*
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Djerriwarrh Acknowledge financial support from

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- Brimbank City Council
- Brimbank Melton Local Learning and Employment Network
- Cancer Council Victoria
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- Department of Health and Human Services
- Helen Macpherson Smith Trust
- Ian Potter Foundation
- Melton City Council
- Moorabool Shire Council
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Kim Loves Life book launch

A book inspired by a true story, written by Djerriwarrh SEE teacher Natalie Nawrocki was launched in March 2015. Kim Loves Life was funded by the Cancer Council Victoria Small Grants Program and is a teaching resource for English as an Additional Language courses. The reader is about one woman's personal experience of breast cancer and encourages us to be proactive and access free health screening.

Skills for Education and Employment

Djerriwarrh assisted 366 eligible jobseekers to improve their language, literacy and numeracy skills for education and employment through the delivery of the Skills for Education and Employment (SEE) program in Sunshine and Melton in 2014-2015. The SEE program is funded by the Department of Education and Training and Djerriwarrh delivers this program as lead agent and a member of the consortium Learning for Employment (LFE).



SEE Students Firdos (top) and Kim.



EDUCATION AND TRAINING The Skills for Education and Employment (SEE) program a success

SEE what has been achieved in 17 years

– Anita Cutler –

The Skills for Education and Employment (SEE) program has been delivered by Djerriwarrh Community & Education Services for 17 years. SEE has been a highly successful Commonwealth funded program assisting jobseekers across Australia to improve their Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) skills to get a job or access further study.

SEE first started in 1998 as the Language Literacy and Numeracy (LANT) Programme. It was different to many

other education programs in that it was and continues to be, an individualised program, assisting jobseekers with their particular LLN needs with the flexibility of being able to start training at any time throughout the year. Djerriwarrh delivered the program independently from 1998 when it was first introduced, to 2002, with classes in Melton, Sunshine, Sunbury and Werribee. LANT was renamed the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Programme (LLNP) in 2002 and Djerriwarrh became Lead Agent of the Learning for

Employment Consortium (LFE). The consortium comprised of eight Adult Community Education (ACE) providers across the western and northern suburbs of Melbourne. Originally LFE established 33 training sites for the delivery of LLNP in the West, North West and South West of metropolitan Melbourne, training thousands of students. LFE has successfully held the contract for twelve years through three contract periods and in 2013 commenced the new version of LLNP, the Skills for

Education and Employment (SEE) program. In 2014-2015, LFE commenced 1376 students across the Westgate, Calder and Geelong regions. The LFE members are Djerriwarrh (Lead Agent), Community West, Laverton Community Integrated Services, WCIG, Wyndham Community and Education Centre, Williamstown Community Education Centre and Yarraville Community Centre.



ABOVE: SEE students from left to right Asegedech, Salama, Regina, Sanaa, Duc, Sarah, Angelena, Mariam, Hoang and Ani.

Vocational Education and Training

In 2014-2015 there were 333 enrolments into 22 accredited training programs in Melton, Sunbury and St Albans. To date 125 students have completed their full certificates with a further 126 students in the process

of completing in the 2015-2016 year. Courses include Certificate III in Children Services, Certificate III in Aged Care, Certificate IV in Disability, Certificate III in Education, Certificate II in Hospitality and Certificate II

in Hairdressing. Accredited training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding under the Higher Education Skills Group (HESG) and fee for service.



Disability class students Top from left: Robyn, Jennifer, Chloe, Jane (trainer) and Lyndal. Bottom from left: Rob and Joanne.

Disability class are finding new and rewarding careers

– Kathleen Parer –

Students from Djerriwarrh's Certificate IV Disability class are finding new and rewarding careers.

Djerriwarrh offers Certificate IV Disability in partnership with Merrimu. The practical placements are facilitated by Merrimu and many of the graduates go on to work at Merrimu.

Rob is 52 and was retrenched from a job in the printing industry in April 2015. Rob started the Disability course soon after and he was able to get work in disability support within six week of being retrenched. After completing the Disability course at Djerriwarrh, Rob hopes to get more work in the Disability sector.

Lyndal has previously worked in administration but thought the Disability course sounded more interesting. Lyndal says the placements at Merrimu work well because:

"We get to learn while we are doing the work. We get to study and do the placement at the same time. I definitely want to work in the Disability sector when I am finished this course."

Jenny is studying Disability in order to reskill because she has been out of the workforce for eight years with her children. She wanted to stay local so Djerriwarrh's Melton location is perfect for her and the course is also within school hours. Jenny is particularly interested in autism but likes working with all the clients.

Jo had to rethink her career completely about five years ago and came to studying Disability through volunteering in mental health care settings.

"The clients teach me humility. People with disabilities are nicer than anyone else on the planet. I want to make a difference for people with disabilities who aren't getting quality care."

Jo also has high praise for Jane, her teacher. 'Jane is so professional and experienced and has seen it all. This gives the students in her class a level of respect and confidence.'

EDUCATION AND TRAINING Short Courses 462 students enrolled in short courses

Adult Community and Further Education and other short courses

In 2014 – 2015, in excess of 462 students participated in a range of courses funded by Adult Community and Further Education. These pre accredited courses included Computer Skills, Office Administration, Gardening,

Café Skills, English, Cooking, Introduction to Community Services and Return to Work. In 2014-2015, there were 220 students enrolled in short courses such as Responsible Service of Alcohol and Follow Work Place Hygiene. There

were also 109 drink drive clients who completed the compulsory Drink Drive Education Program (Accreditation NO.01/063) and 116 who completed the required assessments.

Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL)

In 2014, Djerriwarrh Community & Education Services successfully registered as a Senior Secondary Provider of VCAL. In 2015, a combined Foundation and Intermediate class commenced with 15 students.



Guiding Circles participants, left to right: Diane (facilitator), Heather, Iyesha, Candy and Dawn.

Young people re-engaged in education and training

Youth Connections worked with young people engaged in education or training but at risk of disengagement or who were already severely disengaged from education and training in the areas of Melton and Brimbank City Councils. In 2014, 256 young people developed a re-engagement plan as part of their participation in Youth Connections with 73% achieving a positive outcome.

The Youth Connections contract concluded on 31 December 2014. It was funded by Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Department of Education.



Youth Staff from left to right: Bernadette, Kim, Anita and Juicenta.

‘Springboard’ assistance with transition into education

The Springboard program is part of the Victorian Government’s commitment to improving life outcomes for young people leaving residential out-of-home care. It provides intensive support and assistance with transition into education, training and/or employment.

Djerriwarrh Community & Education Services offers the Springboard program across the local government areas of Melton and Brimbank. In 2014-2015 Springboard staff supported 24 young people in the out of home care system. Djerriwarrh delivers Springboard in a consortium with WCIG and IMVC.

Creating strong connections with schools

School Focused Youth Services (SFYS) focuses on building the capacity of schools and communities to support young people at risk of disengaging from education. Djerriwarrh Community & Education Services in consortium with Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand deliver SFYS to the schools and communities across the Brimbank and Melton municipalities.

A major achievement in the past year has been creating strong connections with a number of schools across Brimbank and Melton. SFYS has supported them with gathering data and planning and implementing strategies to both enhance parent engagement and further support student transition from primary school to secondary school.

YOUTH SERVICES Assisting young people since 1991

Focused on supporting young people experiencing disadvantage

In 1991 Djerriwarrh commenced the pilot project Pathways for Youth Program which was funded by the Victorian State Government. This program was targeted at young unemployed people who required extra assistance to transition into employment or education. Since then Djerriwarrh has consistently focused on supporting young people experiencing disadvantage. Throughout the past 25 years Djerriwarrh has delivered a

range of services for young people including:

Job Placement Employment and Training (JPET)
– 1993 to 2009

Youth Pathways (formerly Jobs Pathway Program)
– 1998 to 2009

Youth Transition Support Initiative (YTSI)
– 2007 to 2010

In 2014-2015, Djerriwarrh’s Youth Services included Youth Connections (first

contracted in 2010 and ceased 31 December 2014), the L2P program (commenced 2009), School Focused Youth Services (first contracted in 1998), Springboard (first contracted 2012) and VCAL (commenced 1 February 2015). Other lesser known programs included: the School to Work Information Project (2000); the Melton Pathways Project (2001-2002); and, The Link Project in Bacchus Marsh (1995 to 1999).

Partnerships have been a feature of youth service delivery at Djerriwarrh and current partners include Good Shepherd Australia New Zealand, WCIG, Inner Melbourne VET Cluster, Melton City Council, Moorabool Shire Council and the Brotherhood of St Laurence.



Community Education Fund recipient Gail

FEATURE

Gail found employment one week after completing her training

– Kathleen Parer –

Life has not always been easy for Gail. After her husband died, she moved to Australia from New Zealand with her four children for a fresh start. She worked in disability care when she arrived in Melbourne but when Gail’s car broke down she couldn’t afford to fix it. She had no way of travelling from Melton to work in Brunswick. Gail and her four children were a week from homelessness when she came to Djerriwarrh.

Gail saw some information about Djerriwarrh in a local paper and decided to visit. Initially the course was full but the person who interviewed Gail managed to find a place in the course for her. As a New Zealander Gail didn’t qualify for support

from the Australian government so she was able to apply for help from Djerriwarrh’s Community Education Fund (CEF). Gail successfully applied for \$525 from the CEF in 2011.

The funding covered some of Gail’s expenses and was a great help to her.

Gail went on to complete Certificate III in Aged Care and Home and Community Care, First Aid and Job Search training.

Leigh Burgoyne, who was Gail’s tutor, was ‘amazing’ according to Gail. Gail said Leigh was a credit to Djerriwarrh. The course taught Gail so much, from how to make a bed to how to stand up and talk in front of people. When Gail didn’t have the right sort of clothes to wear to her placement, Leigh and Djerriwarrh helped

to find her some. Leigh encouraged Gail to stand up and report back to the class after her placement. Gail told the other students that aged care was ‘hard work, not a holiday’.

Gail found employment in Aged Care at Trinity Gardens Aged Care one week after completing her training at Djerriwarrh.

As a mature and genuinely caring person, Gail enjoyed her work at Trinity Gardens. Gail had two Aunties back in New Zealand that she was especially close to. In Aged Care, she felt she had ‘one hundred more Aunties to love’. Gail also worked with patients needing palliative care and tried to help them be ‘at peace’.

Employment services list grows

In 1998, Djerriwarrh Community & Education Services became a provider of Job Network Services in Melton, Sunbury and St Albans through its membership of Job Futures. Over the next 11 years Djerriwarrh successfully delivered a range of employment focussed programs as a member of Job Futures including: Personal Support Program (PSP); Correctional Services Employment Pilot Program; and Transition to Work (TTW).

In 2002, Djerriwarrh in partnership with 3 other organisations formed the consortium Skills Link West and successfully applied for and delivered the Community Work Coordinator (CWC) program through to 2009 when the program was defunded.

In 2009, Job Network services were restructured combining the suite of funded employment programs at the time into the one program

called Job Services Australia. Unfortunately, Job Futures was unsuccessful in its bid in the west and north west regions of Melbourne and as a consequence in mid 2009 Djerriwarrh lost 30 experienced and committed staff. Djerriwarrh has since ceased its membership with Job Futures.

After a gap of 6 years in the employment services area, Djerriwarrh was notified on 31 March 2015 that it had been successful in winning a Work for the Dole Coordinator Services contract in the new employment services called Jobactive. The contract covers the West Melbourne Employment Region. Djerriwarrh was one of 19 organisations nationally that were offered a contract to deliver Work for the Dole Coordinator services. Work for the Dole Coordinators identify activities and places in local communities where job seekers can gain work like experience.



Work for the Dole Coordinators from left to right Simone, Shah, Sara and Roma.

Are you a Not for Profit, Government or a Local Council?

Did you know that your organisation could be eligible for funding if they host an activity in the new Work for the Dole Program?

Not for Profit organisations can receive up to \$1000.00 per individual placement for providing ‘work like’ experiences in Offices, Kitchens, Libraries and Grounds maintenance activities.

To find out more contact Djerriwarrh’s Work for the Dole Coordinators call (03) 8746 1000 or email wfd@djerriwarrh.org
www.djerriwarrh.org.au/workforthedole



Gary King provided over 500 hours of volunteer mentoring to young people.

YOUTH SERVICES

L2P in Melton and Moorabool

Hundreds of hours mentoring young people

Djerriwarrh Community & Education Services continued to deliver L2P in both Melton and Moorabool in 2014- 2015 in partnership with Melton City Council and Moorabool Shire Council. Milestones included:

- 41 volunteer mentors delivered 2215 hours of supervised driving
- 76 young people mentored in the Melton and Moorabool communities
- 15 young people obtained their probationary license taking the total number of licences to 89 since the commencement of L2P in 2009.

Djerriwarrh acknowledges and thanks the following sponsors who contribute to the ongoing success of L2P:

- Bacchus Marsh Rotary
- Melton Toyota
- Harrison Hyundai
- Victoria Police
- Bacchus Marsh Work Wear and Safety
- Costa Panel Perfection Bacchus Marsh
- imo Car Wash Melton.



Interested in volunteering?

We have many programs that you can be involved in and will find rewarding. Please visit www.djerriwarrh.org.au/community-house/volunteers/ for more information.



Ngo learning how to sew and make garments for her family.



From left Brodie (staff) and Evelyn (volunteer) at Melton reception.

Our friendly staff are here to help

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Djerriwarrh
Community & Education Services

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE Participants come from diverse backgrounds and cultures

Diversity under one roof

Djerriwarrh officially became a Neighbourhood House in 1999 when it first received funding from the Victorian State Government. Since then Djerriwarrh’s Community House has provided support and a range of activities for community members across the City of Melton. House users come from diverse backgrounds and cultures and enjoy a range of social, educational and recreational activities. 2014 – 2015 Programs included: the Sensory Garden Project in partnership with

Merrimu; Aboriginal Men’s Group; School Book Project; Tax Help; cohealth Gardening Group; the No Interest Loan Scheme; Alcoholics Anonymous; the Dinka Language School; the Chin Playgroup supported by Mackillop Family Services; Women’s Friendship Café; Compassionate Friends; Sudanese Men’s Group; and, the Community Garden located at the front of 239 Station Rd, Melton. Regular meetings were also held at the Community House by Satellite Housing,

Thoroughbred Co-operative and Melton Sustainable Living. The Sensory Garden Project enabled students, volunteers, and community groups to come together to further develop the community garden. This Project was delivered in partnership with Merrimu Services and Melton City Council provided a grant. In 2014-2015 volunteers continued to: support the maintenance of the community garden; provide invaluable support in administration; and totally

sorted and catalogued donated School Books which were then made available to students through schools and community. Celebrations in 2014-2015 included: Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea to benefit the Cancer Council; a Bicycle Presentation to the Chin Community; Harmony Day with Melton City Council; and, an Animal Farm visit and tree planting day in the Garden with the Chin Play group.

Thank You

Thank you to all the organisations that supported Djerriwarrh students on work experience or work placement.

Consortium Members and Partners

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