
Ongoing: July 09-10

Hand Brake Turn 3WAY Mentoring Call

BacLinks put out a number of calls for support to its broad business network, ENews and website to promote this worthwhile program, which aims to provide real life partnerships between adults and at-risk young persons.

730 Breakfast Club Donation

The **Mercure Hotel Geelong** has provided BacLinks with the use of a function room to hold the 730 Breakfast Club Series and discounted all the breakfasts. Guest speakers, drawn from business and community, also donate their time to deliver relevant, topical discourses on subjects of interest to members.

Face 2 Face Call for Support

Hearing about other people's careers can assist young people to identify and forge a career path for themselves, leading to personal fulfillment and economic independence. The Face 2 Face Program is an initiative between the Australian Government, Connect to the Future Initiative and **GRVEC**. The Program relies on supporters drawn from all walks of life and a diverse range of occupations to donate an hour of their time, once or twice a year, to talk to young people about issues such as what their industry is about, types of jobs available and pathways. BacLinks has put out calls for 'Supporters' across their network and promoted the program in 'BacLinks Backyard' and the BacLinks website.

L2P Mentoring Program

The City of Greater Geelong's **L2P Program** is a community based volunteer program designed to provide young learner drivers who face significant barriers opportunity to access driving practice under the supervision of a fully licensed volunteer driver. These mentors help them to build up the 120 hours of driving experience necessary for obtaining their P's and develop and maintain a supportive relationship.

St John of God Pathology Community Meals Assistance

The Christchurch Community Meals Program provides free breakfast 24/7 throughout the year for people who come from a range of backgrounds - street kids, the homeless, school children, people who need company as much as food, the unemployed, stranded travellers and families. For some, these meals may be their only meal for the day.

St John of God Pathology has made a commitment to provide 2 volunteers every Wednesday to assist in the preparation and service of meals.

Harrison Place Display Board

Harrison Place has donated ongoing space for a display board to be placed inside the foyer of the newly developed building. The display illustrates the scope of BacLinks facilitated projects and features photos taken during projects.

Adcell Media generously donated the printed board and Kardinia Picture Framing prepared it for display.



July 09

'Y' Engineering logo design

GRVEC required a logo design for a new conceptual program designed to introduce young men and women to the notion of pursuing careers in engineering. BacLinks organised for the design to be developed and made ready at a reduced price.

Ford Printer Donation

Ford Motor Company donated 25 no-longer-needed printers. A range of models were made available with 18 of them coloured. Various community organisations were able to capitalise on this offer.

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GMHBA Community Benefit Program

Local Health Insurer GMHBA has generously made it possible for BacLinks to be a recipient of its Community Benefit Program where 3.5% of new membership fees are donated into the program for the life of the membership.

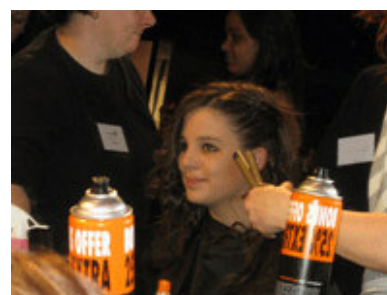


August 09

Dare to Succeed

The second 'Dare to Succeed' event was held at Quiksilver, Baines Crescent, Torquay. It saw BacLinks bring together a number of businesses to provide a unique opportunity for 18 long-term unemployed women to be treated to a makeover designed to assist in building the women's self esteem and improve their chances of success on entering the competitive local job market.

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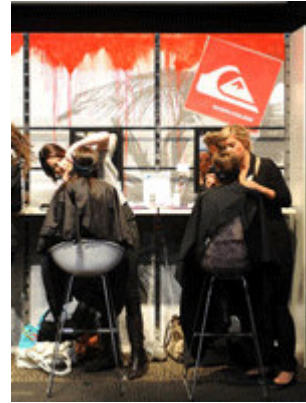
The project was sponsored by the **Quiksilver** Foundation. Staff from **Quiksilver** Torquay donated their time to provide styling advice and personal mentoring to the girls and talk through job opportunities and possibilities.

MatchWorks employees provided advice on job and interview preparation and presentation, while Gordon TAFE Hair & Beauty Students provided hair and make-up styling and advice. Inspirational and motivational advice was provided by Tina of Radiance.

To help raise their confidence and assist with all important work presentation, the girls were treated to hair and beauty makeovers and given the opportunity to select work clothes from a range of appropriate business wear items donated from the **Quiksilver** staff's own wardrobes.

The girls were also treated to show bags consisting of a generous range of Roxy merchandise, as well as cosmetics donated by Target Australia.

Alan Barber of **Barefoot Media** donated his professional time and skills to record before and after photographs of each girl to document their transition and provide a memento of their experience.



September 09

Rotary Club of Highton – Karingal Mental Health Support BBQ

The **Rotary Club of Highton** ran a BBQ on behalf of **Karingal** Mental Health Support as part of 'Mental Health Week' at the Deakin Waterfront Campus.

Ford- Barwon River Revegetation

The **Ford Motor Company** recently showed their support for our community by providing teams of employee volunteers to undertake revegetation works alongside the Barwon River in key riparian areas near the Breakwater Bridge.

Plantings such as this one undertaken by 12 volunteers from **Ford** Geelong plant are vital to the survival of the diverse range of native flora and fauna in these areas by providing an essential source of food and shelter, and also by reducing erosion of the river bank.

For the volunteers, the day was hard work but very enjoyable and rewarding, as they prepared the areas and planted over 500 plants, trees and shrubs especially propagated in the Barwon Water Nurseries for their suitability to the area.



October

2009 Summer Workplace Big Day Out

Despite unusually hot conditions over 250 people turned out to participate at the 2009 Summer WBDO at Adventure Park, Wallington.

The **Alcoa Foundation**, the major event sponsor, was well represented with 19 employees from **Alcoa** and AARP Point Henry participating as volunteers.

MatchWorks and **G-Force** also sponsored the event and had employee volunteer participants.

136 program members from **Karingal**, **St Laurence** Geelong and Colac, and Encompass enjoyed the day's activities, which included martial arts, soccer, cricket, bocce, volleyball, picnic games, moon bikes, mini golf, boating, archery and jumping castle.

Event supporters included Adventure Park, **Black Dog Promotions**, **Tasman Meats**, **Karingal Volunteers**, **WorkLinks** and **KABLE**, **Village Cinema**, the **Rotary Club of Highton**, **NQR Newcomb**, **United Way** and McDonald Waurn Ponds.

Activities were provided by Football Federation Victoria, Kyokushin Karate Association, Special Olympics (Barwon Region), Collendina Cricket Club and the Italian Social Club.



December 09

Alcoa - Salvation Army Northside Lunch Assistance

An offer of assistance from Alcoa volunteers to relieve volunteers who regularly provide meals for up to 40 local community members recently turned into much, much more. Apart from assisting to prepare and serve the lunch the 8 employee volunteers also helped out with numerous other chores around the Centre such as cleaning up the storeroom, setting up the dining room, computer housekeeping and joining diners for some social support.
