

Inspiring young people

A GROUP of local students were given inspiration for future career and education pathways at a 'Dream for the Future' lunch at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club last Wednesday.

The 'Inspiring Young People' event saw students from the South Gippsland Specialist School and Bass Coast Specialist

School mingle with local mentors from different industries and backgrounds to get an idea of the career pathways available.

'Dream for the Future' is a joint initiative by the South Gippsland/Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network and the National Disability Coordination Officer Program and was the first

'Inspiring Young People' event focused on disability.

Partnership broker for the South Gippsland/Bass Coast LLEN, Karena Kerr said the event looked at dreams for the future and promoted a 'have a go' attitude.

"It's about building aspirations and that they can have a go. Even if they do

have a disability, it's not a barrier to future employment and education," she said.

Two guest speakers at the event were Mitch Price, who complete his schooling at South Gippsland Specialist School and has achieved great things with his netball coaching and playing basketball, and Mycalie James, who was

a student at Bass Coast Specialist School and spoke about her pathway which included success in netball.

An 'Inspiring Young People' event will be held for Year 11 students from local secondary colleges later in the year and will give students the opportunity to speak with people out of their networks and hear about career pathways.



At the 'Dream for the Future' lunch last Wednesday were South Gippsland/Bass Coast LLEN's Karena Kerr, guest speakers Mycalie James and Mitch Price and National Disability Coordination Officer Andrea Evans-McCall. The event gave local students the opportunity to mix with local mentors from different industries and backgrounds to get an idea of the career pathways available. Rg033315