

Future leaders start their journey

ON Wednesday night the Future Leaders of Industry (FLOI) was launched for 2016 with 13 new students attending the opening night dinner to kick off the program.

Now in its 11th year, the program is run by Glenelg and Southern Grampians Local Learning and Employment Network (GSGLLEN) in conjunction with Portland Aluminium.

The students and their parents got their first taste of the program and what it has to offer, meeting their business mentors and other local business people.

The FLOI, which runs over a number of months, allows students to learn about local industries and career paths and work on skills that will help their future employment such as leadership, presentation and public speaking.

In addition the participants will receive one-on-one guidance from their local mentor who will share their valuable experience from their career, which is in the students' field area of interest.

The program is supported by various local businesses and organisations, along with numerous local professionals who participate in the student workshops.

Portland Aluminium plant manager Peter Chellis was enthusiastic about being involved in the program again and supporting the next generation of professionals.

"We started this program eleven years ago to help promote local careers and build local talent," Mr Chellis said.

"We are committed to using our experience and our facilities for the greatest benefit in our community, and providing further education and training opportunities for our local young people is an important part of that goal."



THE thirteen new participants of the Future Leaders of Industry and their business mentors came together for the first time at the opening dinner on Wednesday night.

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Anne Murphy, GSGLLEN executive officer, said the program will provide meaningful opportunities for the youth of the region.

"The Future Leaders of Industry Program is a flagship initiative exhibiting the strong partnership between industry and

education providers to provide a meaningful understanding of local career opportunities for our young people."