

Future leaders focus on personal development

THE Future Leaders of Industry participants have been keeping busy.

Their most recent challenge was a team building activity, combined with a personal development workshop, for the Leadership Day of the program.

The Future Leaders of Industry program is coordinated by Portland Aluminium and the Glenelg and Southern Grampians Local Learning and Employment Network (GSGLEN), and aimed at introducing local students to local career paths and future job prospects.

The program also attempts to build the confidence and leadership skills of participants.

On Thursday August 7 the group of 20 headed to Hatch Engineering, where they were split into two groups.

One group stayed indoors for the first half of the day and completed the workshop, which is coordinated by Keppel Prince's Neil O'Donnell.

The other half of the group commenced the day outdoors, completing the adventure activity, a mountain bike ride organised by Ramon Francis from South West Adventures.

GSGLEN partnership broker Cathryn Walder said the Leadership Day always proved to be a highlight of the program.

"Neil and Ramon are excellent role models for these participants, and they provide the perfect environment for the participants to challenge themselves and each other," Ms Walder said.

"They also provided the participants with the opportunity to explore and discover their beliefs and perceptions influencing their personal development now and throughout their futures."

The indoor workshop enabled the participants to challenge any barriers to personal development, to focus on where they are now, past experiences influencing their current situation and where they are going in their future. Mr O'Donnell also empowered the participants to examine their belief

systems and explore their fears and associated cognitive behaviour.

The bike ride takes the students to some of Portland's most beautiful landscapes, such as Gannet Rock and Crayfish Bay.

The ride is completed as a team, with challenges along the way that must be accomplished together, whilst also challenging the individuals to believe and achieve the completion of the bike circuit.

Next up for the Future Leaders students will be the Careers and Community Day, held this Monday. Throughout this day the participants will learn about personal style indicators, aptitude tests and employment profiling.



FUTURE Leaders of Industry participant Erin Roll from Portland Secondary College takes part in the personal development workshop at Hatch Engineering. Picture: JOSH NASH 140807jn03



THE Future Leaders of Industry participants take part in a Leadership Day with Keppel Prince business administration manager Neil O'Donnell (back left) and Portland Aluminium community relations officer Anna Impey (back right) at Hatch Engineering. Picture: JOSH NASH 140807jn02