



NEW GRADUATES: (from left) Joel Roache, Matisse White, Kayla Showler, Jennifer Castleman, Blade Dennis, Brent McLaren, Brodie Roy, Bethany McNiven and Torie Smith. Photo: BILLY EASSON.

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Passport 2 Employment program graduation

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A NUMBER of local students have gained the necessary skills to assist them in making the transition from school to adult life through the Passport 2 Employment program.

The Passport 2 Employment program is facilitated by the Glenelg and Southern Grampians Local Learning and Employment Network (GSGLLEN) and is offered to all the local secondary schools and education providers.

According to GSGLLEN executive officer Anne Murphy the transition from school to adult life can present young people with a range of options, possibilities, decisions and challenges.

She said the Passport 2 Employment program aims to prepare, support and assist students for this transition period by providing them with skills, information, work experience and knowledge about these options and about the challenges they may have to overcome.

"I am so proud of the LLEN's involvement in it, as it contains all the elements important to our LLEN: providing opportunities and access for all our young people into further education and work, through strong partnerships in our local community. P2E has it all."

The course runs over an eight-week period with once a week sessions and is delivered by a volunteer subcommittee from Transition Action Networks, along with key facilitators in the

community.

The sessions focus on topics like employability, communication, presentation and life skills as well as addressing systematic barriers to employment and / or further training.