



GIVING STUDENTS HANDS-ON, REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE: Baimbridge College student Chelsea McGennissen (in front) with Janelle Tooley, the SWL coordinator for the Glenelg & Southern Grampians Local Learning and Employment Network, and Roxburgh House owner, Bruach Colliton. Photo: JUDY DE MAN. 160914jd004

Work placement provides opportunities for students

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ANYONE buying a coffee at the Roxburgh on a Wednesday may see a fresh new face in the establishment.

Roxburgh House owner, Bruach Colliton, has provided an excellent opportunity for local student Chelsea McGennissen to put her vocational training into practise.

Chelsea, a student at Baimbridge College, is completing a Certificate II in Hospitality at the Hamilton and District Skills Centre. This structured workplace learning placement is a key component of Chelsea's vocational training, where she is supported to master a set of skills

related to the hospitality industry.

Chelsea says she is enjoying the hands-on experience in the kitchen.

It's also an opportunity for local employers to 'grow their own' future staff through supervising and instructing students in the industry skills they have learned in their VET programs.

Mr Colliton agrees, adding that "it's great to see young one's keen to learn about hospitality and it's great we can provide the opportunities". Structured Workplace Learning (SWL) placements are available to any secondary student who is undertaking VET, VCAL or VCE program.

Janelle Tooley, the SWL coordinator for the

Glenelg & Southern Grampians Local Learning & Employment Network, facilitates engagement between schools and employers, and supports schools to work directly with employers to place students to SWL placements.

Placement opportunities can be accessed via an online portal, which is also able to be accessed by schools to support the students in finding quality placements.

For a look at the portal go to www.workplacements.education.vic.gov.au.

If you are an employer who would consider hosting a SWL student you should contact Janelle Tooley at the GSG LLEN for further information on 0418 821 243.