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***NUMBER:*** *2017/08/08*

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| Learn Local organisations *– ALL*  | ACFE Board | ACFE Regional Councils |
| Adult Education Institutions | Learn Local stakeholders  | Participation Branch staff |

**FROM:** Edu De Hue, Acting Director, Participation Branch

**DATE:** 08/08/2017

**SUBJECT:** 2017 Learn Local Award finalists announced and tickets on sale

**ACTIONS / CRITICAL DATES:**

* Book a ticket to the 2017 Awards Presentation Dinner by Monday 21 August 2017.

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**Finalists**

The finalists for the 2017 Victorian Learn Local Awards have been announced. Congratulations to all of the successful learners, practitioners and organisations.

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| ​**Finalist** | ​**Learn Local Organisation** |
| **​The Ro Allen Award - Recognising Pre-accredited Learner Excellence** ​ |
| Christie Sinclair | Banksia Gardens Community Services |
| Brandylee Muscat  | Berry Street |
| Michelle Hood | Dandenong Neighbourhood House |
| **​Outstanding Practitioner ​** |
| Craig Danswan | Campaspe College of Adult Education |
| Leanne Fitzgerald | Coonara Community House |
| Lachlan McKenzie | Jesuit Community College |
| **​Excellence in Creating Local Solutions ​** |
| Community Work Partnership Program | Dandenong Neighbourhood House |
| Linking Learning to the Land | Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre |
| Manufacturing Entry Level Worker Program | The Centre for Continuing Education |
| **​Outstanding Pathways Program ​** |
| Try a Trade | Diversitat |
| Prepare For Work in Warehousing | Kensington Neighbourhood House |
| Your Next Step | Paynesville Neighbourhood Centre |
| **​AMES Australia Diversity Innovation ​** |
| Paw Po Products Community Enterprise | Nhill Learning Centre |
| Portland CALD Support Program | Portland Workskills |
| **Learn Local Volunteer Champion** |
| Harry Ashton  | Rushworth Community House |
| Joy Ferguson | Diamond Valley Learning Centre |
| Melinda Hamilton | Springvale Neighbourhood House |
| ​**Learn Local Legends ​** |
| ​Banksia Gardens Community Services*Nominated by ACFE North Western Metropolitan Regional Council* |
| ​Echuca Neighbourhood House *Nominated by ACFE Loddon Mallee Regional Council* |
| ​Dandenong Neighbourhood House *Nominated by ACFE Southern Metropolitan Regional Council* |
| ​Milpara Community House *Nominated by ACFE Gippsland Regional Council* |
| ​Mountain District Learning Centre *Nominated by ACFE Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council* |
| ​The Centre for Continuing Education *Nominated by ACFE Hume Regional Council* |
| ​Wendouree Neighbourhood Centre *Nominated by ACFE Grampians Regional Council* |
| ​Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre *Nominated by ACFE Barwon South Western Regional Council* |

**Tickets to Awards Presentation Dinner**

This year’s winners will be announced at a presentation dinner which will take place on the evening of Thursday 31 August 2017 at Malvern Town Hall.

There are a limited number of tickets available to be purchased for the event.  All tickets include the Award presentation ceremony, a two course dinner and entertainment.  Drinks will be available for purchase at bar prices. The evening promises to be a memorable one, with an inspiring line-up of award finalists – past and present – as well as entertainment, catering and creative services sourced from the Learn Local sector.

WHEN:    Thursday 31 August 2017, 6.30pm arrival for 7pm start / 10.30pm finish

VENUE:   Malvern Town Hall, 1251 High Street, Malvern

COST:     Single ticket at $45 each / Table of 10 for $400

BOOK:     [Tickets are available online at ​](http://2016victorianlearnlocalawards.eventbrite.com/?discount=Public)[www.education.vic.gov.au/learnlocalawards](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/learnlocalawards)

DEADLINE:  Ticket sales will close at 5.30pm on Monday 21 August 2017.

Ticket prices have been kept as low as possible in the hopes of making this an accessible night out for all members of the Learn Local community – we’d love to see you getting tables together for your organisations, inviting partners and learners, and coming along for a great night out.

I encourage you all to come along and help us make the event an enjoyable one.

For more information on the Awards, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/learnlocalawards](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/learnlocalawards)