



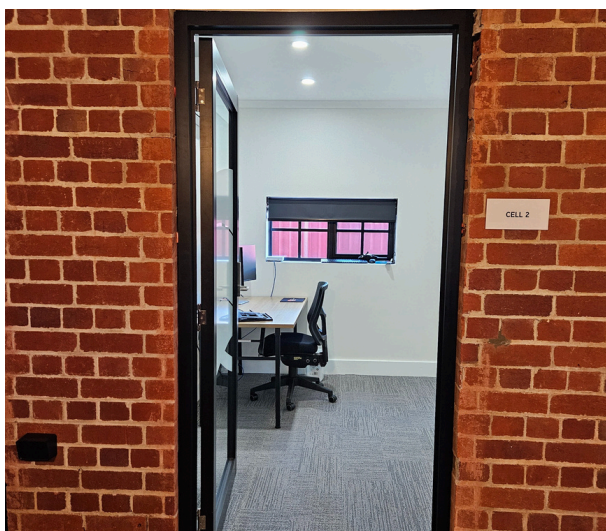
Centre Manager's Message

Welcome to CUC Mallee's Winter Newsletter.

Semester 1

Last semester was our busiest semester so far in terms of the number of students registered and usage of the Centre.

Our three new rooms are now fully operational and have been an excellent addition to our resources. If you haven't seen them, please feel free to drop into the Centre to check them out.



Semester 2

Things are looking busy for the semester 2, with staff out and about spreading the word about CUC Mallee.

The Centre's annual Open Day will be on Wednesday 17 September. We have a number of Universities and local organisations attending. It is a fantastic opportunity for prospective students and community members to come and see what the Centre is all about. Please see later in the newsletter for more details.

Year 12s using the Centre

We currently have some Year 12 students making use of the Centre as they combine their VCE studies whilst studying a university subject.

We will be expanding access to the Centre to all Year 12 VCE students from the first Monday of the September holidays. Students will have access to the Centre between 9am and 5pm Monday from Friday 22 September to the end of the exam period.

Staffing Update

We are excited to confirm that CUC Mallee will be receiving funding for the next four years as part of the Commonwealth Department of Education's RUSH Partnership Funding program. Stacy's will lead our work in this area and her title has now changed to Partnerships and Engagement Coordinator. The addition of Partnerships to her role will see Stacy working with schools, organisations, businesses and industry to develop partnerships that benefit all of these groups, along with our current and prospective students. A component of this work will involve Stacy working with students and businesses to connect/place current students with employers and also assisting employers to attract potential employees to their organisation. We are in the process of compiling a Partnership Prospectus which will include details on how the process will work.

If you are an employer interested in making professional connections with our current students for employment, mentoring or placement support, or you have ideas about how your business can attract potential employees please contact Stacy.

Hayden Hogan
Centre Manager

Help!

If you are an individual, school, organisation, business or community group and you think CUC Mallee may be able to assist you, please make contact with us.

Also if you think you can assist CUC Mallee and our students in any way, please let us know.

And remember:

If you or someone you know are studying, or looking to study, please let them know about what CUC Mallee has to offer:

- High-speed internet
- Desktop computers and BYO spaces
- Printing and copying services
- Video conferencing services
- Exam and study rooms
- Networking with fellow students
- Academic support including academic writing, referencing and study skills
- Administrative support including enrolment assistance and accessing uni portals
- Well-being support
- Scholarship assistance
- Employment support
- Career guidance
- Access from 5am to midnight, 7 days a week
- and it's all FREE



**Country
Universities
Centre**
MALLEE

OPEN DAY

**Wednesday
September 17th
3pm to 6pm**

**119 Curlewis Street
Swan Hill**

Are you currently studying or thinking about studying?

We welcome the community to:

- tour our study hub
- chat to our staff about the support we offer and
- speak with our current students about their experience

A range of community organisations, universities and businesses will also be attending to discuss other supports or potential employment opportunities. This includes:

- Murray Mallee LLEN
- AXIS Employment
- Anglicare
- YouthInc
- La Trobe University

F2F Collab at CUC Mallee

In May our Centre hosted some CUC Centre managers and staff and members of the CUC Central team who travelled to meet for face to face collab sessions. We appreciate the effort everyone made to visit our Centre and the valuable conversations that were had around Centre Management, widening participation and student services.



Our Students

Student Numbers

Our Centre's total number of student registrations for semester 1 peaked at 173, which makes it our biggest semester yet! Our student numbers for Semester 2 are continuing to grow, with a current figure of 119 students.

Student Ambassadors

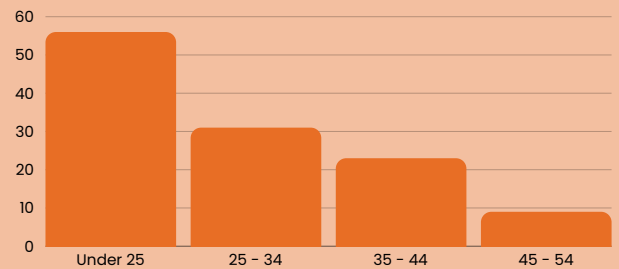
This semester we have recruited a total of 6 student ambassadors, many of whom have already joined us for community events! We aim to have these ambassadors attend as many events as possible to share their experience of the Centre and regional study with prospective students.

SNAPSHOT OF CUC MALLEE

Semester 2, 2025

119
students

Student Ages



27 different institutions

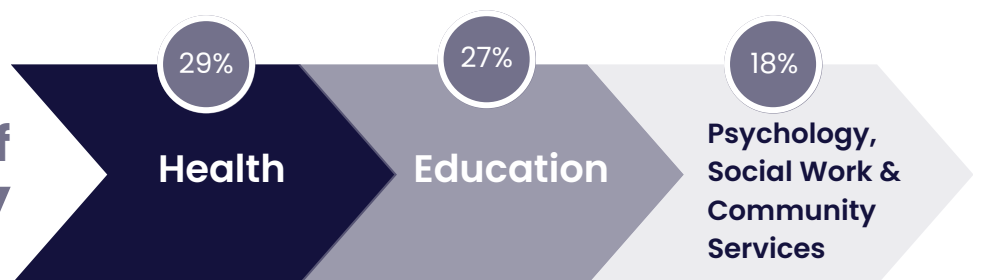


89%
Re-Registrations

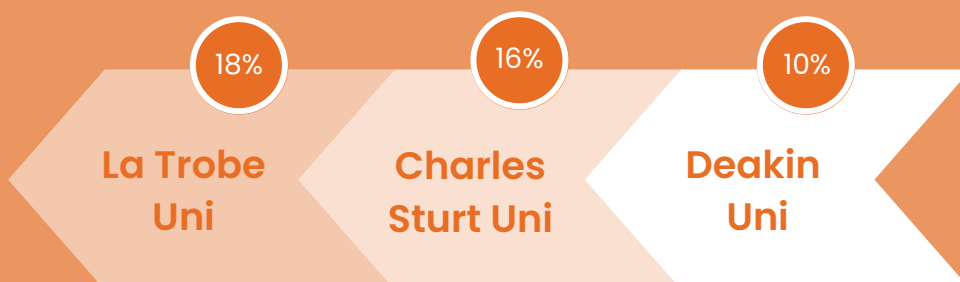


11%
New Registrations

TOP Areas of Study



TOP 3 Universities



Community Engagement

FLO Breakfast

A few months ago Hayden and Sarah joined the Skills and Jobs Centre from SuniTAFE in visiting the FLO campus to cook up a delicious breakfast for the students! Thank you to the all the staff and students for welcoming us to the campus.

ECEC Expo

In June our staff attended the Murray Mallee LLEN's Early Childhood, Education and Care Expo held at the Grain Shed. The expo gave high school students an opportunity to learn about study pathways for early childhood careers, and gave them a taste of what it's like to work in the industry. Congratulations to Mikayla and the team for a successful expo and a great turn out!

Swan Hill Markets

In June and July we ran a stall at the Swan Hill Markets with our student ambassadors Renee and Bonni. It was a great opportunity to chat with local community members of all ages about our Centre!



TIS

Hayden and Sarah participated in Swan Hill's annual Tertiary Information Session (TIS) in July, which was a fantastic opportunity to chat with local Year 11 and 12 students considering their higher education options!

After the event Hayden hosted Tooleybuc and Balranald Central Schools and Tyrrell College for a tour of our Centre, sharing how we can support students if they decided to study a higher education course.

