



Centre Manager's Message

Welcome to CUC Mallee's Autumn Newsletter.

Our Students

While many students finished their studies in October/November last year, it was pleasing to see a number of students making use of the Centre over the Christmas-New Year period.

February and March has seen a flurry of action with many students re-registering and coming into the Centre to prepare for a new year of study. At this stage we have had 70 new students register, some of who are travelling up to 1 hour to use the Centre.

It is very pleasing to see that students in our region are seeing the benefits of using our Centre and all of its resources, both physical and human.

Career Counselling

Throughout 2025 a number of community members used our career counselling services to help them navigate their way towards enrolling in higher education. Through the great work of Stacy, our Partnerships and Engagement Coordinator, we have had 7 of these people enroll in higher education in 2026.

We encourage any community members looking to study at the higher education level to make contact with us so that we can support them on their education journey.

Hayden Hogan
Centre Manager

Partnerships – Gentari Solar Australia (Platinum Partner)

Over the Summer months CUC Mallee was very excited to receive a grant from Gentari Solar Australia. These funds have been used to set up bursaries for students to put towards costs associated with placements and intensives.

This is a very exciting development for CUC Mallee and our students because supporting them whilst on placements and intensives has been one area that we haven't been able to assist students until now.



Partnerships – Seed Ability (Platinum Partner)

CUC Mallee is also excited to announce that Seed Ability will be joining us as a Platinum Partner in 2026. Seed Ability is a local business who offers a comprehensive range of allied health services – from occupational therapy and physiotherapy to speech therapy and more – for people of all ages. We look forward to working with Seed Ability to encourage people in our region to consider a career in Allied Health.



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Student Services Workshops

Our Student Services Coordinator Chelsea ran a Settling Into Uni workshop and Academic Skills workshop in February to support our first year students to start their studies with confidence. Although the attendance was small there was positive feedback about the helpfulness of these sessions.

Macrame Workshop

Our first student social event was a Macrame Workshop at Swan Hill's local art studio, the Dandy Lion Studio, where students were taught how to create their very own pot plant hanger.

Murraydale Gin Distillery

Our student social event for February was an evening of chats, nibbles and card games at the Murraydale Gin Distillery!

We had both old and new students attend, making it a great opportunity to make connections.

Student Lunch

In March we ran a student fish and chip lunch at the Centre courtesy of Classic Fish Shop! A wide variety of students joined us and it was a wonderful opportunity for people to meet and mingle.



Outreach and Engagement

FLO Breakfast

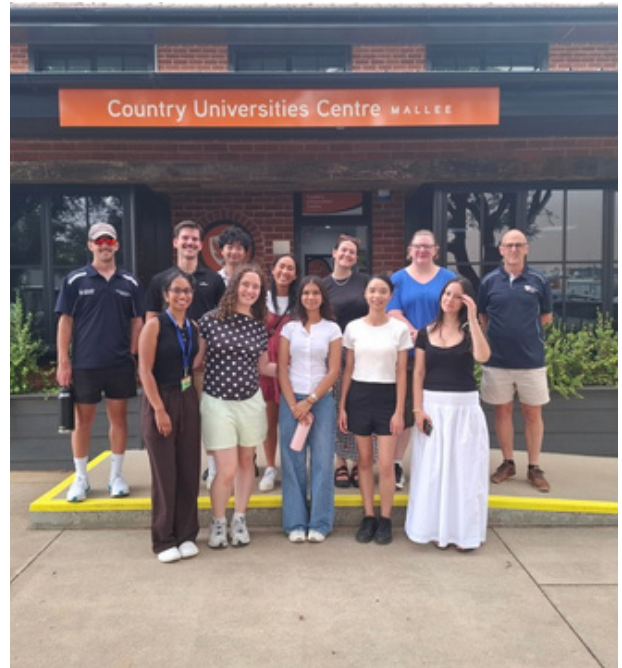
Our Partnership and Engagement Coordinator Stacy and our student ambassador Jack joined the FLO students for breakfast at their campus in February! Thank you to the FLO staff and students for hosting.

LTU Nexus Program

La Trobe University recently ran their first session for the second cohort of students undertaking the Nexus Program at our Centre. We are pleased that the program is having much success and supporting our region to gain skilled teachers.

Country Education Partnerships

In February CUC Mallee hosted Monash University Education students as part of the Country Education Partnerships (CEP) Teach Rural program. Students participated in a tour of CUC Mallee and also attended a welcome dinner. These students are completing a placement in schools in our region, with many of the students registering to make use of Centre whilst in the region.



Getting Ready for Uni

The NSW Department of Education collaborated with CUC Mallee and Headspace Swan Hill to prepare senior students from Tooleybuc Central School and Balranald Central School for university. This session provided

information about course applications, study skills, campus life, wellbeing, academic and financial supports, including a panel of current CUC Mallee students who shared their university experiences.

