

## “Never give up.”

This was the advice from Ganbina participant Mark Roberts (pictured) to students at the recent 2016 Ganbina Careers Night at the La Trobe University Shepparton campus.

Mark, a first year Bachelor of Arts student at La Trobe, encouraged everyone to stick to their educational goals, and if at first they didn't work out, to keep trying other ways to achieve them.

He said he hadn't always found things easy, but that he was determined to get a place at university and he never gave up on his goal.

The Careers Night was a great success.

Over 65 people came along to talk to representatives from different companies, public service and defence organisations, universities and TAFE about all sorts of further education and career opportunities.





**Our sincere thanks to all the companies and organisations that took part including AFL SportsReady, Australian Defence Force, Bank of Melbourne, Crown Resorts, Department of Justice, Goulburn Valley Health, GOTAFE Shepparton, IAG, McDonald's, Maxima, Latrobe University, Monash University, The Apprenticeship Factory, The University of Melbourne, Victoria Police and William Angliss Institute.**

Sergeant Dan Colquhoun, from the Australian Defence Force's Specialist Recruiting Team – Indigenous, talked to many students about training and career opportunities.

He is pictured above with Ganbina participant Dylan Rae, 17, a Year 12 student at Wanganui Park Secondary College.

"It was great to meet so many young Indigenous people on the night and take them through all the different career options the Defence Force can give them," Dan said.

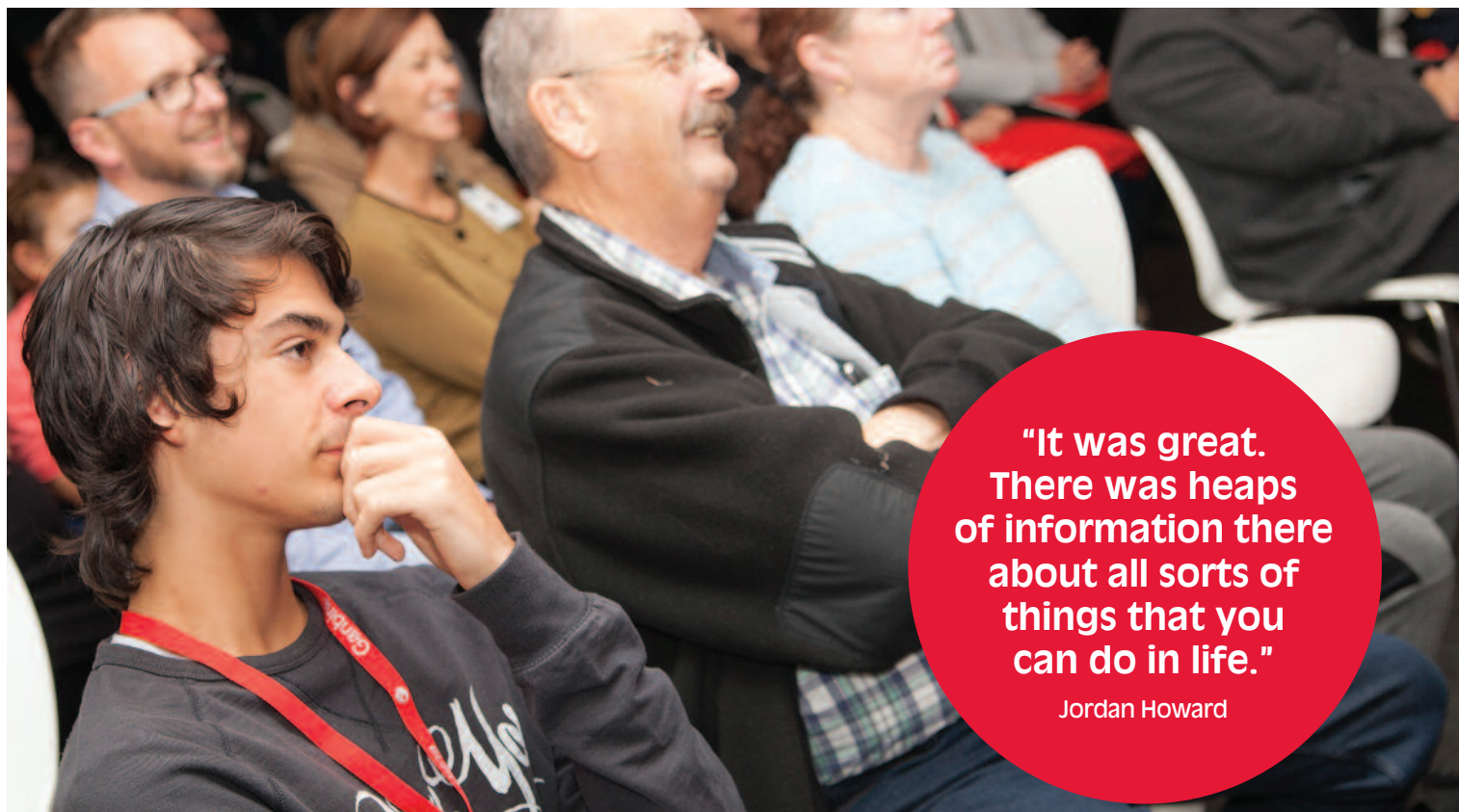
"I joined the army when I was 21 when I found out that I could get a career and come out with a trade," he said. "I originally signed up for four years, but after that, it was a no-brainer for me to stay, the benefits are great, I get paid more than my friends and I've travelled overseas and all over Australia.

"The army has trained me to be a paratrooper and a qualified chef and now I work in recruitment. I'm married with two children and I think it's a great life."

Dylan said that the Careers Night was an eye-opener for him. "I want to study architecture when I leave school and it was great to get so much information about different study options, Indigenous entry programs, scholarships, apprenticeships and industry possibilities," he said.

"I made a lot of really useful contacts on the night, it was fantastic."

*Sergeant Colquhoun, together with Warrant Officer Jack Joce (RAAF), are holding an Australian Defence Force Recruiting Indigenous Information Session at 4.00 pm on Thursday, 21 July at MADEC, Suite 3, 1-11 High Street, Shepparton. Ganbina participants and their families are very welcome to attend.*



**“It was great. There was heaps of information there about all sorts of things that you can do in life.”**

Jordan Howard

**Kiah Atkinson, pictured left with her mother Misty, is in Year 10 at Mooroopna Secondary College.**

Kiah has been a Ganbina participant for three years.

“It was really good to talk to so many people who could help me find out how I could get the job I want when I leave school,” said Kiah.

“I want to be a dentist. I was able to get some really useful information from a lot of the stall holders there about the different career paths I can take with dentistry.”

**Ganbina participant Jordan Howard (17), pictured above, a Year 11 student at Kyabram College, went to the Careers Night with his nan and grandpa.**

“I want to be an electrician, I love taking things apart and putting them back together and I really like studying the electronic systems and maths at school.

“I talked about training options with the TAFE and Defence Force people there and found out all sorts of information I didn’t know before.”

## **Ganbina Learning Program is free**

**Our Ganbina Accelerated Learning Program is open to students aged 10 - 18 years old.**

The Program is tailored to suit your own individual needs, and is delivered by specialist tutors, at no cost to you.

The main focus of the Program is to give you extra help with certain subjects, to help you have fun with your learning, and gain confidence in your study skills.

If you are interested in learning more about the Accelerated Learning Program, please call Sue Williams at Ganbina on 5821 7333.



**Name**

Aleasha Walker

**School**

Notre Dame College, Year 7

**Interests**

DIY Projects, Decorating

**Favourite subjects**

English, Poster Designing

**Early ambitions**

Singing

**Current Career Goal**

Creative Arts/Painting



**Name**

Bryce Woodward

**School**

McGuire College, Year 12

**Interests**

Arts, Automotive

**Favourite subjects**

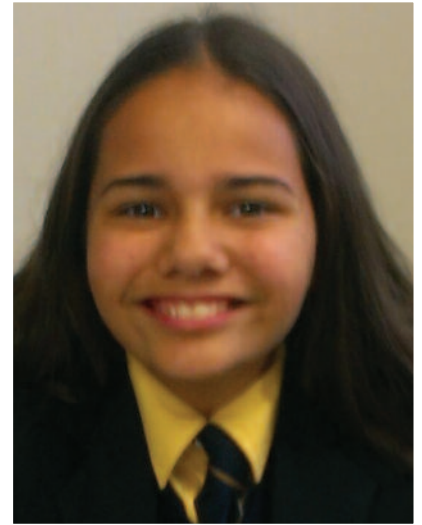
Studio Arts

**Early ambitions**

University

**Current Career Goal**

Professional Automotive Artist



**Name**

Serena Dallen

**School**

Goulburn Valley Grammar School, Year 7

**Interests**

Basketball, Netball

**Favourite subjects**

Science, Humanities

**Early ambitions**

Teacher

**Current Career Goal**

Teacher

## On the radar

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| 13 July   | Year 11 Youth Leadership Program Community Session |
| 22 July   | Year 10 Youth Leadership Program Dinner            |
| 9 August  | Year 8 Industry Tour                               |
| 12 August | Year 11 Youth Leadership Program Dinner            |
| 15 August | Year 10 Youth Leadership Program Leadership Traits |
| 24 August | Year 9 Industry Tour                               |