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## **ADULT LEARNING BOOM !**

Education Centre Gippsland (ECG) is enjoying increased numbers of adult learners across Southern Gippsland as it continues to grow course programs in response to community need.

ECG has extended its range of accredited courses in Child Care, Aged Care, Retail Services, Business Administration, and Training and Assessment to meet demand, while its horticulture and agriculture programs continue to attract strong student numbers.

ECG Education and Training Coordinator, Barbara Look, said Adult Learners Week was an opportunity for people to visit ECG's campus at Leongatha and find out how they can extend their skills to advance their career, enter the workforce, or just enjoy the benefits of life-long learning with other adults.

"Courses at ECG are designed to help people of all ages build confidence, skills and gain an accredited qualification that will help them to achieve their personal or career goals.

"Some people may have been out of the workforce for some time and want to get back into work, others may be seeking a new career direction, or they may wish to upgrade their skills. ECG Courses are delivered via flexible delivery to suit the varied needs of individuals."

Barbara Look said a new partnership with Meeniyah Art Gallery had opened up a new suite of Art courses at Meeniyah – including a unique program in the art of basketry with pine needles, as well as mono prints and woodturning.

"ECG's Computer suite has also been in big demand this year offering a full range of courses for beginners and the more accomplished as well as a new program to help people to utilise their digital camera, digital imagery and storage solutions."

Language courses in French or Spanish are on offer as well as CPR and First Aid, Responsible Service of Alcohol or Gaming – both recognised qualifications for employment.

"We encourage people to utilise Adults Learners Week to explore the opportunities available locally that may open the door for people to experience another side of life and improve their skills and knowledge," she said.

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