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ECG OFFERS FREE INTERNET SERVICE FOR DISADVANTAGED

Latrobe Valley residents have increased opportunity to get online free with ECG (Education Centre Gippsland) offering a Public Internet Access Program (PIAP) from its Morwell service centre.

The PIAP is a Victorian Government initiative to help people who have difficulty accessing technologies such as the Internet.

ECG Manager Jeff Tellefson said the program aimed to increase Internet usage among seniors, migrants those who are unemployed, isolated or have disabilities.

“We have installed two personal computers in the foyer of ECG’s Morwell Service Centre and encourage people to drop in and use the facility which is free and available five days a week.”

Vicnet, a department of the State Library of Victoria, is providing support and assistance to organisations funded through the PIAP.

Visiting ECG’s Morwell office, Vicnet trainer Katharine Ebbs said information and communication technologies are powerful tools for people to gain information, study, look for work, bank, pay bills and keep in touch with family and friends.

“The PIAP is a valuable community support for people who might not normally have contact with the Internet. People can drop into ECG and sit in a comfortable environment with support of an ECG staff member if they need it.”

ECG which is located at 19-21 Church Street, Morwell offers the free Public Internet Access Program from 10am – 4pm Monday to Friday.
For more information ECG Morwell office on 5133 0690.



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L-R: Vicnet trainer Katharine Ebbs and ECG PIAP Coordinator Kate Shields.

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