

# Collaborative Evaluation Unit

Quarterly Newsletter - December 2021



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## CEU Director Message



Thank you to all our industry partners who have ensured that the Collaborative Evaluation Unit continues to work in partnership to evaluate and research the impact and outcomes of each initiative helping to maintain healthy and resilient communities. Federation University has recognised the work of the CEU over the last few years and is committed to its ongoing success. The University has committed to formalise the support with the renaming of the CEU to the Collaborative Evaluation & Research Group (CERG) which will be launched in 2022. This is a wonderful outcome and will secure the operational funding required to support the ongoing work. To be a Group is to formally acknowledge and support the activity of the team with infrastructure funding and operational support. We are looking forward to continuing to work in partnership with industry, building evaluation and research capability and capacity. Please ensure you have a safe and joyous Christmas period and we look forward to collaborating with you in the new year.

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## Health Innovation Project - Workshop 2




The Collaborative Evaluation Unit (CEU) has partnered with the Latrobe Valley Authority to deliver the Health and Wellbeing stream of the Gippsland Smart Specialisation Strategy (GS3). The Smart Specialisation approach is based on three principals:

- **Smart:** Identify the regions own strength, comparative and competitive assets
- **Specialisation:** Prioritise research and innovation in competitive areas
- **Strategic:** define and develop shared vision for regional innovation

Working in partnership with stakeholders, we'll be exploring current and future strengths and challenges in the health sector through a series of six workshops. These workshops will include participants from a number of industries, including education and training experts; key health professionals from a variety of disciplines; representation from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

## WORKSHOP 2: DISCOVERY

Workshop 2 continued the Discovery Phase of this project and focused on furthering discussion about current and future health and innovation needs in the region by showcasing current expertise. Due to COVID restrictions, this workshop was held virtually. The presenters and presentations for the second workshop were:

	<b>Rita Sanderson: General Manager, Child and Youth Mental Health (Western Region), Latrobe Regional Hospital</b>
	<b>Ellen-Jane Browne: Executive Officer, Latrobe Health Assembly</b>
	<b>Alyce Cuman: Manager, Digital Health and Integration, Gippsland Primary Health Network (Gippsland PHN)</b>
	<b>Jane Anderson: Latrobe Health Advocate</b>



**You can view videos of the above presentations on our website or by clicking the link below.** We can't wait to share more stories about these workshops with you as we start to move through each phase of the collaborative and evidence based Discovery, Inquiry and Design process.

**Would you like to get involved in the Health Innovation Project?**

We welcome input and would like to hear from you. Email us at:

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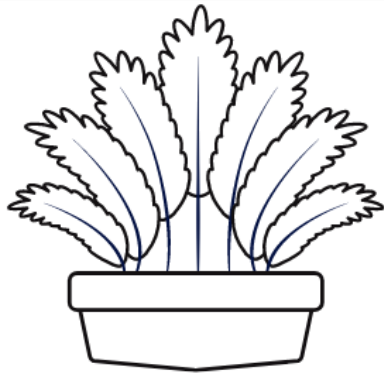
# YEARLY ROUNDUP OUR 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

## THE CEU HAS A NEW STATUS IN 2022!

We're so proud of all that we've accomplished as the Collaborative Evaluation Unit (CEU) and we're excited to be moving forward in our research and evaluation journey.

Effective 2022, we'll be rebranded as the Collaborative Evaluation and Research Group (CERG). We look forward to progressing and growing in this space.





## PROJECTS, PROJECTS, PROJECTS

We've had a big year! Our projects have increased, with the CEU now evaluating projects across various agencies, industries and departments.

### HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2021 AND BEYOND

In 2021, we've been working on some incredible projects such as the evaluation for Warrigunya and Career Mapping with the Latrobe Valley Authority.

We also completed Streetgames Increasing access to Sport and Physical literacy projects with Gippsport and the Latrobe Health Assembly (LHA).

We can't wait to continue our work in 2022 as well as start evaluations on new projects and programs, such as I Am Deadly.



# Happy holidays!



Read more about us on our [website](#)

## About us

The Collaborative Evaluation Unit (CEU) is an innovative initiative that aims to build evaluation capacity, research and expertise in Gippsland. As a local provider, the CEU understands the value of listening to the community and has the ability to deliver timely, rigorous and sustainable evaluations tailored to the needs of a wide variety of organisations. The CEU provides training, workshops

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