

Collaborative Evaluation Unit

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CEU Director Message



The CEU has continued to develop partnerships across the Gippsland region and has recently commenced a number of exciting projects. We are looking forward to working on the nature recovery initiative in East Gippsland, the introduction of the Latrobe Men's Shed field officer and the commencement of community connectors working in Churchill on the social prescribing project with the Latrobe Health Assembly. Work is ongoing with the Gippsland Primary Health Network evaluating the student led pop up health check clinics around Latrobe, the outreach GP health checks and Latrobe smoking support service. The CEU proudly supported the work conducted by Latrobe Shire who engaged with 100 residents of Latrobe on a community panel to help inform their future strategic plans. The CEU also facilitated a Health sector workshop using a Smart Specialisation approach to develop up future health priorities for Gippsland in partnership with the Latrobe Valley Authority. We are enjoying working with all of our industry partners and will continue to deliver workshops and webinars to support project development, design, evaluation and implementation.

Health Innovation, Transformation and Discovery Workshops

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 heath 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 communities; acute health care; health employment agencies; and the higher education sector.

The first of these workshops was held online this month, on Wednesday the 15th of September. We were so excited to be facilitating this workshop and to hear from the following inspirational speakers:



Professor Collette Browning
Healthy Ageing and Wellbeing



Professor Rochelle Eime Sport Participation, Facilities and Health Outcomes Across the Lifespan



Professor Shane Thomas

Happy Life Club / Public Health



Professor Carolyn Unsworth

Measuring Outcomes: using data to support allied health services

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 Health Innovation, Transformation and Discovery?

We welcome input and would like to hear from you. Email us at: ceu@federation.edu.au

Find out more 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 and mentoring to build capacity to enable organisations to conduct meaningful evaluations.

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