

**MEDIA ALERT: 21 March 2013**



## **Young Adult Empowerment (YAE) Program Graduation Ceremony**

Committee for Ballarat is pleased to invite members of the media to attend the YAE graduation ceremony

**Venue:** BRACE ITC  
Cnr Windermere and Urquhart Streets  
Ballarat  
(Entrance to ITC and carpark from Windermere Street)

**Date:** Friday, 22 March 2013  
**Time:** 4.00 pm

This graduation ceremony signals the start of a new stage in the journey of another 13 young adults, making a total of 60 who will have graduated from the program.

The Young Adult Empowerment (YAE) Program supports these young adults with the practical skills they need to win and keep a job. It gives successful graduates *direct* access to supportive, job opportunities (contributed by Committee for Ballarat's 90+ membership base) and provides ongoing on-the-job support.

YAE is a joint initiative between Committee for Ballarat and its Members, and the Australian Government.

Pam Anderson, Co-ordinator of the YAE program, is very proud of the graduates. She said that "during the six week program, participants have gained new skills and developed a greater level of confidence in their talents and capabilities and have met the requirements for Certificate 1 in Vocational Preparation. They are now ready to take on new opportunities and make a positive contribution both in a workplace and in the community."

For more information on the program see the attached brochure.

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