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## CHALLENGE

- Gippsland's immediate future workforce needs are continually expanding
- Workforce shortages are being felt across the region
- Workforce participation in Gippsland is low
- There is still a sense that "you need to move away to find a job"
- Timing is critical
- The school sector has little contact with new and emerging industries
- It's difficult for industry to engage schools on a broad scale

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## OPPORTUNITY

Create an annual youth new energy jobs summit. Allowing hundreds of secondary school students to engage with the new industries establishing themselves in the energy market across Gippsland.

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### GIPPY YOUTH NEW ENERGY JOBS SUMMIT

The 2023 Gippsland New Energy Conference kicked off with the Gippy Youth New Energy Jobs Summit , sponsored by AGL (Loyang A). The goal was to showcase the many job opportunities that will be created by the move to renewable energy. For the many companies that will be establishing themselves in Gippsland, the summit created an opportunity to engage with the youth of today, the year 9 to 12 secondary school aged cohort .





## EVENT OVERVIEW



### STALL HOLDERS

40 companies representing the existing energy industry and the new and emerging renewable energy operators.



### SCHOOLS ENGAGED

10 schools were represented  
Lakes Entrance Secondary College  
District Specialist School  
Bairnsdale Christian College  
Catholic College Sale  
Gippsland Grammar  
Maffra Secondary College  
Yarram Secondary College  
Bairnsdale Secondary College  
Marist Sion Secondary College  
Lavalla Secondary College



### STUDENTS ATTENDED

320 students and 30 Teachers/ career advisors attended over 2 sessions



### FEEDBACK

Very positive responses from Stallholders, school Teachers and Students

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# STUDENT FEEDBACK- GIPPSLAND GRAMMAR

*Initially when I first arrived at the Sale Hall, I didn't know what to expect. I thought there would be a few speeches and we would ask some questions, and then return to school. However, once you entered the Hall, there were stalls lined up throughout the entire area, each representing something different or with a creative idea to get the students involved. There were brochures on how to present yourself in a job interview, information on renewable energies, quizzes on how much you knew and your thoughts on the world as it was, and much more. The stalls also gave out lots of different things for free, specifically assortments of lollies and pens. There was even a stall that allowed you try out some VR and allowed you to keep a hat from their stall. Towards the end, there was an interview with four women from renewable energy businesses, where they explained how they got to where they are now, and their struggles along the way. The people in charge of the interview got people in the crowd to ask questions. I learnt a lot about renewable energy, specifically about how some companies store CO2 under the earth in little pockets. Overall, the experience was fun, inviting, and taught me quite a lot. I'm very appreciative that I was allowed to go, and if I had the chance, I would do so again.*

Sarah





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## THE LOGO AND NAME *STORY*

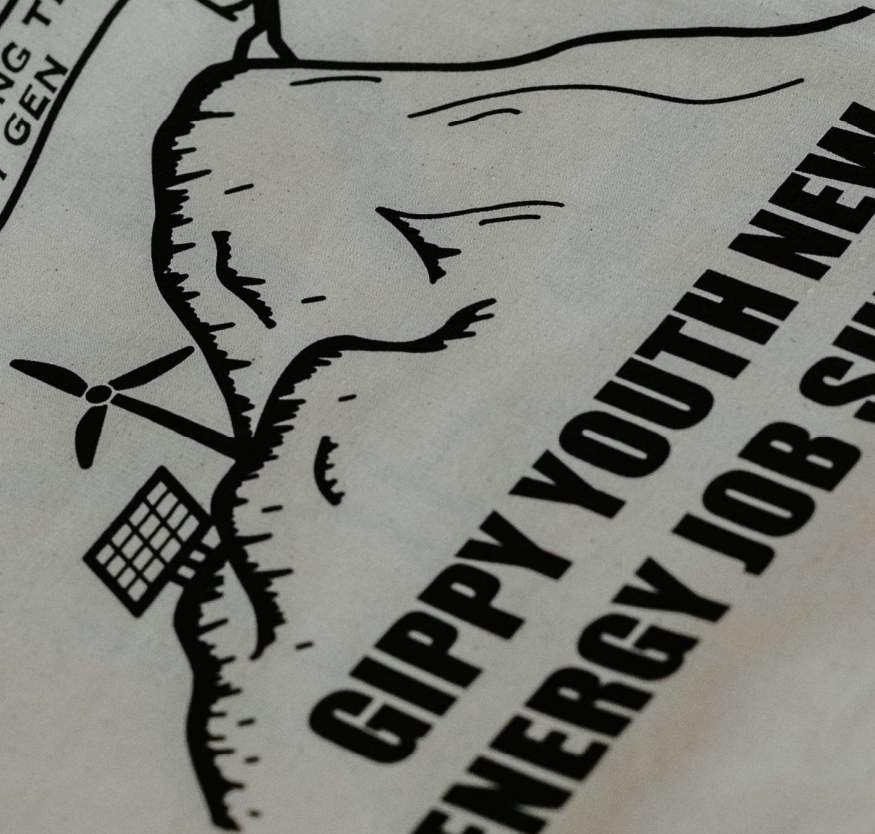
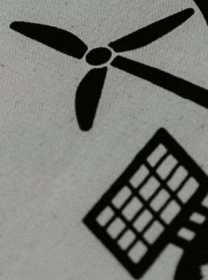
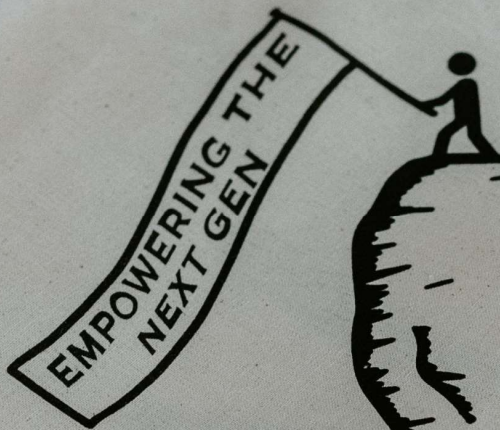
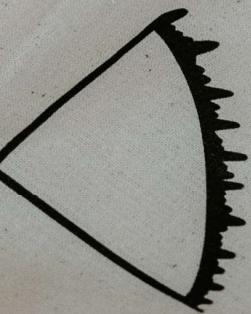
Students involved in the New Energy Technology program, were given the challenge – If we had a renewable energy career day, what would we call it and what would the logo look like?

The name was voted on by all participating schools and the student that created the winning logo design was awarded a certificate and gift voucher. The design was then used on communication materials and was printed on event bags.

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# GIPPY YOUTH NEW ENERGY JOB SUMMIT





## MARIKA KIRTON - ØRSTED

*"Ørsted was delighted to meet and engage with so many talented and motivated students in Sale at the Gippy Youth Summit. These generations will support the growth of Gippsland's renewables industry in the years ahead. We were pleased to see students enjoy visiting the world's last offshore wind farm in the UK through our Virtual Reality experience. Thanks to all the students and schools who took part and everyone involved in the organisation of the event. Ørsted looks forward to continuing the discussions in Gippsland to create future opportunities."*

## ADELE ZHANG, FLUENCE

*"Fluence is honored to be invited to exhibit at the Gippy Youth Summit. It was fantastic to engage with local students, teachers and parents and share what is battery-based energy storage and its role in the renewable industry. With the 150 MW/150 MWh Hazelwood Battery commissioned recently in the Latrobe Valley and upcoming new BESS projects, Fluence is committed to the energy transition in Victoria. We look forward to more engagement with the local community in the near future"*





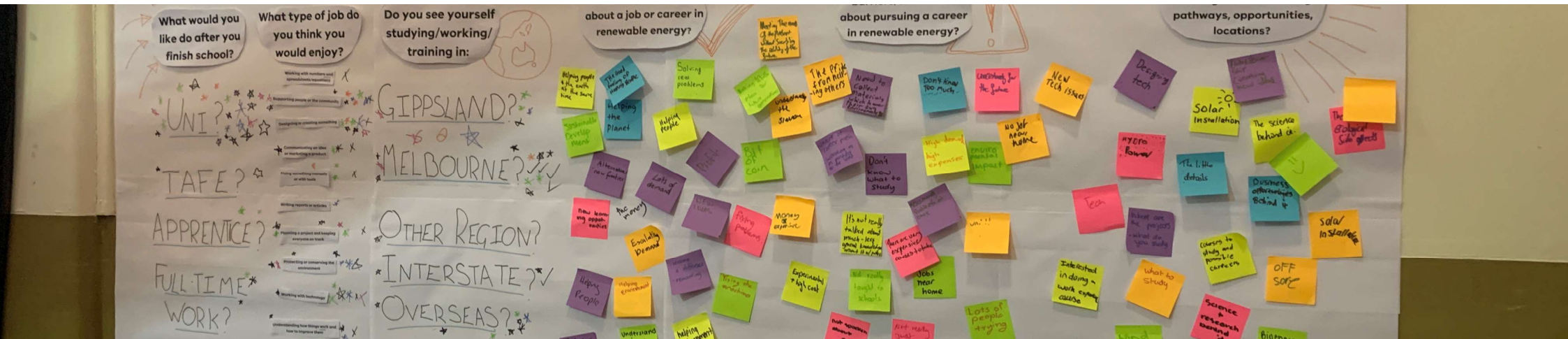


## KATE LANCASTER- BLUEFLOAT

*Members of the BlueFloat Energy team were really pleased to be able to share their experiences during the panel discussion. Our Gippsland-based Stakeholder & Engagement Manager Kate spoke about women working in renewables, while our Technical Manager Bart shared insights as a young person working in new energy. The students were very interested and asked lots of great questions”*

## KATE FOSTER - CORIO

*“Corio Generation were delighted to be part of the Gippy Youth Summit Event to speak with local Gippsland students about potential careers in offshore wind. The event sparked keen interest from local school students who had engaging questions about the emerging industry and future career opportunities. The Summit was the perfect segway to the Gippsland New Energy Conference and Corio were thrilled to support such an important initiative as building local capability is integral in ensuring the region benefits from this energy transition.”*



## FUNDING



### EVENT BAGS

The event bags & Logo were designed by the students.

### WELFARE

St Johns  
Gippsland Water

### EVENT CATERING

The local SES provided a BBQ for students  
Adults were catered for Morning Tea & lunch  
Hall Hire  
Fruit was donated for students  
Coffee Cart (No cost)

### SCHOOL ASSOCIATED COSTS

The provision of school buses and funding for CRT helped address barriers for student attendance



## SUMMARY

This event was an outstanding success and complements GNEC, it should continue to engage Gippsland Youth about new energy prospects for their future careers. It is an integral part of the GNEC experience.

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*AGL Loy Yang was a proud partner in the delivery of the Gippy Youth Summit.*

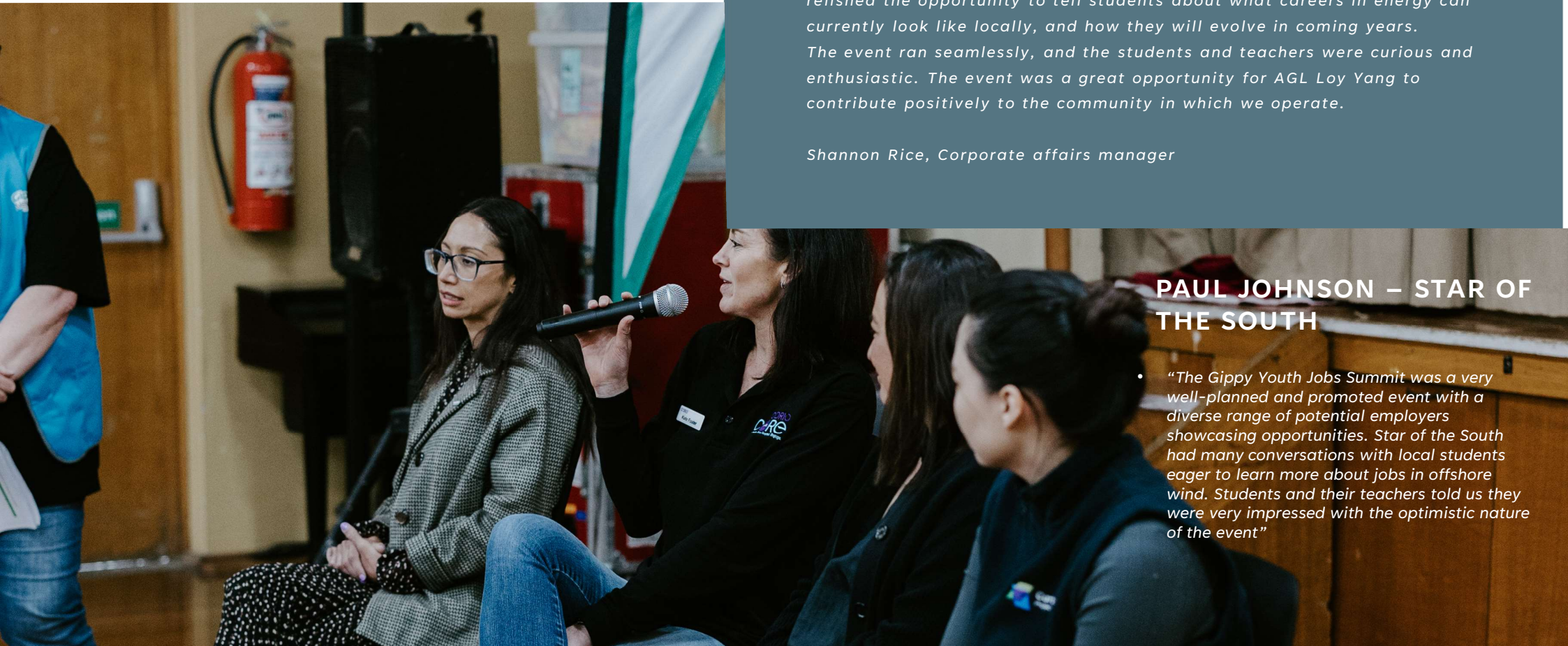
*We staged a hands-on, interactive stall which provided students with the opportunity to test and learn more about holo-lens technology, mechanical and electrical trade tasks and use of acoustic imaging technology in asset maintenance at the Loy Yang mine and power station.*

*Our engineers, apprentice tradespeople, Corporate Affairs and IT personnel relished the opportunity to tell students about what careers in energy can currently look like locally, and how they will evolve in coming years. The event ran seamlessly, and the students and teachers were curious and enthusiastic. The event was a great opportunity for AGL Loy Yang to contribute positively to the community in which we operate.*

*Shannon Rice, Corporate affairs manager*

### PAUL JOHNSON – STAR OF THE SOUTH

- *“The Gippy Youth Jobs Summit was a very well-planned and promoted event with a diverse range of potential employers showcasing opportunities. Star of the South had many conversations with local students eager to learn more about jobs in offshore wind. Students and their teachers told us they were very impressed with the optimistic nature of the event”*





## DELIVERY PARTNERS

