

WHAT'S HAPPENING - NEWS UPDATE

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WHAT'S NEW

- **Back to Work: Bundaberg** (Parents & Carers Returning to Work or Study) - Recruiting new clients
- **Enterprise Learning** (Developing Enterprise & Entrepreneurial skills in school students)
- **Positive Start** (Parenting Program) - Introducing Andrea Bax the new project facilitator
- **Work Wise Ways** (Accredited Hospitality/Retail Training Program) - Recruiting participants
- **Green Corps** (Recruiting for Bundaberg Project now underway)

Back to Work : Bundaberg (Parents & Carers)

Funded by the State Government under the Training and Community Partnerships

If you have clients who have been parents or carers and are looking to return to work or further education, this service gives one-to-one support with job searching skills such as

- resumes
- addressing selection criteria
- interview skills
- job search assistance such as internet access, use of fax, phone, photocopier

Accredited training will also be provided at IMPACT Make Your Mark in a supportive and positive environment. Training will be in skills area your client would like to develop and we are able to offer

- business administration
- computing
- retail and hospitality
- Community services
- Building General Safety Induction (Blue Card)
- Senior First Aid

This program is ideal for parents and carers WHO ARE NOT RECEIVING CENTRELINK PAYMENTS as well as those parents and carers who do receive payments from Centrelink.

ENTERPRISE LEARNING

Funded by Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST)

Enterprise Learning is an Australian Government, Department of Education, science and Training (DEST) 3 year initiative.

The focus of Enterprise learning is to **assist in developing entrepreneurial skills and enterprising skills in students - such as confidence, discipline, vision and risk taking - in the hope of encouraging young people to reach their potential and to consider the option of returning to or remaining in the Bundaberg district after schooling.**

There are two facets to Enterprise Learning -

- Establishment of **businesses or community centred activities** within schools, started and run by the young people themselves using such skills as planning, negotiation, teamwork, quality control, marketing, financial planning, meeting deadlines, etc.
- A **mentoring system** whereby local business and community members impart their entrepreneurial knowledge and experience to students, either on a one-to-one basis or to groups to assist with the setting up of the business or career pathways.

Currently a Regional Stakeholders Consultative Group consisting of relevant stakeholders, such as school principals, school teachers, civic leaders, local community organisations, business and industry representatives and vocational education providers, is being established. It is anticipated to hold the first meeting in mid October. It is also envisaged that the final term of 2005 will be used to introduce the concept of Enterprise Learning to the community and hopefully to commence to establish it within schools in 2006.

More information about this new and innovative project can be obtained from -
Barbara Chapman at IMPACT Make Your Mark 41534233

POSITIVE START (Parenting Program)

Funded by the Department of Family and Community Services

Hi everyone. My name is Andrea Bax, and I am the new facilitator of the **Positive Start Program**. The program is jumping ahead in leaps and bounds, with our Wednesday group sessions from 9.30-11.30 at IMPACT Make Your Mark, being accessed by a large number of young women. Due to the large size of the group, and so we don't lose that personal contact, the group will be somewhat changing over the next few months.

The groups are slowly being divided into an:

Expectant Mums Group

New Mums Group (newborn - 18months) and

Mums with Toddlers Group (18months - under 5 years)

At this stage we have the **expectant mums and new mums** still coming along on **Wednesdays mornings** together and will over time make the transition to two separate groups will take place.

The **toddlers group** is happening on **Tuesday mornings from 10.30 - 12.00pm**. We have already been to visit the library and looking at doing some mum and toddler craft activities in preparation for Christmas.

So, do you know or are you a young woman who is 15 - 25 years old, who is expecting, is a new mum or has a toddler running around her feet and would like to build a support network, or just want to meet other young women? Please give me a call on 4153 4233 to find out what we're all about and how we may be able to assist you.

Cheers

Andrea Bax

Positive Start Facilitator

WORK WISE WAYS (HOSPITALITY/RETAIL ACCREDITED TRAINING)

COMMENCING Tuesday 20th September 2005

A Breaking the Unemployment Cycle initiative

Target Group: Job seekers who would benefit from extra literacy and numeracy assistance

Course Content -

- Introduction to computers
- Customer service
- Prepare and Serve Espresso Coffee
- Team work
- Money skills in the Workplace

GREEN CORPS (Local Bundaberg Project)



RECRUITING NOW FOR BUNDABERG PROJECT

Green Corp is a Commonwealth Government Youth Program designed to provide young people aged between 17-20 years with personal and skill development, training and improved connections with their community and the environment. Green Corps projects involve groups of 10 young people who are paid a training allowance for the 26 weeks duration of each project.

APPLICATION FORMS can be obtained from IMPACT Make Your Mark at 106-108 Bargara Road or phone 4153 4233

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MISSION STATEMENT

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VISION

To be a Bundaberg based not for profit organisation providing employment and learning opportunities for the community, in particular disadvantaged and unemployed persons, including People with a Disability by providing:

- Quality training in a supportive environment
- Innovative and dynamic responses to our client needs
- Assisting clients to overcome barriers to learning and employment
- Supported employment opportunities for clients with a disability