

**IMPACT Make Your Mark**

**NEWSLETTER**

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We have had plenty of activity at IMPACT Make Your Mark this month especially with the Re-Born Recycling Project and the Connections 2006 Group. There are some great training programs coming up shortly with the NAAP Program and Green Corps Project. Details below on how to access these programs. If you have clients or know of someone who would benefit and enjoy either of these please contact us so we can determine their eligibility and provide further details.

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**HIGHLIGHTS**

- ☺ **RE-BORN RECYCLING PROJECT**
- ☺ **GREEN CORPS** - Green Corps A Family Tradition  
 - Apply Now!!!
- ☺ **WANT A TRADE? WORK SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE**
- ☺ **GETTING READY FOR AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA**
- ☺ **PLACES AVAILABLE – TRANSITION TO WORK**
- ☺ **ENTERPRISE LEARNING**

**SPOTLIGHT ON.....**

**RE-BORN RECYCLING PROJECT**

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☺ **RE-BORN RECYCLING PROJECT**

The workshops at IMPACT Make Your Mark are a hive of activity with the Community Jobs Plan – Work Placement Project now in action. Children's table and chair sets, coffee and picnic tables, doll's cots and book cases are just some of the items which have been made out of recycled timber or furniture from the local waste management site, courtesy of the Bundaberg City Council. The recycled articles will be distributed to local not-for-profit community organisations.

Ten participants have increased their potential for employment by being involved in this project. Over a fifteen week period they are learning new skills in the carpentry area, undertaking job search training, developing knowledge of current workplace standards, workplace health and safety issues and workplace ethics thus allowing a smoother transition into the 'world of work.'

*Participants in the project are paid an award training wage.*

Some of the comments from participants about the project are—

- "There should be more projects like this"
- "Our supervisor is excellent"

**If you know someone who may benefit from such a program, call IMPACT on 4153 4233.**

*(Funded under the Australian Government's Breaking the Unemployment Cycle Initiative)*



☺ **GREEN CORPS A FAMILY TRADITION**

**TOM BRIGNALL** is the last of four brothers to go through Green Corps. Now he has secured full time work in the dairy industry in New Zealand. Tom is pictured receiving a certificate of appreciation for a re-vegetation project at Apple Tree Creek from Doug Wass, District Director, Department of Main Road.



## 😊 **GREEN CORPS - APPLY NOW!!**

Green Corps is seeking applications for the next project which will commence on 2 May 2006 and finish on 27 October 2006. Participants in the project undertake environmental projects in the Bundaberg district community. There is a focus on becoming a team player, developing conservation awareness, work and leadership skills.

**PARTICIPANTS WILL BE PAID AN AWARD TRAINING WAGE**  
**APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 18 APRIL 2006**  
**Contact IMPACT on 4153 4233 for more details and an application form**  
A Department of Employment and Workplace Relations Initiative



## 😊 **WANT A TRADE?**

***WORK SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP!***

The New Apprenticeships Access Programme will commence on 8 May 2006 at **IMPACT Make Your Mark**. Participants will be given training and assistance to obtain an apprenticeship in the trades area. There will be five weeks training and one week work experience.

### **NAAP can benefit your client by:**

- Helping them to obtain industry recognised skills through pre-vocational training to improve their chances of obtaining a New Apprenticeship
- Helping them gain valuable workplace experience
- Providing support and assistance to get them into a New Apprenticeship and in the first 13 weeks of employment

**For further information and an eligibility check contact IMPACT on 4153 4233**

The New Apprenticeship Programme is an Australian Government Initiative

# AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

**THE CONNECTIONS 2006** group are busy making plans for **Australia's Biggest Morning Tea**. The group had a 'trial run' by supplying afternoon tea to IMPACT staff prior to the staff meeting. Staff were asked to donate a gold coin and the money collected \$60, was given to the Cyclone Larry Appeal.

**What a great effort and what great food!**



From left: Damian, Sandra (trainer), Lloyd, Scotty and Jess  
The Connections course is funded by Dept of Employment & Training

## ☺ **TRANSITION TO WORK**



There are still a couple of places available in this very supportive and successful program. There are a range of services offered for Centrelink customers and others within the community.

### **Assistance can include –**

- Job search
- Literacy or numeracy skills
- Distance learning courses
- Resume preparation
- Skills development
- Work experience
- Vocational training
- Secondary school quals
- Accessing & using services

**If you have a client who is looking for paid employment, is a parent or carer or is 50 years of age or over then **IMPACT Make Your Mark** may be able to assist in increasing their potential for the job market.**

**Phone Rhonda on 4153 4233 for more details and to check specific eligibility requirements.**

Funded by Dept of Employment & Workplace Relations

## ☺ **ENTERPRISE LEARNING**

(Funded by Department of Education, Science & Training)

This Program has been established to assist schools to set up business or community centered activities within schools that are run by the students themselves.

One of the projects has been the making of children's pedal planes by Kepnock State High School for the East Bundaberg Rotary Club. Two were made in the last term of 2005 and raffled by the Rotary Club, with the proceeds going to charity.

Unfortunately, Kepnock School is unable to continue with the project this year, owing to teacher restraints. The Project Co-ordinator, Barbara Chapman, is currently negotiating with Bundaberg High School to take over the project. The East Rotary Club is confident that they can sell or raffle as many planes as the students can produce.

Another Enterprise is a Mother's Day Chrysanthemums Project, with the Bundaberg Christian College growing, packaging, advertising and marketing the flowers. Also Bundaberg State High is to start a cooking herb growing Enterprise in the second term in a restored shadehouse on the school premises. A bus tour is being arranged to acquaint students with the commercial realities of such a project.



Pedal plane built by Kepnock State High School

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

IMPACT Make Your Mark provides support, employment and learning opportunities for disadvantaged people in the community

**VISION**

To be a Bundaberg based not for profit organisation providing support, employment and learning opportunities for the Bundaberg & District community, for the benefit of disadvantaged, unemployed and people with a disability by providing:

- 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
- Quality training in a supportive environment