

IMPACT Make Your Mark

NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to our July edition of the IMPACT Make Your Mark Newsletter. Like many community organisations we have been busy planning for 2006/2007. This means evaluating, developing and implementing our services and programs to suit the needs of our targeted participants and the Bundaberg Community. It is important for IMPACT to revisit our Mission and Vision statement and ensure we are meeting the goals of the organisation and the needs of the local community. Thank you to community organisations who assist us in our continued service delivery through client referrals, letters of support and working partnership.

Judi Heard
Business Development Manager



HIGHLIGHTS

- ☺ **CityWide Recycling for Bundaberg**
- ☺ **Try Open Access**
- ☺ **Mentoring Workshop for WFD Hosts/Sponsors**
- ☺ **Reconnecting to the Workforce**

SPOTLIGHT ON.....

CityWide Recycling for Bundaberg

More about our Programs & Services at www.impact.org.au

☺ 100% Recycling for Bundaberg



Garry, Warren & Anne Marie are featured in the Recycling marketing by Bundaberg City Council



IMPACT Recycling & Collection Workers have been in the limelight lately with the promotion of CityWide RECYCLING for Bundaberg City. They are regular stars on television and radio, advertising the positive benefits of recycling and what to recycle.

Congratulations to the Bundaberg City Council for their commitment to our community environment.

Congratulations also to the IMPACT Recycling & Collection Workers for their commitment to the recycling process. They do a sterling job under the supervision of Tim Van Kooten, Mitchell Pignat and Reuban Granzien.

WHAT TO PUT IN YOUR BIN



REMEMBER:

Only put **RECYCLABLE** things in the **RECYCLE BIN**

☺ **Try Open Access**

If **you**, or **someone you know**, are thinking of returning to the workforce, did you know that **IMPACT Make Your Mark** has a program which may be a great support and could assist with –

- Job Search
- Writing resumes and Letters of Application
- Addressing Selection Criteria
- Other support as needed for re-entry into the workforce

DID YOU KNOW???

Since August 2005 IMPACT's Open Access Program has assisted 46 Clients.

Of these –

- **8 have gained full time employment**
- **8 have gained part time employment**
- **5 have gained casual employment**
- **7 have decided to undertake training**

OUR LATEST GOOD NEWS STORY!!!!

After being out of the workforce for the past 25 years Vicki was unsure of where to start looking for work and what she wanted to do.

She contacted IMPACT and was directed to the **Open Access Program**. After an interview and registering with the Program, it seemed Vicki would really like to update her computer skills and possibly get a position in a school with Administration or Teacher Aide work.

Vicki attended one of the **Open Access IT training courses** and then decided to commence the Education Support (Teacher Aide) training which was being offered by IMPACT. This is what Vicki had to say about the Open Access Program –

"A great stepping stone to build confidence when returning to the workforce by providing skills that you require, in a friendly atmosphere where you meet new people.

Assists you into motivating yourself into a routine for entering the workforce."

Vicki is very happy and excited about her new found skills and is looking forward to using them in her chosen career.



Congratulations Vicki!
IMPACT wishes you every success for your future career pathway.

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**Work
for the Dole**

AN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE

☺ **Mentoring Workshop for WFD Hosts and Sponsors**

Recently IMPACT Make Your Mark facilitated a **Mentoring Workshop** to provide our valued Work for the Dole hosts and sponsors the opportunity to participate in a training activity. This successful workshop not only assisted hosts, sponsors and staff to work more effectively with WFD participants, but broadened their own personal development and self awareness.

Megan Veivers, the trainer, is a very experienced and respected facilitator in the mentoring field and participants went away with lots of valuable information to put into practice.

IMPACT Work for the Dole Team was very pleased to see so many take up the opportunity to learn more skills to assist the mentoring of Work for the Dole and Community Work participants.

From the pictures below, it looks like they were taking it all in!!



☺ **Reconnecting to the Workforce**

This program will offer **individualised assistance** for **Mature Aged** and **Lone Parent Job Seekers** preparing to re-enter the workforce to meet Centrelink requirements. The **Reconnecting Program** involves a series of different activities to assist people into work. Accredited training in IT, will also be conducted for 2 days per week (Wednesdays and Thursday) from 9 August until 5 October 2006.



WANT TO KNOW MORE???

Come along to the Information Meeting which will be held at 10 am on Tuesday 1 August 2006 At IMPACT Make Your Mark at 106-108 Bargara Road, Bundaberg.

For further information, please call on 4153 4233 or email us at mail@impact.org.au

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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