

IMPACT Make Your Mark

NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to our first **Community Work Coordinator Newsletter**. We hope to keep you informed on what's happening with your local **Community Work Coordinator** which sponsors **Work for the Dole** and **Community Work** programs. There are some great 'good new stories' happening in the **Bundaberg** community through **IMPACT** and we want to share them with you. If sponsors or hosts have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sue & Emma – **IMPACT's** **Work for the Dole** Team



HIGHLIGHTS

- ☺ **Our WFD Team - Meet SUE & EMMA**
- ☺ **Technology with Wide Bay Volunteers**
- ☺ **Free Workshop for Hosts/Sponsors/Staff**
- ☺ **What great news!!!**

SPOTLIGHT ON.....

MEET THE TEAM

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

☺ **Our WFD Team**

Meet SUE

Sue has been employed for 11 years at IMPACT. She worked and studied in the youth area prior to moving into the **Work for the Dole** Program 4 years ago. Sue has coordinated **Community Jobs Plan** Projects and is very experienced in assisting people overcome barriers to find employment. She is also a qualified **Workplace Trainer & Assessor**. Sue is always available to talk to hosts and sponsors as well as assist **Work for the Dole** participants resolve any issues.



Meet EMMA

Emma has worked for IMPACT for 6 years. She has a very sound background in administration and has also worked supporting people with a disability. Emma is a qualified **Workplace Trainer & Assessor** and has been in the **Work for the Dole** Program for approx. 2 years. You will find Emma very experienced in customer service and is always happy to assist, especially in the area of promoting the best use of participant's training credits.



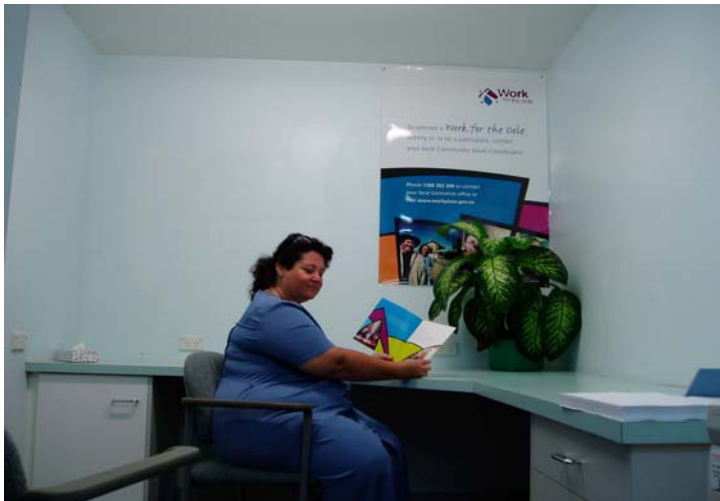
☺ **Interactive Local Art with Wide Bay Volunteers**

The **IMPACT Work for the Dole** Project has formed a partnership with **Wide Bay Volunteers** to deliver a computer based activity which will produce a **DVD** profiling local artists. **Adam Smigielski** is the **Project Manager** and he has involved the participants in a variety of tasks such as interviewing, researching, collating and recording information on local artists and their work as part of the **Bundaberg Arts Centre Anniversary Celebrations**. Comments from the participants indicated that they were not only enjoying the activity but developing a whole range of new computer skills and were very motivated to see the end result. Another participant said she was having fun, loves the work and was gaining lots of new confidence.

Pictured from left: Adam Project Manager, Tahnee, Mark, Joel, Ian and Sonia



😊 Making Good Use of Training Credits – Ann Gibson



Ann earned her Training Credits by successfully completing the Community Work Program to fulfil her mutual obligation requirements. She was able to complete the Community Work Program at the Baffle District Residents & Ratepayers Association and is involved in the development of the 18 page newsletter which is distributed to approx. 2000 residences in the Miriam Shire.

Ann used her training credits for a Real Estate Course, which resulted in employment and a Microsoft Publisher course through Bay Connect.

IMPACT was able to source the above training for Ann and she is very pleased with the assistance received.

The Training credits helped Ann secure part-time work in the Real Estate Industry and also have positive and rewarding input into the local resident's association.

Well done Ann for showing such initiative and taking advantage of your training credits.

😊 Free Workshop for Hosts/Sponsors/Staff



Don't forget to RSVP for the Mentoring Workshop on Wednesday 26 July 2006, 1.00 pm – 4.30 pm. Covering - What is mentoring? Fostering resilience, coping strategies and other life skills as well as a range of communication and conflict resolution strategies.

This is a valuable opportunity for **hosts, sponsors and staff** to gain extra skills in supervision and how to work effectively with your Work for the Dole or Community Work participants. Maximum of 2 participants per service.

Come along and join in this fun experience

😊 What great news!!!

CONGRATULATIONS KIRSTY

Kirsty did her Work for the Dole mutual obligation activity program at an aged care facility in Bundaberg in the Administration Section. During this time a position became vacant and Kirsty was offered employment. The skills she learnt during her Work for the Dole Program enabled her to be considered for the position and the employer was also able to observe her work ethics and application.

Kirsty was very grateful for the support she received from the IMPACT Work for the Dole Team and is delighted to have found work. She also enjoys the on-going learning she is experiencing.

Well done Kirsty!

If you would like more information on any of the articles in the newsletter or on the Work for the Dole Program, please contact Sue or Emma at IMPACT Make Your Mark.

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