

IMPACT Make Your Mark

NEWSLETTER

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You will see that the Christmas Season has already hit IMPACT with the workers at RECYCLING & COLLECTIONS getting organised for what sounds like an awesome Christmas Party. I note they are getting "in the mood" for two days prior - with all sorts of fun activities planned.

Our workers do a great job in helping recycle this area's recyclable product and want to remind everyone to take recycling seriously and only put recyclable product into your bins - REMEMBER....they have to sort through everything you put into your recycling bin to take out the product.

Judi Heard

Business Development Manager



HIGHLIGHTS

- ☺ A positive start to parenting
- ☺ First training for 2008
- ☺ Green Corps – Looking back to move forward
- ☺ News from the Disability Team

SPOTLIGHT ON.....

A Positive Start to Parenting

☺ POSITIVE START – Giving young mums a positive start to parenting



"It's great to see these girls get their lives on track"

Positive Start Project Co-ordinator
Sandra Hansen

Sandra reflected on the progress she had noted throughout the last year – several girls have accessed other programs, one has found employment, the girls have grown into a cohesive group and are there to support each other throughout their pregnancies and difficult times.

As well as providing a one on one service, Sandra meets with her girls on a Wednesday morning in a playgroup situation. Chatter and laughter echo throughout IMPACT. Mums, babies and children mingle so freely that even the girls are confused as to who belongs to whom.

The Wednesday sessions have included a BBQ and guest speakers such as representatives from the Public Curator's Office, Child Health and a bank. Another activity saw the girls train in CPR.

December 20 will be the last Wednesday session for this year, however, the group will resume again on 23 January 2008. Just phone Sandra on 4153 4233 for more details.

POSITIVE START is an intervention program providing assistance to young pregnant women or mums and their babies/children. The program aims to develop sound parenting practices and nurturing home environments. It is funded by the Local Answers Initiative under the Australian Government's Stronger Families and Communities Strategy Program.

A BRAND NEW START

LET IMPACT WORK WITH YOU TO SUPPORT YOUR CLIENTS INTO EMPLOYMENT

IMPACT has a range of **accredited training**
at **no cost** to eligible job seekers

**PLEASE CHECK WITH IMPACT STAFF REGARDING TARGET GROUPS FOR EACH COURSE
IF YOU DON'T HAVE A CURRENT TRAINING CALENDAR TALK TO IMPACT STAFF**

JANUARY 2008

* **Certificate III in Aged Care** Provide support to an older person, provide personal care, communicate with clients & colleagues, Senior First Aid

Funded by 'Queenslanders Working Together' – an Australian Government program, administered under the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations



**For more information & to check eligibility
Phone 4153 4233**

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* **Advanced Business Skills** Design & develop text, Create electronic presentations, Process accounts payable & receivable, Maintain a general ledger

Program funded by the Department of Employment & Industrial Relations'
Skilling Queenslanders for Work Initiative

* **Hospitality- Café/Kitchen Hand** Clean & maintain kitchen premises, Provide a link between kitchen & service areas, Develop & update hospitality industry knowledge

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* **Reception/Office Skills** Develop keyboard skills, Produce simple word processed documents, Communicate in the workplace, Organise and complete daily work activities, Create simple spreadsheets, Send and retrieve information using web browsers and email

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☺ IMPACT'S Green Corps



Looking Back to Move Forward

While one of aims of Green Corps is to help participants focus on their future, the road ahead for one Green Corps team meant setting their sights firmly on the past.

The team for the Round 45 Kolan project, delivered by Job Futures member **Impact Make Your Mark** in partnership with **Gin Gin Historical Society** and **Kolan Shire Council**, worked at the Gin Gin Railway Station and Complex to restore an old railway carriage.

The former Queensland Rail carriage is a First Class and Guard carriage with seating for 16 passengers. The carriage's last day of operation was 18 June 1990, running from Gin Gin to Bundaberg.

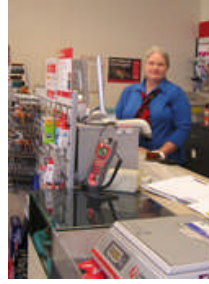
The team took about eight weeks to restore the carriage inside and out, including renovating several doors and constructing six windows from scratch. The team also restored flooring and two walls of the railway goods shed at the complex.

Another key part of the project involved the team honouring those buried in unmarked graves in the 'paupers' section of the Gin Gin Cemetery by identifying sites and constructing a memorial. The team also interviewed elderly members of the Gin Gin community, including Elders of the Taribelang Bunda people, capturing their recollections of Gin Gin's history on video for the benefit of future generations.



NEWS FROM THE DISABILITY TEAM

The Disability Training and Placement Officers have been busy finding jobs for their clients. Each and every success is the team's success and a great feeling of achievement for all.



2008



TRAINING SESSIONS for next year will include:

- **Learner Driver's Education**
- **Stress Management**
- **Motivation and Goal Setting**
- **Diet and Nutrition**
- **Work Ethics**

Christmas Break UP

As the Recycling Plant is closed for maintenance on 29th and 30th November, everyone has decided to get involved in enjoying two fun filled days with the Recycling & Collection workers.....

Thursday Activities

After a morning training with Stephanie, IMPACT's WH&S Officer, the group will head to the Bundaberg Rum Distillery on a guided tour. An array of drinks will be available for sampling at the end of the tour.

Friday Activities

The next day is a "City to Surf" bus trip to Elliott Heads, complete with fishing, BBQ and picnic. At one o'clock it will be time to start making Christmas decorations and set up the RSL Hall.

The day will not end there as we will all be due back at the Hall for the R & C Christmas party starting at 6pm. Smorgasbord, DJ and great river views...we can barely wait!



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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 persons and people with a disability by providing:

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

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