

May Newsletter

Budding Boilermakers Get Set For Work

Four clients from IMPACT's Get Set for Work program with a desire to work in the manufacturing/engineering industry recently received an opportunity to complete a four week welding course run by IMPACT's David Hargreaves.

The participants enjoyed the training - learning new skills and techniques, and also gained real experience in a workshop.



(L-R) Reece Mitchell, Joshua Beljon, Jacob May, Davis Platen & Luke Mason learning new skills.

After completing the course, two of the four participants were offered traineeships! One in engineering production and the other as a fitter and turner, specialising in trailer manufacture.

What is Get Set For Work...?

... A program designed to help 15-17 year olds who are not attending school prepare for a positive future in employment or further education.

Work experience, career advice with goal setting, training courses with qualification outcomes and employment opportunities are just some of the ways school leavers are encouraged to create a better future for themselves.

To find out more, contact
Tyson at **IMPACT Make Your Mark**
on **1800 179 233**.

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Mental Health Services - Support is Available!

Are you supporting someone who is experiencing mental illness?



WHAT YOU DO MAKES A DIFFERENCE

... Since participating in the service it has cleared up a lot of confusion about what has happened to us as a family living with mental illness.

Service user

IMPACT's Mental Health Carers Support Service uses a recovery approach by supporting people who care about someone experiencing mental illness by identifying strengths and support strategies to promote wellness.

Everyone's experience of mental illness is unique. For those living with or caring about someone with a mental illness, support will focus on each person's individual strengths and needs.

Information will be provided on a range of mental health issues such as stress management, early intervention and includes information about different mental illnesses like depression, bi-polar, schizophrenia etc, counselling services, relationships, advocacy, social and peer support.

IMPACT's specialist services include:

- Personalised support - includes one-one-one support for carers, family members or friends living or associated with someone experiencing mental illness.
- Chillin - Young people aged 11 - 17 mix with peers who are coping with similar experiences. The activities are fun and provide support and time out from regular routines. Activities are designed to help improve home, school and social life. A free pick-up and drop-off service is provided.
- Mon Ro'es Kidz Club - Offers support for primary school aged children to learn about mental illness in a safe and fun environment with activities to help build bonds, friendships and trust.

Would you like to know more?

Click [here](#) to view our Mental Health Services webpage,
or contact Bob or Janelle at
IMPACT on 1800 179 233

The *Mental Health Carers Support Service* is funded by the Australian Government under the Mental Health Community Based Program

Disability Employment Network Success Story!

Carla joined IMPACT's Disability Employment Network (DEN) in Year 12. After being employed at Bargara Berries for a year, Carla is now working at Woolworths where she was able to increase her work hours. Participating in the DEN Driver's Ed program at IMPACT led to her P's. Hard work and determination certainly paid off! Congratulations Carla! And what a car!!



What a 'Jazzy' little ride!



Carla showing off her keys & P Plate

If you'd like to learn more about or become involved with
IMPACT's Disability Employment Network contact
IMPACT Make Your Mark on 1800 179 233

Positive Start Parenting Group Visits Old MacDonald's Farm

Old MacDonald had a farm,
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Ok, enough of that!

The Positive Start mums took their children to Alexandra Park to visit Old MacDonald's farm on Wednesday April 15. They had a great morning, even with the threat of some very dark storm clouds. Some of the children were a bit hesitant to go on the other side of the pen but one little boy finally made the decision to venture in but would only touch the pigs. Well, *pretend* to touch them!

Some of the Positive Start babies had a ride on a calf's back, and while the children were brave, it wasn't so easy for some of the mums - with the calves and goats being a little *too* friendly. Everyone got to feed the animals with a cup of hay for 50c which was a big hit with the mums... I mean the children.

Amanda and Sandra had a great morning with all the mums, their children and the animals at Old MacDonald's Farm.



Skye with her son Shannon patting a piglet



Sam with her daughter Courtney on a calf

If you are a young mum, or a young mum-to-be, feeling the need for extra support? Positive Start offers one-on-one and group support, information sessions and social gatherings weekly. Positive Start will help you make friends with other girls going through similar situations to you and provide you with a secure and safe environment, for both you and your child.

Click [here](#) to view the website or contact
Amanda on 1800 179 233

*The Positive Start Parenting Program is funded through Bundaberg Skills Centre Inc
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Job Seeker of the Month



Sara Smith

I have recently completed a **Business and Finance Skills course** at IMPACT Make Your Mark and am now looking to use these skills along with my previous computer experience and excellent customer service skills to start a new career path.

I have an extensive background in Customer Service and Office Administration ranging from Golden Circle to Forklift Brokers to Printer Cartridges to Dental Clinics.

I am looking to obtain work in the Administration, Reception and Customer Service industries area. I am available to work full time and have my own transport to and from work.

Is **Sara** your *new* employee?

Contact **Michael** at **IMPACT Make Your Mark** on **1800 179 233**.