

## August 2009 Newsletter

### Green Army Starts

The global financial crisis has seen world economic growth wither with a noticeable impact on employment, but **Queensland is fighting back** with an arsenal of job creation tools.

Over the next three years the Queensland **Green Army** will provide 3,000 jobs to help get the economy growing again.

Queensland's **Green Army** will work on projects of strategic importance to enhance our natural assets, strengthen our tourism industry and promote increased environmental awareness for all Queenslanders.

**IMPACT's Green Army** (known as the *IMPACT Clean Green Environmental Machine*) commenced with 10 participants who gained their Construction White Card, Senior First Aid Certificate and participated in National Tree Day with many local schools in their first week.

Over the next 20 weeks, IMPACT's Green Army team will be working at various sites, including:

- Smiths Crossing
- Kelly's Creek
- Baldwin Swamp
- Woodgate Foreshore
- Saltwater Creek
- Mon Repos and other local environmental sites.



Our first Green Army group at IMPACT  
L-R: *Kelly Julian, Trent Brookes, Ronald Roberts, Tyson Williamson, Ben Tomlinson, Brodie Seriven, Joel Parkes, Aaron Voisey, Kyle Wrangle, Timothy Rowe*

#### Interested in participating?

**Click [here](#) to register your interest**

**To find out more visit [www.greenarmy.qld.gov.au](http://www.greenarmy.qld.gov.au)  
or contact Rick at IMPACT Make Your Mark  
on 1800 179 233**

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### IMPACT Centre For Learning

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#### RECRUITING NOW!

#### SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER STARTS

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# Get Set For Work Success Stories

Get Set For Work is a program that helps 15 - 17 year old school leavers or young people at risk of leaving school gain work skills and/or qualifications to help them move into employment, further education or return to school.

Participants are achieving some great employment outcomes in many different industry sectors as demonstrated below:



*Luke Mason has started a fulltime traineeship in engineering production at Bundaberg Drive Shafts.*



*Jesse Keen has full time employment at Boats Galore as a boat trade assistant*



*Renee Donald is thoroughly enjoying her duties as a full time trainee in Administration and Reception at the Bargara Golf Club.*

Tyson Hepi, IMPACT's program facilitator, couldn't hope for a better outcome and with these three successes, Get Set For Work continues to help young people succeed in achieving their goals and doing something they want to do - and that is to work!

**For more information on Get Set For Work contact Tyson on 1800 179 233  
Or... Visit the [Get Set For Work](#) section of our website**

# IMPACT Centre for Learning Graduations

The first week of August was full of buzz - with two training programs graduating.

## **ACCESS - Business Skills with MYOB\***

The graduated group from the ACCESS course ranged from young school leavers just starting out in the workforce, to mature job seekers with solid work histories, who have upgraded their skills, including MYOB financial accounting. Trainees report that participation in this training is often a 'life-changing' experience for them.



Trainer Adam Smigielski with Graduate Maree West

Four trainees who graduated from the previous course which completed seven weeks ago are already in work (one in a traineeship) and two are getting ready to start work over the next couple of weeks.



Patricia Arnold with Program Facilitator, Gale Keith

The trainees now move into 13 weeks of assisted job search phase where program facilitator, Gale Keith, provides one on one support to help them find work.

## **Productivity Places Program**

### **Certificate III in Business Administration\*\***

Eleven Graduates came together for the last time after ten weeks of training to gain a full Certificate III in Business Administration. This training opportunity provides job seekers with an opportunity to enhance their chances of gaining employment in various administration roles, including financial assistants.



Caitlin Bauer with Training Program Manager Joan Graham-Jones

It has enabled the participants to learn new skills or update their knowledge and skills in the various tasks carried out by an administration assistant, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint and MYOB. Included in the training was basic computing skills, such as keyboarding speed and accuracy, with one learner hitting the nail on the head with 100% accuracy.



Melissa Neilson very pleased to receive her qualification from Joan Graham-Jones

Already, two participants have gained fulltime employment, while one has obtained part time work.

The other eight are now keen job seekers and taking full advantage of the support and job search assistance offered by IMPACT as a part of this training program.

**Interested in completing a nationally recognised qualification?**

**Contact Joan on 1800 179 233**

**Or... [Click here](#) to view training opportunities available NOW at IMPACT**

\* Australian Apprenticeship Access Program is an Australian Government Initiative

\*\* Productivity Places Program is a joint  
Commonwealth and Queensland Government Initiative

## Job Seeker of the Month



**Joshua De Jong**

I am a creative person looking to pursue a career in retail where I'll be able to grow and develop skills essential to this industry. I pride myself on my appearance, and am always well presented. I am patient, friendly with a good sense of humour and am always open to new ideas. I have an artistic flair which I would utilise in a retail business with stock presentation and display. I am willing to undertake fulltime, part-time or casual employment and am willing to showcase my experience and personality for prospective employers.

I am also keen to undertake a traineeship where I can develop skills to enhance my career prospects.

**Is Joshua what you're looking for in an employee?**

**Contact Pat or Amanda**

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**1800 179 233**