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Welcome to the September Edition of WfD Coordinator E-Bulletin.

In this edition we'll drop in on the May St Park activity and an article from the Inverell Times that shows that Wfd is making a difference to participants and the community.

We'll also check out an article from the Glen Innes Examiner and the thoughts of the local council on the benefits of a WfD activity.

As we move out of the winter months and the thermometer rises it's a timely reminder to all Host's and participants to be sun smart and the message from the Cancer Council on page 5 is a timely reminder that anyone can get skin cancer.

WFD Coordinators and employment services providers will be required to ensure WFD activities:

- provide work experience that will develop or enhance a job seeker's ability to work as part of a team (where relevant), take directions from a supervisor, work independently, communicate effectively and improve job seeker motivation and dependability,
- encourage local community involvement in activities that will generate outcomes to benefit the community,



What is the role of a Work for the Dole Coordinator ?

Work for the Dole Coordinators work to identify suitable Work for the Dole activities for job seekers. They also work with jobactive providers to match job seekers to activities.

What is WfD?

Work for the Dole is part of the Australian Government's jobactive employment service. It is a work experience programme designed to help job seekers gain new skills while they look for work.

As a Work for the Dole host organisation, you can get access to extra sets of hands to undertake activities and projects that may not normally get done.

By hosting activities you can help job seekers gain the skills, experience and confidence they need to move off welfare and into a job.

Who can host a Work for the Dole activity?

Work for the Dole activities can only be hosted by not-for-profit organisations and local, state, territory and Australian government agencies.

What is the role of a Host?

As a Work for the Dole host, you will provide work-like activities for Work for the Dole participants.

Your Work for the Dole Coordinator or jobactive provider can help you determine the projects that participants complete.

Links

<http://docs.employment.gov.au/documents/work-dole-information-host-organisations>

<http://docs.employment.gov.au/documents/health-and-safety-work-dole-activities-information-host-organisations>

<http://docs.employment.gov.au/documents/programme-fact-sheet-about-work-dole>

What's making the papers

THE INVERELL Times



May Street Park a team effort

Michèle Jedlicka

22 Sep 2016



Work for the Dole supervisor Jimmy Connors looked across the expanse of what used to be scrub and waste at the evolving May Street Park, now open to visitors.

“This is going to be all levelled, to a certain point, and then across.” Jimmy said, indicating the newly cleared space for vehicle access.

“And this will all be bitumen, right around and in here, so people can turn around, and there’ll be plenty of parking. And then hopefully, with Rotary, there will be a couple of gardens up in up there.” He said a water system will be installed for maintenance crews to keep the lawns green.

The cleared view now allows park visitors a panoramic view of Inverell. The park has new picnic tables, shelters, and walkways for disabled access.

Inverell East Rotary has focused on the rehabilitation, once known as the Goat Tracks, as a club project, and have completed a plan of action for the site with the LLS. The club will share site maintenance with the Work for the Dole program participants who are learning under Jimmy’s guiding hand.

The working crews have been jointly funded by Inverell council and Northern Tablelands Local Land Services (LLS), and Jimmy is overseeing a new crew of eight Work for the Dole participants skilling-up in landscape and grounds work.

Program participant Adam Smith had been on the job a couple of weeks, and he and co-workers were taking a break after stacking the larger timber the wood chipper could not tackle.

“We did all the fencing and the previous group did all the turfing. Mowing is our job,” he said. “It’s not bad; it’s work. It’s six months on, six months off.”

While Jimmy explained about their next project of clearing around a rock face to be a feature of the park, contractor Bruce Wall and his team were on the job of shredding up the invasive species vegetation along the Macintyre River below.

Bruce said his mulcher made short work of the hill face beside the park, levelling the introduced species to wood chips in just four hours. It is only part of the project. “We’re going from here, all the way to Ring Street Bridge,” Bruce said.

What's making the papers

Glen Innes Examiner



Council adopts work for the dole program

Craig Thomson

21 Sep 2016



THE Glen Innes Severn Council will start a work for the dole program at the end of September after the success of a similar program earlier in the year.

Work for the Dole places job seekers in activities where they can gain skills and experience that give back to the community and can help them find a job.

Council's Director of Development, Planning and Regulatory Services Graham Price said the program will benefit the town as well as the participants.

"Following a suggestion from Business in Glen (BIG) that council should employ a work for the dole program to do a general tidy up around town we started the process with Best Employment in early 2015," he said.

Mr Price said during the six months of the recent program that finished in August, the town benefited from a range of completed projects.

"The program that has just finished completed works like the pruning up of park shrub beds at the bridges and painting and re-oiling the tables and chairs throughout the main parks system," he said.

Council Coordinator of Recreation and Open Spaces Graham Archibald said due to the success of the first program a new program will commence in September, subject to the availability of suitable participants.

"Projects that Council are hoping to complete over the next six months are the painting of bridges through the parklands including Bourke Street and Meade Street, the removal of old irrigation lines under the awnings in the main street, graffiti removal in the parklands, tree planting in Quota Park and general mulching and tidying up around parklands," he said.

"Council is responsible for supplying all materials and Best Employment provide supervision, insurance and protective equipment which is a significant help to Council as it means we do not need to take someone off front line duties to manage the program."

Best Employment Marketing Coordinator Kate Ottewell said the work for the dole program is important to participants because it gives them work-ready skills.

"Skills like getting into a routine, work ethic, reliability, working within a team environment, community engagement, self development and self worth are very important to a job seeker," she said.

"Participants in the program also gain specific industry skills such as horticulture, retail, and construction to name a few.

"The opportunities are endless and it opens doors into employment, our vision is to see people who want a job - get a job."

SunSmart Infoline

 02 9334 1761 

Anyone can develop skin cancer. However, the risk is higher in people who have:

- fair skin, especially if it burns easily, is prone to freckles and doesn't tan
- red or fair hair and light-coloured eyes
- experienced short, intense periods of exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation, e.g. on holidays or playing sport, especially if it caused sunburn
- actively tanned or used solariums
- worked outdoors
- a weakened immune system, which could be caused by taking certain medicines after an organ transplant or being HIV-positive
- a personal or family history of skin cancer.

Read more at <http://www.cancercouncil.com.au/skin-cancer/#khrKxua> personal or family history of skin cancer.



Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. About two in three Australians will be diagnosed with some form of skin cancer before the age of 70. Skin cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in Australia.

Almost 770,000 new cases of BCC and SCC are treated each year. BCC can develop in young people, but it is most common in people over 40. SCC occurs mostly in people over 50.

More than 12,000 cases of melanoma are diagnosed each year, with the highest incidence in people over 40, especially men. It is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in people aged 15-29.

The main cause of skin cancer is overexposure to UV radiation. This is produced by the sun, but it can also come from other sources, such as solariums (sun beds). While these are now banned in Australia, people who used a solarium before age 35 have an almost 60% greater risk of melanoma.

Most parts of Australia have high levels of UV radiation all year round. UV radiation cannot be seen or felt and it is not related to temperature, but it can cause:

- sunburn
- premature skin ageing

damage to skin cells, which leads to skin cancer.

The Work Health and Safety (WHS) Act 2011 requires employers in NSW to provide a safe working environment for all employees. The Act also says that employees must co-operate with the employer's efforts to make the work environment safe. Both employer and employee can be prosecuted if they don't.

** All Work for the Dole participants in outdoor activities will be provided with long pants, long sleeve work shirts, wide brimmed hats, work boots and access to sunscreen. If you are a supervisor or host - please reinforce the message to wear the provided clothing at all times.*

Tingha Community Shed is seeking scrap hard wood to recycle into furniture and household items. If you can assist with donations please contact Craig Conley on 0427224009



ComputerBank New England are urging residents across the New England to recycle as much E Waste as possible. Uralla residents can drop of used computers at the recycling facility in Rowans Avenue.

Did you know that if all E- Waste was recycled we could reduce landfill by 80%.

* E-waste is basically anything that plugs in !!!



Sustainability Centre in Tamworth are in need of any materials that you may not need.

Items for consideration include Fence palings, Horse shoes, Plough discs , Roof sheets , RHS, Timber, Pallets, Beds, TV units, Wheels, Old work boots , Electric fans, Old suite cases, Tables, chairs, Sinks, Farm odds and ends, Car hubs caps, Surf boards, Rollerblades, Chest of drawers, Car and truck rims, Pushbikes, Forks and spoons & Windows.

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Quirindi Heritage Village are in need of wooden palates. The palates are being used to construct vertical gardens during the current WfD activity. Contact: Cedric Grayson

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