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New England & North West

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If your organisation is interested in Work for the Dole and becoming a Host Organisation, contact the Work for the Dole Coordinator in your region

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Work for the Dole can help job seekers:

- develop the skills that employers want
- show they are ready to start work
- meet new people and make contacts who can be a referee
- get involved in their community.



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

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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>

WfD Profile of the Month

Catching up with Leonie Pearce, Life Foundations Inverell Manager/Chaplain

Name: **Leonie Pearce**

D.O.B: **17th November 1963**

Hometown: **Inverell (Born in Echuca, Vic)**

School Attended: **Esperance High School, W.A**

Star Sign: **Committed Christian**

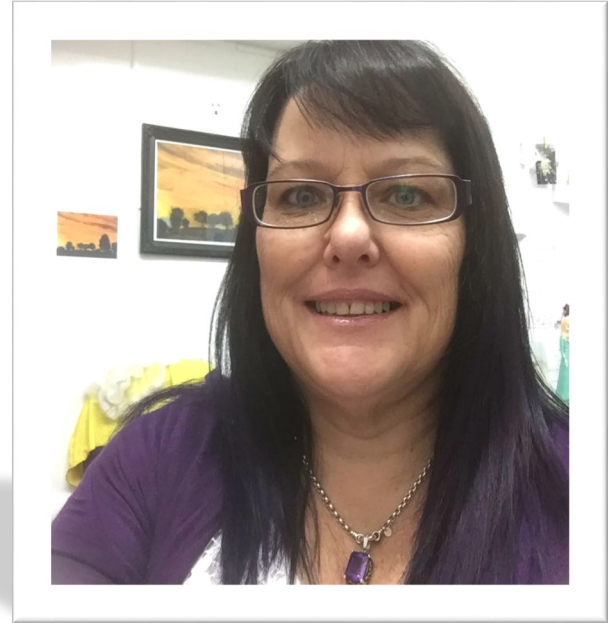
Hobbies: **Art & Oil Painting, Cooking, Fishing**

Favorite Food: **Seafood**

Favorite T.V Show: **None Really**

Favorite Animal: **Horses & Chooks**

Best Holiday destination: **Anywhere with the family. Loved New Zealand**



What really makes you angry? **Seeing people treated unfairly & disrespectfully**

What is your biggest fear? **Snakes**

If you could live anywhere, where would it be ? **At the beach**

If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be?

Love to paint a picture on location in the mountains in Canada. Painting snow capped mountains & sun lit forests

Leonie says Life Foundations Inverell has been serving the local area for six years offering a number of programs to support & assist people going through hard times.

She says the Pantry Program was an initiative she began five years ago to help people on low incomes feed their families & make ends meet.

Her role as a Chaplain & Manager allows her to walk alongside people from many and varied cultures, listen to their stories and encourage & assist them in practical ways through the organisation's Welfare Assistance Program.

THE LIVING CLASSROOM



The participants in the WfD program have focused on a broad range of landscaping and horticultural skills essential in the development of these programs.

Their work has included the use of hand tools and machines. The latter have included mowers, edge-trimmers, skid steer machines, small rollers and 'dingo' equipment.

The workers have been under the instruction and supervision of qualified overseers. The workers have been inducted into each stage of the work and have gained Gwydir Learning Region accreditation when they complete tasks to expectation and shown competency.



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Gwydir Shire Council

Gwydir Shire Council (GSC) teamed with BEST Employment Inverell (Lead provider) to establish a Work for the Dole program at The Living Classroom (TLC) in Bingara.

The TLC activity is situated on a 140 hectare site focused on Regenerative Agriculture, Education and Tourism. The site incorporates a series of 'Storyboard' land-use projects depicting various food systems from across the globe. In 2016, the focus was on "The Aussie farm dam Make-over" and the beginning of "Paradise Found" – the Mediterranean Garden. In 2017, "Nourish" – the Bush Tucker Project began.



Rick Hutton from Gwydir Shire Council (GSC) says the Work For the Dole program is an excellent example of where community needs are met by opportunities from the employment sector. GSC looks forward to forging further relationships like this program.

The activity which began in December 2016 is set to conclude in June 2017.

TOOMELAH

A Work for the Dole activity has recently started in and around the small community of Toomelah in North West NSW.

The activity was commenced in January 2017 in preparation for the Australian Army's AACAP construction squadron to begin a six month deployment in the area where they will be constructing a Multi Purpose Centre and correcting basic infrastructure.

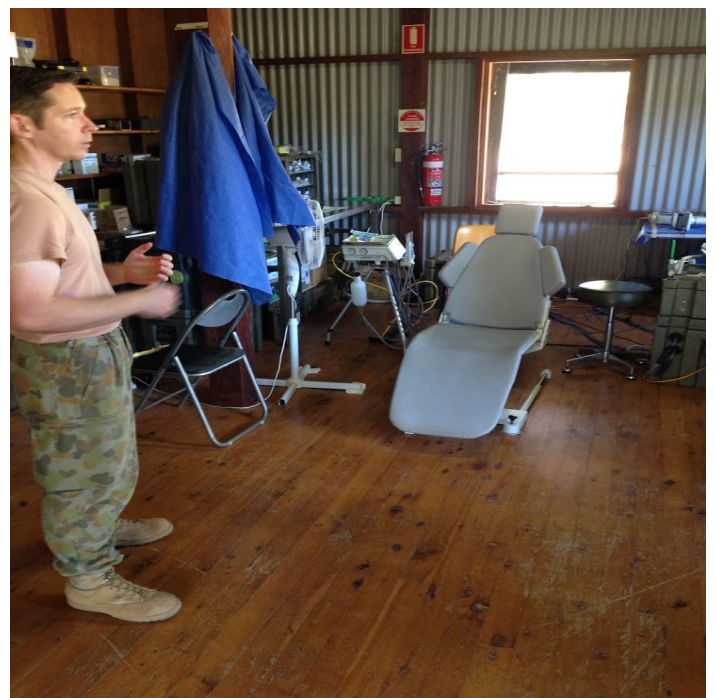
The Wfd team headed by supervisor Malcolm Peckham, consists of 11 local participants who have undertaken WHS qualifications & National Police Checks. Joblink Plus are the Lead Provider for the activity.

Initially the Wfd team will be clearing streets and yards of unwanted rubbish and vegetation in readiness for the Army to commence construction. Stay tuned for activity updates in the next issue.

Checkout the next page for photo's of the Army base under construction



Toomelah activity. The Army will bring over 200 engineers and support staff to the outskirts of Toomelah in readiness for the infrastructure improvements and work alongside Wfd participants.





Classifieds

ComputerBank New England are urging residents across the New England to recycle as much E Waste as possible. Uralla residents can drop off 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 !!!



Quirindi Heritage Village are in need of wooden pallets. The pallets are being used to construct vertical gardens during the current WfD activity.

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Sustainability Centre in Narrabri is up & running. They 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 suitcase 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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