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New England & North West Work for the Dole Coordinator E - Newsletter



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Welcome to the fifth edition of the New England & North West Work for the Dole Coordinator E Newsletter. The Newsletter is designed to highlight current activities in the local area, provide updates from the Department of Employment and handy hints to assist with running a successful activity. The newsletter is for host organisations, potential hosts & jobactive providers.

This issue will see we'll have a look at WfD Activities at Tingha, Bellata and Inverell

**"Work for the dole should be rewarding, safe and a real opportunity for job seekers to learn work like skills".*

**Did you know that the NSW North Coast and Mid North Coast have the highest percentage of job seekers completing a WfD activity whilst Southern Tasmania and the NSW Riverina have the lowest percentage completing a WfD activity.*

** Wfd meetings are held in most local towns on a monthly basis. For further information or you wish to attend one of these meetings please contact your local broker, details can be found on page 6 of this newsletter.*

Department of Employment updates;

- ***Supervisors that are currently using the supervisor App, can now add an evaluation of each job seeker. The job seeker can choose to add the evaluation to their Career Profile.***
- ***There is now a video available on Youtube that will explain everything you would like to know about the supervisor App. Discover the benefits of the App v's Time sheets.***

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5HqhWbdYcs&feature=youtu.be>



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>

Tingha Community Workshop

June 23rd saw the opening of the Tingha Community Workshop.

Over thirty community elders, service providers, participants, friends and family enjoyed a BBQ and the chance to see first hand some of the amazing creations from this Work for the Dole project.

The project came about after a need for a local activity was realised. The participants are learning carpentry skills in an environment that fosters team work and creativity.

Building materials have been donated by local suppliers such as Bindaree Beef, Bunnings Warehouse, CME and Tamex.

Items such as beds, garden furniture, tables, kids cubby houses and much more have been hand crafted from recycled pallets and hard wood offcuts from a local sawmill.

The project is supervised by two local men who are volunteering their time for 25 hours per week.

Participants are encouraged to tackle items that are outside their comfort zones and learn woodworking skills that will be with them for life.



Bellata War Memorial

The Bellata War Memorial Hall is the first activity to involve the BEST Moree WfD Bus and was kicked off in April 2016.

WfD Supervisor Jonathan Somerville says four to five participants are regularly attending the activity and have been skilled in the correct methods of sanding and lacquering a wall as well as leveling benches.



They've also removed waste items from the backyard and continue to maintain the lawns.



Participants are still to paint the stage area as well as sand and polish the floorboards of the hall. Mr Somerville say the comments he's received from the committee of the current works at the site are encouraging adding the participants are doing a great job.

The activity is expected to be completed in September 2016.



May Street Park Inverell –Group activity with Jobs Australia Enterprises

May Street park in Inverell is a picturesque two acres of land that overlooks the Inverell CBD.

For many years the park was neglected and overgrown until the a team of job seekers led by supervisor Jimmy Connors stepped in.

With the assistance from local council, the Jobs Australia team have transformed the park with new fencing, concrete paths, picnic tables, turf and vegetation control.

The Work for the Dole activity currently has ten participants that are learning valuable transferable skills such as concreting, fencing and landscaping.

The activity has been full of participants since it commenced in April and by the end date of October this year, the community of Inverell will have an asset that everyone can be proud of especially the Jobs Australia May Street Park Team.



Classifieds; Feel free to contact one of the Wfd brokers to lodge your classified in the next edition. If the item would benefit another not for profit, is free or minimal cost –let us know.

*An activity in Tingha 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 !!!



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