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Welcome to the fourth issue 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 us catch up with Jonathan a Wfd supervisor in Moree, visit with Scott who is doing great things at the Liverpool Plains Visitor Information Centre, Svetlana from Gunnedah Shire Library and the Warialda Golf and Bowling Club. We'll also drop in on the team at Gunida Gonyah and Elink in Tamworth

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



WfD Profile Of The Month.

In coming editions we will be catching up with Job seekers, WfD Supervisors and Providers to find out a little about them. In this Edition, we catch we catch up with the new BEST Employment Moree Bus Supervisor.

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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>

WfD Profile Of The Month

In This Edition we meet the new Moree Bus Work For The Dole Supervisor

Name: **Jonathan Bradley Charles Somerville**

D.O.B: **5th July 1994**

Hometown: **Warren, NSW**

School Attended: **Warren Central School**

Star Sign: **Cancer**

Hobbies: **Fishing, Camping Shooting & Four Wheel Driving**

Favorite Food: **Lasagna**

Favorite T.V Show: **Dr Who**

Favorite Book: **Pokemon**

Favorite Animal: **Dog**

Best Holiday destination: **Cape York**

What really makes you angry? **Annoying drivers**

What is your biggest fear? **Heights**

What makes you laugh the most? **When people do something stupid**

What did you want to be when you were small? **Diesel Mechanic/ Chef**

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? **Canada**

What would you sing at Karaoke night? **Alan Jackson 'Dog river Blues'**

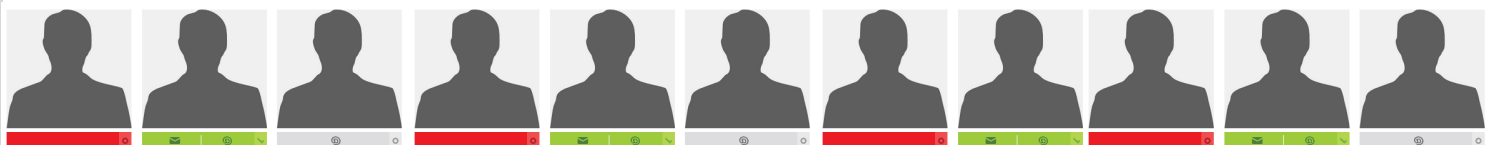
If you could choose to do anything for a day, what would it be? **Skydiver**



In March 2016, Jonathan was employed as the new BEST Employment Moree Bus Supervisor and is currently overseeing two Work For The Dole (WfD) activities . The 25 hr/week activity at the Bellata War Memorial Hall and the Gurley Sports grounds which is a 15 hr/week activity.

During this time, he has planted over 100 trees at Gurley and conducted repairs and maintenance at Bellata. He says he's thoroughly enjoying the work involved with these WfD activities.

The activities are expected to be completed in early October.



Liverpool Plains Visitor Information Centre



Hesitancy Sidelined by Success

Scott Teggin (pictured above with manager Nikki Robinson) commenced working at the Liverpool Plains Visitor Information Centre at Willow Tree February 2016 where he very quickly became a respected and appreciated member of the VIC staff.

On May 3 2016 Nikki express her delight in Scott's performance in a letter; excerpts below.

"Scott has made himself a very valuable staff member! He turns up punctually and performs regular tasks with precision and without prompting. He follows instructions well and asks if he needs clarification. Scott has learned a number of new skills while at the VIC and his duties include:

- *Following opening procedures*
- *Stocking Shelves with brochures*
- *Recording daily visitors*
- *Filling in Weekly banking reconciliation sheets*
- *Serving Customers, giving directions, answering enquires*
- *Using Point of Sale system*
- *Establishing a printable events calendar (a local Councillor commented very favourably on this project!)*
- *Creating a Video presentation promoting the Liverpool Plains"*

Through his experience at the Visitor Information Centre Scott has been given the tools and encouragement to pursue his goals because, in Nikki's words, *"he's got a lot to give!"*

Meet Scott Teggin

What motivates you to attend work? Learning new skills, meeting people as they pass through.

What do you like most about working here? Learning about new places or sights the tourists have come across.

What is the hardest thing about your job? Having to tell someone that I'm sorry, but I don't know the answer to their question

What have you learned about yourself since working at the Willow Tree Visitor Information Centre? That I know more about the area than I first thought I did.

Where do you see yourself one year from now? Hopefully in the workforce somewhere.

Do you think the Work for the Dole program has benefited you? In what way? That I am more confident in being able to talk to people





Empowerment, Creativity and Assimilation

Svetlana, (above), has found all these and more in her Work for the Dole activity at Gunnedah Shire Library.

Soon after her start Christiane Birkett, (pictured below with Svetlana), became aware of Svetlana's artistic flair and put her to work with book displays and created a special project arranging painted Hungarian eggs in a display cabinet.

In a very short time Svetlana has become a valued team member of the Gunnedah Shire Library.

Spotlighting Svetlana

What motivates you to work at the library? I was lucky to be given choice of where I could go and I immediately chose the Library. I believe the library is the heart of the town filled with all sorts of information to satisfy any interest.

What do you like the most about working here? I find the staff members very supportive, friendly and professional. You would not think it, but it is a very busy, active and lively place to work which suits me.

What have you found to be the hardest about your work here? To hold my horses! I like to help everyone and do everything.

What have you learned about yourself in this job? I have had a lot of experience in numerous cultures, societies and jobs. I have learned I have much more to learn. I am grateful to have the opportunity to expand my skills.

Where do you see yourself one year from now? I would love to find a job where I can be helpful that will satisfy me and allow me to be creative. My dream is to be able to share my skills and have opportunity to put emotions into art, painting, paper quilling and writing.

Do you think work for the dole program has benefited you? Through this program I can actually see I have picked up experience here that has expanded my skills. It has given me strength, thought and the ability to realise where I am now and what I want for the future. ..Yes it has helped me.



Warialda Golf & Bowling Club

Is this Augusta National Golf Club in the States???



No, this is in our own backyard. It is the Warialda Golf & Bowling Club.

Back in September 2015, members of the Board and BEST Employment WfD Coordinator Gerry Taveira met to discuss a proposed WfD activity.

The works included maintenance of the bowling greens & golf course with painting conducted on steps & borders around the greens and pegs on the golf course as well as cutting edges into sand bunkers.

One of the bigger jobs in the activity was the replacement of the plinths on the bowling greens where participants dug out the old ones and replaced them with new plinths on both greens. The plinths support the edges of the bowling greens from collapsing.



The activity commenced in October 2015 & finished in April 2016.

Club green keeper & WfD Supervisor Alan Austin says having extra hands on deck to prepare greens and fairways was fantastic adding this work wouldn't have been considered if the activity did not go ahead.

He says the participants involved in the activity were a great help and received new skills after completing the activity.



So impressed by the works of the WfD activity, the Club has signed up for another activity which will see painting of the exterior and the auditorium of the Clubhouse as well as a new irrigation system for the bowling greens.

The second activity began in April 2016.

Joblink Plus Moree has been and will continue to be the Lead Provider for this activity.

Activity Updates



Gunida Gunyah

With the assistance for the Work for the Dole program Gunida Gunyah's new meeting area is getting a facelift.

The participants lead by Joblink Plus' supervisor, John Saarikko, are creating a culturally appropriate meeting space to be utilized by the local Aboriginal Community members.

Despite a slow start in this second phase Gunida Gunyah's, Tammy Bush, is impressed with the amount and quality of work completed.

We look forward to keeping you abreast of the excellent work as it continues.



Joblink's WfD participants have breathed new life into the meeting room with quality finishing touches and warm inviting colour .



Tamworth ELINK

On Thursday May 19 ELINK's supervisor sent this email.

"Just wanted to make sure you get a copy of this. Today's attendance here at Elink. 12 in total. A record here at Elink!"

These are the photos of today's participants."

Congratulations go out to Steve Clayton and Joblink's Activity Officers!

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



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