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Work for the Dole Coordinator

E - Newsletter



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Long term jobseekers are required to do **Work for the Dole** for six months of each year.

They will need to complete:
25 **hours** per week of **Work for the Dole** if they're aged under 30 years.
15 **hours** per week of **Work for the Dole** if they're aged 30-49 years

We're back with another installment of the WfD Coordinator E-Bulletin.

In this bulletin, we take a quick look at initial works at the 1st Moree Scout Hall, read testimonies from WfD Hosts and go one on one with the CEO of One Of A Kind Community Support organization, Wayne Richards

join **together**
collaborate connect unite
partner community work
share move create
build



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

Catching up with Wayne Richards, CEO of One Of A Kind Community Support

Name: **Wayne Richards**

D.O.B: **2nd August 1950**

Hometown: **Melbourne Vic.**

School Attended: **Preston East Technical School**

Star Sign: **Leo**

Hobbies: **Motorcycles (BMW R1200RT)**

Favorite Food: **Curry**

Favorite T.V Show: **Fast and Loud**

Favorite Author: **Wilbur Smith**

Favorite Animal: **Dog**

Best Holiday destination: **Tasmania**

What really makes you angry? **People driving and talking on their phones**

What is your biggest fear? **The weather ruining our ride**

What makes you laugh the most? **Kids**

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

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



'One of a Kind Community Support is a not for profit that has been serving the New England North West communities for the last 42 years through a variety of programs and support services. Our mission is to assist the most vulnerable in our communities. It has been a delight to partner with BEST in the WFD program.'

Wayne Richards, CEO One Of A Kind Community Support

WfD Host



Inverell Art Gallery- Jo Williams, Manager

"The Inverell Art Gallery has been involved with the Work for the Dole program from many years & has proven to be a huge success. The Gallery relies on volunteer workers for its day to day operations & the contribution from the Work for the Dole participants has been invaluable to us. We provide training in retail & office skills which helps prepare them for other employment opportunities. It is very rewarding for us to see the change in those participating in the program, as they learn new skills, develop confidence and take on new challenges."



Green Thumb Enterprises- Robert Gasparre, Supervisor

"I've been really impressed with the work ethic of the participants, and how they have been engaged in the program. Without this Work for the Dole program none of this would exist. It would not be possible."

1st Moree Scout Club Hall



Works commenced on the 1st Moree Scout Club hall in February.

Participants will be predominately painting walls and ceilings before commencing restoration works on the floorboards

WfD supervisor Luke Hook is currently conducting some prep work including sealing cracks & priming ceilings ready for painting.

It's envisaged toward the latter part of the activity, the floorboards will be cleaned, sanded back & possibly oiled.



The Scout Club committee have expressed their excitement about the restoration works and the prospects of having a facility which will be more family friendly.

The activity, which is using the BEST BUS at Moree, is expected to conclude in August.

We keep you updated on the progress of this activity

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 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 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.

Contact : Keith Holmes
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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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