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Welcome to the sixth edition of the Work For The Dole (WfD) Coordinator E-Bulletin. We hope you're enjoying the latest news from activities around the New England/ North West region of NSW.

In this edition, we're heading out west to Moree & Narrabri to find out what's happening out there and we also get personal with the On Site WfD Supervisor with Gwydir Industries

Your Work for the Dole Coordinator and jobactive provider will work closely with you to ensure your needs are met.

Funding is available to help offset some of the costs of hosting a Work for the Dole activity. This will be discussed with your Work for the Dole Coordinator and jobactive provider.



Heigh-ho, heigh-ho. It's off to work we go...



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 Gwydir Industries Recycling Manager Tom Fing.

Name: **Thomas Fing**

D.O.B: **15th March 1972**

Hometown: **Moree**

School Attended: **Moree High School**

Star Sign: **Pisces** (But doesn't' believe in star signs)

Hobbies: **Watching Rugby League and working**

Favorite Food: **Hawaiian with Pepperoni Pizza**

Favorite T.V Show: **Two And A Half Men**

Favorite Book: **The Bible**

Favorite Animal: **A Bulldog**

Best Holiday destination: **Moree**

What really makes you angry? **A Bulldogs loss**

What is your biggest fear? **Not scared of anything**

What makes you laugh the most? **Work Colleagues**

If you could live anywhere, where would it be? **I love Moree**

What would you sing at Karaoke night? **Still Holding On by Jason Crabb**

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

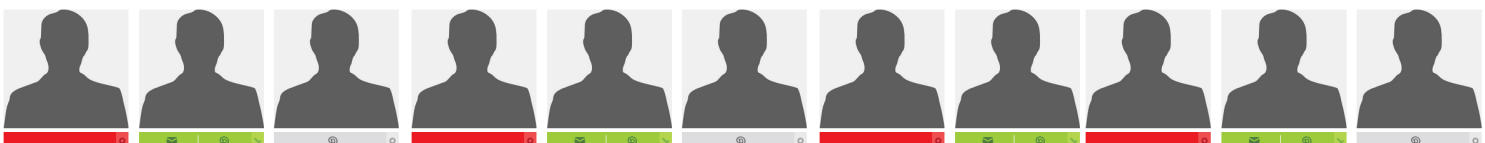


Gwydir Industries WfD Supervisor Tom Fing

Tom Fing is the Recycling Supervisor at Gwydir Industries Inc. in Moree. He has been with the organisation for the past 18 months .

He is responsible for the viable operation of Recycling through the collection and processing of recyclable material in accordance with customer requirements and quality management standards.

Tom, who is a passionate Canterbury Bulldogs supporter, has been and will continue to be the On-Site WfD Supervisor for future sorting & baling activities at Gwydir Industries



GWYDIR INDUSTRIES INC.

Article submitted by Antoinette McNamara Manager Gwydir Industries Inc.

At a public meeting held in the War Memorial Education Centre on the 23rd October 1963 the Gwydir Handicapped Children's Association was formed. It is interesting to note that from the very beginning the association was supported by the people of Moree, the Moree Plains Shire Council (by way of land) and the districts farmers and graziers responded to a wheat drive and cattle appeal to raise the essential finances.

Children attending the school grew up. Some nine years later (1972) the organisation moved to establish a sheltered workshop so as to provide work for disabled people.

On the 18th September 1976 the Gosport Street site was officially opened.

Workshops throughout Australia were partly funded by the Federal Government under the Handicapped Persons Act. At June 1987 the Government gazetted the Disability Services Act 1986 and its principles and Objectives. This Act enables a more flexible range of services to be made available to people with disabilities. The Principles and Objectives reflect how all services for people with disabilities ought to be developed and delivered.



Gwydir Industries is a not-for-profit organisation and the Work For the Dole (WfD) scheme gives our organisation an extra set of hands to help undertake activities that would not normally be done.

We have enjoyed our time hosting activities and compliment the job seekers interaction with our employees who have a disability.

By hosting activities, I believe Gwydir has helped job seekers gain the skills, experience and confidence they need to move off welfare and into a job.

It's great for the Job seekers to see how hard our employees work and hopefully they go away with the attitude of "If they can, so can I".



Activity Updates



SHARED TABLE COMMUNITY KITCHEN NARRABRI

One of the main objectives the Shared Table Community Kitchen Committee in Narrabri wanted was to re-establish a safe pathway between the hall and the Church. They believed the existing pathway was not safe for patrons to the kitchen & church. In March this year, negotiations began to establish a Work for the Dole (WfD) activity which consisted of re-concreting the pathway, building a greenhouse to grow their own vegetables, painting of existing building & structures & unloading of food palates.

The WfD activity kicked off in April with the concreting task the first to be targeted and completed. As you can see from the pictures (supplied by Carla Constance), they've done a pretty good job.



Shared Table Community Kitchen



Narrabri Manager Carla Constance says she's happy with the rejuvenated path adding she pleased with the progress of the works.

They will now focus on building the greenhouse to grow their own vegetables for the Shared table kitchen operation.

The activity is scheduled to be completed by the beginning of October



*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 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 !!!



**Donations
are greatly
Appreciated!**

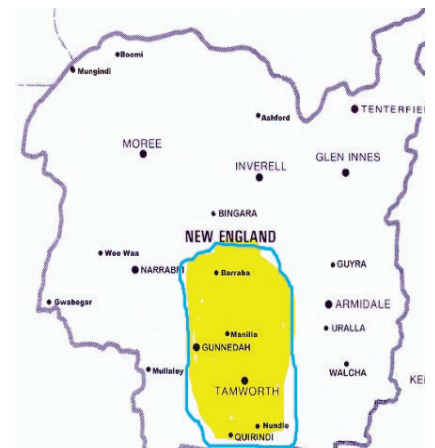
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