

The Insider

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A word from Brian

Hi all, can you believe that the year is almost gone and Christmas is only weeks away?

Once again time has flown and no one knows where it went!!

Unfortunately we were unable to schedule a social function for the Autumn period, but by hook or by crook we will have one early next year, I promise. Lets hope that 2015 is a better year for both our job seekers and our clients who are currently employed. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

International Day of People with Disability (IDPwD)

International Day of People with Disability is a United Nations sanctioned day that aims to promote an understanding of people with disability and encourage support for their dignity, rights and well-being.

In 1992, the General Assembly proclaimed 3 December as the International Day of Disabled Persons.

Today, countries all around the world celebrate the day.

Each year has a theme, for 2014, the theme is: Sustainable Development: The promise of technology '

<http://www.idpwd.com.au/>

NOTIFICATION TO ALL JOBS WEST CLIENTS

During the Christmas break, Jobs West will be closed from **1:00pm Wednesday the 24th of December 2014**

and will re-open at

9:00am Friday the 2nd of January 2015.

Please note that the answering machine will continue to be monitored

during this time, so if need be, please leave a message on **8390 7966.**

Season Greetings from everyone at Jobs West

Jobs West would like to thank the following companies for their support:

- **Coles-Taylors Hill**
- **Palm Place Nursery - Greenvale**
- **Animal Land Children Farm - Diggers Rest**
- **Trinity Garden Aged Care Facility - Melton South**
- **Melbourne University - Parkville**
- **Copperfield College - Kings Park**

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DUNG



Dung and his Manager Haneep at Coles -Taylors Hill

Dung has now been working at Coles, Taylors Hill for over 2 years. He started in July 2012 and has been a committed worker since. At the moment, Dung works on Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. His duties include 'face up', which is placing the new items on the shelves and also 'loose stock' which means putting back all loose items.

His short term working goal is to help his other team mates and to even maybe work more shifts.

Just recently, Dung passed his drivers licence test. Even though he now has obtained his drivers licence, Dung says he doesn't feel that much different because he felt very independent before he went for his licence.

Dung is very creative and in his spare time he enjoys making 'LEGO' figures and drawing.

Dung says that the support network he has at work is excellent and that they will support him in all his day to day duties.

Jobs West would like to sincerely thank Coles, Taylors Hill for the excellent support of Dung.

Jobs West would also like to congratulate Dung on all his hard efforts and persistence.

Client Quality Assurance Group (CQAG)

Are you interested in joining the Client Quality Assurance Group (CQAG)? Whether you are a job seeker or a worker, clients of Jobs West are encouraged to be involved or participate in helping Jobs West.

The CQAG meets approximately once every two months and looks at Jobs West's policies and procedures, to discover if we need to add to or remove any part of them. There are Department of Social Service procedures that cannot be changed, so we focus on what we can change, if required.

This meeting gives clients the opportunity to be involved in the 6 Disability Service Standards, Jobs West procedures and how they are delivered in the program. For example, the client handbook that clients receive after joining Jobs West was developed with the contribution of group members. Another example was the reduction of paper work required by the client when they first join Jobs West.

These meetings are held at our office in Taylors Lakes where we will provide finger food and if necessary, Jobs West can reimburse you for public transport fares or petrol.

For those interested please contact Jobs West on (03) 8390 7966 or inform your Employment Consultant at your next appointment.

DISABILITY SERVICE STANDARDS

Standard 1: Rights

You have the right to be treated fairly when you use disability services.

Standard 2: Participation and Inclusion

You can take part in the community and feel included when you use disability services.



AMF BOWLING

For those willing to have a fun time, Bowling sessions will be held Saturday Mornings at AMF Bowling at Watergardens Shopping Centre. The session is held by Jean Bolger for those with disabilities who are 15 years and over.

Each session costs \$17 for 2 games, which includes the shoe hire and usually starts at around 10:30am and should finish around 11:45am.

The season will start early February and should finish around late October. In the first week, the participants will be divided into groups as it is a mini competition in a proper league.

Some of the money paid each session will go towards the end of year presentation night, in which all participants receive a trophy.

Participants do not have to attend each week, there will also be 1 week off during each school holiday break.

With the season starting earlier next year, clients interested should Phone Jean on 0407 835 130 or through her e-mail address: jeang49@hotmail.com.

For those who contact Jean, she will organise a spot for you and send you the bowling season calendar in the mail early January.



BITS AND PIECES

MYTH: People with disability will not fit in

FACT: In most cases customer and co-worker acceptance comes with awareness and observing that workers with disability are competent and efficient in their jobs.

People with disability make up 18.5% of the Australian population and it is very likely that customers and co-workers have a relative or friend with disability. Hiring people with disability can improve staff morale. A business that supports all members of society often grows strong team spirit.

NDRC Disability Fact sheet: Myth Busting

Disability Related Events 2014 - December

1/12/14 - World AIDS Day - Department of Health and Aging

1/12/14 - Red Ribbon Appeal - Runs in conjunction with World AIDS Day - ACON Sydney

3/12/14 - International Day of People with Disability - United Nations

3-5/12/14 - Pathways 12 Conference - Australian Tertiary Education Network on Disability

Australian Network on Disability
<http://www.and.org.au/>