

The Insider

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Do you have a story
for The Insider? We
would love to hear
about it.



A Word from Brian.
Hi all, We have just seen
the end of one of the worst
financial years ever, lets
hope that this year is
stronger in terms of less
redundancies and new jobs
being created.
Before we know it, it will be
Christmas.

Mobility map

The aim of the mobility map is to make it easier for people with disabilities to use and enjoy what the city has to offer.

Information and facilities on the map include:

- wheelchair accessible toilets and telephones;
- public TTY phones;
- disability designated car parking spots;
- accessible off street parking;
- train stations;
- accessible pathways;
- taxi ranks;
- public seating; and
- street gradients.



Where to obtain a copy

The map is published annually in paper format by the City of Melbourne and Melway Publishing and a copy of the map is printed in each edition of the Melway Street Directory.

Hard copies can be obtained from the City of Melbourne - please phone (03) 9658 9658, TTY (03) 9658 9461. You can also download the Mobility Map at <http://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au>

Copies are also available from the Melbourne Visitor Centre and a range of disability organisations.

Disability Service Standards

Disability Service Standard 1

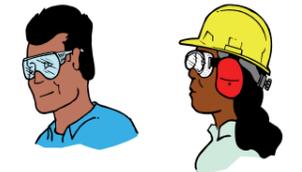


Service Access

Disability Service Standard 1

This is about everyone who needs and wants the service getting a chance to use it.

Disability Service Standard 2



Individual Needs

Disability Service Standard 2

This is about the service staff helping you to reach your individual goals.

Disability Service Standard 3



Decision Making & Choice

Disability Service Standard 3

This is about you being able to make decisions and have choices about the service that is provided to you.

What is Centrepay?

Centrepay is a free direct bill-paying service offered to customers receiving payments from Centrelink. Through Centrepay you can choose to pay bills by having a regular amount deducted from your Centrelink payment. Centrepay is a voluntary bill paying service, which is easy to use. It is convenient as you can start, change or cancel Centrepay deductions at any time to suit your own personal circumstances. Customers who choose to use Centrepay also benefit from knowing that their payments are under control. Instead of having large bills every month or quarter your bills are paid in manageable amounts from your payment, making it easier for you to budget.

To find out more visit: <http://www.centrelink.gov.au/internet/internet.nsf/services/centrepay.htm>



Interesting disability fact:

In 1776, Stephen Hopkins referred to his Cerebral Palsy when he signed the U.S. Declaration of Independence saying, "My hand trembles, but my heart does not."

ANGE THE APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR



Congratulations goes to Ange Bonanno for his achievement this year in being awarded best 3rd Year Apprentice in Horticulture (wholesale nursery).

Ange has been working at Plants Galore Werribee South with Chris, Tanya and the gang since 2006 and feels that he has achieved his success through the support and assistance he has received from all at Plants Galore.

Unfortunately Ange was unable to attend Horticulture Apprenticeship of the Year ceremony to accept his award so Chris attended for Ange to accept the award on his behalf.

Once again, congratulations Ange your hard work and persistence has paid off.

Also a big congratulations from everyone at JobsWest on gaining your license, great work Ange!

RECLINK FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2009 GRAND FINAL SERIES.

Wednesday 19 August—Junction Oval

Wednesday 26th August—Victoria Park

Corner Queens Road Drive & Fitzroy Street St Kilda.

Melways Ref : 58 A7

Free entry, Free BBQ lunch, Prizes and giveaways, Celebrities and Competitions.

For further information please call the Reclink office on 9417 6672

What Is Asperger Syndrome?

Individuals with AS can exhibit a variety of characteristics and the disorder can range from mild to severe. Persons with AS show marked deficiencies in social skills, have difficulties with changes and prefer sameness.

They often have obsessive routines and may be preoccupied with a particular subject of interest. They have a great deal of difficulty reading body language. Often overly sensitive to sounds, tastes, smells, and sights, the person with AS may prefer soft clothing, certain foods, and be bothered by sounds or lights no one else seems to hear or see.

It's important to remember that the person with AS perceives the world very differently. Therefore, many behaviors that seem unusual are due to those neurological differences and not the result of intentional rudeness or bad behavior.

By definition, those with AS have a normal IQ and many individuals (although not all), exhibit exceptional skill or talent in a specific area.

For more information on Asperger Syndrome visit www.udel.edu/bkirby/asperger/aswhatisit.html



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Great Work Matt.

Matthew Farrell is from Wagga Wagga and in 1995 he had a serious car accident that left him with extensive head injuries and limited mobility.

Matthew found it very hard to find employment in Wagga Wagga and was grateful when his aunt in Melbourne offered him a place to live and the help needed to find employment.

Matthew was referred to Jobs West through Centrelink and began working at Overtonleigh Aged Care almost as soon as he moved to Melbourne.

Some of Matthews tasks include data entry, filing, collating footy tips and other duties as required.

Matthew is a popular member of staff with his quick wit and wicked sense of humour Matthew said "I am thankful to the staff at Arcare for giving me the job for my abilities and for seeing beyond my appearance".

Matthew would also like to thank the staff at Jobs West for their continued help and support in helping him to maintain his job.

Matthew said "it is great living in Melbourne, I love the football and I have a purpose to get out of bed in the morning".

Everyone I know has commented on how my speech has improved since working". "Working has made a big difference to Matt, he is a lot more confident and outgoing, his speech has improved and is clearer. He is happier now because he has a job".

Well done Matt keep up the good work.



Ever thought about an apprenticeship or traineeship?

It is a great way to get a career under your belt, you can learn skills in a particular industry by working and training on the job.

There are apprenticeships and traineeships available in almost every thing, from arts, media and entertainment, to racing and veterinary, to hairdressing.

An apprenticeship or traineeship can be undertaken on a full-time or part-time basis and can be used as a valuable stepping stone to start a career in an industry you want to work in.

You may not have previously considered yourself as a potential apprentice or trainee, but if you are still in school, employed in the industry but lacking the right skill, want to move into a new industry or a mature worker you are eligible for a apprenticeship or traineeship.

To find out more information visit :www.skills.vic.gov.au/apprentices.