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NJL are very excited to announce that they we have launched delivery of EST through a simple online platform. This platform will allow group video conferencing, it will also include fun and engaging activities for the development of work readiness skills. Our trainers have developed an interactive virtual classroom that will help combat any negative effects of social isolation by supporting and creating communication. The platform can be used on any device and data packs will be available for those that need them. The 12 online EST Units are:

- Communicate for work
- Connect & work with others
- Recognise & utilise diverse perspectives
- Plan & organise
- Identify & solve problems
- Make decisions
- Create & Innovate
- Work in a digital world
- Manage career & work life
- Work with roles, rights & protocols
- Interview Skills
- Resumes & cover letters

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Seasonal Workers Program – WA

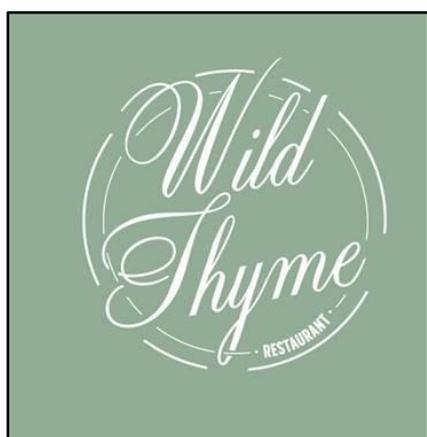
National Joblink was contracted to deliver a one-day non-accredited computer basics course under the Australian Government's Seasonal Worker Program (SWP). The SWP assists employers in the agriculture and accommodation sectors to fill employment gaps unable to be met by the Australian workforce. It also contributes to the economic development of seasonal workers from nine participating Pacific Island countries and Timor-Leste. The programme assists the workers to gain valuable skills, additional training and allows them the opportunity to support their families financially. The training venue was in Jardee, on a thriving produce farm situated in the South West region of Western Australia. We were greeted by 12 seasonal workers who were welcoming, enthusiastic, engaged and entertaining. Most of the workers had never seen or used a laptop before however over the course of the day we covered many topics including basic operations of a personal computer, email, internet, viewing multimedia etc. The day was a huge success and will hopefully lead to future opportunities for NJL in the West.



Commercial Kitchen Provides Meals in the Community - QLD

With the whole of Australia facing unique challenges the NJL owned Cairns restaurant scene is preparing themselves to embrace NJL's latest project. Wild Thyme is about to throw open its doors. Kicking off 2020 with the first stage of its development a new look chic restaurant led by Chef Catherine Pacey, one of our newest Cairns recruits. We all know that to be successful in the hospitality industry, you have to have a beautiful venue, great staff, great food, great coffee and without a doubt a refreshing boutique beer or peach mimosa to deal with the tropical heat. Opening for breakfast and lunch and later down the track evenings, Wild Thyme offers a range of fresh tasty healthy eating choices, incorporating flavors from around the globe. If you're not hungry you can always enjoy a naked honey badger coffee or freshly made elderberry, raspberry and mint soda whilst relaxing on a cane lounge, soaking up the vibe of one of Cairns oldest and prettiest streets.

Hidden behind the scenes is Wild Thyme's second kitchen. Stage two - A kitchen that promotes inclusion and social fairness. It's here that we will provide an environment that brings people together and builds confidence through practical skills, education and common love of food. A goal of ours is to work closely with local community groups to support their mission of servicing those less fortunate by putting a hearty meal in their bellies.



STOP PRESS!

Right now, as the world zigs, we're zagging and are currently seeking ways to best serve community organisations in Cairns by utilising our two beautiful commercial kitchens. We will be providing good, wholesome and fresh tasty meals for those most in need. This will include delivery to vulnerable people in the community. Not the start we imagined but gosh it feels great to know we are making a difference.

Watch this space, there will be more Wild Thyme updates next issue.

Soggy Bottom Boat Regatta – Tasmania

National Joblink participants recently entered the 'Soggy Bottom Boat Regatta' at Waverley Lake in Launceston on March 1st. Rotary Tasmania organise the annual event to raise money for various Diabetes Camps. NJL Participants learn the skills for Education and Employment so they were able to use a variety of their newly learned skills like communication, mathematics and teamwork to work through the problems that you encounter building a boat. Boats are constructed out of cardboard and gaffer tape. All participants and staff members reported back that it was a fun filled day.



GOOD NEWS STORIES

Launceston - TAS

Jayden commenced in the Transition to Work (TtW) program in April 2019. At the start of the program Jayden did not have any previous work experience and mentors supported him to do some voluntary work at the Big Ears Animal Sanctuary in Longford. During this time his confidence began to grow along with his social skills. An opportunity came along for Jayden to complete a Certificate III in Cleaning Operations and he finished the course with 100% attendance rate in both the classroom and work placement. Scottsdale Bakery approached NJL with an internship for a kitchen hand and TtW successfully placed Jayden in this position. NJL offered support with work clothing and weekly contact. On completion of the internship he was offered a part time position of 20 plus hours a week. NJL Mentors recently visited Scottsdale Bakery where his colleagues all commented that Jayden was a pleasure to work with and have around. Management are extremely impressed with how he is settling in to his role stating that "Jayden was by far the best worker they had worked with in the past 20 years in the industry" National Joblink congratulates Jayden on his success and wish him all the best for the future.



Gladstone - QLD

NJL have partnered with Diversity Dimensions to provide Indigenous candidates for the Gladstone Woolworths store. The program starts with work experience and will lead to employment for the successful candidates. Tyeishia started with the Transition to Work (TtW) program in Gladstone in January 2020. Having overcome various personal barriers, she was selected to undergo training activities with Diversity Dimensions and was successful in gaining a full week of work experience at the Kirkwood Woolworths Store with shifts every day. Tyeishia has made an excellent, positive first impression, and this is a wonderful outcome that may lead to full-time or part-time employment.



Berserker - QLD

Theara first joined the NJL ParentsNext program in 2018. English is her second language having moved from Cambodia and it has been difficult for her to find employment. Theara shared that she would like to gain skills in the caring industry which led to the ParentsNext Mentor using her industry contacts in Community Services to assist her gain enrolment into Certificate III in Individual Support. This was a great win! as the course was full but because Theara showed so much passion for the industry and wanting to help the elderly, with our mentor advocating for her, the trainer agreed to accept her into the course. Commencing in Feb this year, her trainer said she is doing really well. Theara has commented how she has made many new friends and is thoroughly enjoying learning and looking forward to a career in aged care.

MEET THE TEAM

Thabisa Mseleni – *TTW Youth Mentor – Berserker, QLD*

Hi, my name is Thabisa, I have been a part of the NJL Fitzroy team for almost 2 years. I started my employment journey with NJL as an Administration Assistant for the Berserker and Rockhampton teams, and I now have the pleasure of mentoring TTW participants in the Berserker Office.

Previous to working at NJL I worked in retail and most recently disability support services.

I am motivated by; working with people and finding creative, 'out of the box' ways to get things done.

Outside of work I enjoy traveling all around the world and spending time with my mini me, my beautiful daughter Luniko.



Bernadette Kubernat – *Project Officer – Paralowie, S.A*

Hi, my name is Bernadette and as at the end of last year I have worked for NJL and HETA for 10 years. During this time, I have worked as a part-time Administration Assistant and Project Officer at various locations in Adelaide. The programs I have worked in have included DES then REACH and now the PaTH program.

I enjoy my time working within the programs and look forward to continuing to provide support to the lovely team in the Adelaide office.

When I'm not working at NJL, I enjoy travel, photography and spoiling the grandkids.

Daniel Markovich – *TTW Claims Officer – Launceston, TAS*

My name is Daniel and I have worked for NJL for a year as part of the Head Office Team in Launceston, specifically focused on TTW Claims. Prior to this I had an integral, senior role within the NASA space program and I also dabbled in some unlicensed experimentation with genetic engineering on humans (with mixed results), Just kidding. I worked in the Telco Industry over in Melbourne and enjoyed it very much. So much, in fact, that after 12 years I gave it all up on a whim to move to Tasmania and live on a property in the middle of nowhere while building a tiny home, without any solid plans regarding the future of my career. Thankfully, NJL took me in with open arms and welcomed me into the 'NJL Family'. I love the challenges and rewards from working here, but I especially enjoy the amazing people I get to work with every day.

