

**NJL TRAINEES WIN SCHOLARSHIP** NJL Cairns has recently conducted a new Skilling Queenslanders for Work program, Dreaming Big, with amazing results. Three NJL Cairns Trainees have secured scholarships with the New York Film Academy Australia and will commence the 12-month Diploma at the Gold Coast Campus. The outstanding work these trainees have completed during the traineeship in the NJL Cairns Office has not gone unnoticed by this international film school. Each had to compete for a place via a written essay which was judged above other applicants - to gain the coveted position in the school. This opportunity for these Cairns girls presents the future for film making in Far North Queensland - the next generation of talent. The skills achieved will also assist in securing work nationally and internationally, in large-scale film projects. Each will have direct access to the best producers and film industry specialists - by attending the State-of-the-art film studios on the Gold Coast.



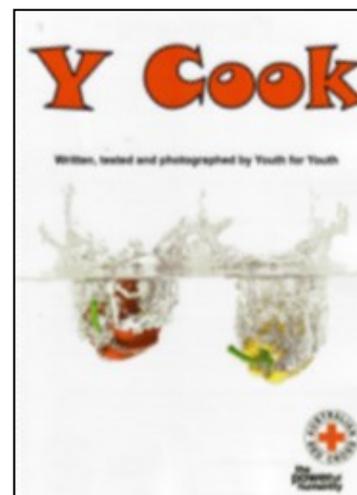
**Y COOKBOOK** Transition to Work (TtW) program participants in Launceston were recently invited by the Red Cross to contribute to a Youth Cookbook (Y COOK). The Y COOK is a recipe book written by youth for youth. The aim of Y COOK is to provide a simple and easy to read cookbook to get youths

in the kitchen cooking their favourite foods. Y COOK was funded by the Commonwealth Bank to enable copies of the book to be printed and distributed to youth at no cost. Over 200 youths from Northern Tasmania were surveyed as to what their favourite foods were. National Joblink's TtW participants were asked to choose some of the recipes from the survey, cook them and take photos to use in the book. Some of the recipes created by NJL's



TtW participants included lasagne, brownies and crustless quiche.

One group chose to cook 2-minute noodles 9 different ways which included recipes for vegetable curry noodles, noodle cups and rocky road. NJL participants attended the book launch at the Northern Suburbs Community Centre. The ABC radio attended the launch and a few of NJL's participants were chosen to be interviewed about the book. NJL Launceston now have copies of the cookbook for any participant to take, it can also be downloaded from the Australian Red Cross Tasmania Facebook page.



**EST ACTIVITY SA** National Joblink's South Australian site has just completed another Employability Skills Training (EST) Program. EST is a program, which helps young individuals become ready for the workforce by giving them pre-employment training.

During the program the group completed an Enterprise Learning Project. This project helps develop communication skills, confidence and allows the participants to give back to their community. The participants decided to put on a free BBQ and plant native indigenous plants for Uniting SA. The group contacted local businesses seeking donations for their project. In total the group gained donations of vouchers, 8kg of sausages, 10kg of onions and 30 native plants. The day went well with everyone working together. The skills that were established were confidence and working together as a team to build a successful project.



**GOOD NEWS STORY** Salome Wason commenced on the ParentsNext program in Berserker, QLD in February 2019. Salome was keen to pursue her previous line of work as a dental assistant but knew that she needed to update her skills to do this. We talked about the courses available here in Rockhampton as well as the online options. Salome enrolled in Certificate III Dental Assisting with Bluestone Medical supported by National Joblink. For the last few months Salome had been looking for work as a part-time dental assistant. We are very excited to say her persistence has paid off and she commenced work with D'fine Dental in early September two days per week.

**WHITECARD TRAINING** National Joblink was approached by Owen Pacific Workforce to deliver White Card training to 21 seasonal workers. To receive a current White Card the trainees were required to complete the 'Prepare to work safely in the construction industry' unit of competency. Our trainees were from the South

Pacific region primarily from Vanuatu and Tonga. The workers needed their White Card to start working for Costa Berries building hot houses.

NJL staff along with the assistance of four interpreters provided training across two-days. Although there were obvious language barriers the universal language of safety signage and physical demonstrations, enabled all 21 workers to successfully complete the training and obtain their White Cards.



## MEET THE TEAM

### Lisa Moritz

*Youth Employment Mentor, Adelaide S.A*

I have recently joined NJL as an Youth Employment Mentor in the Adelaide office. I have worked in Employment Services as an employment consultant and case manager where I found my passion for helping youth and realised if the youth don't get all the mentoring they can, it only makes it harder for them as they try to find work as an adult. Working with youth is different each day, most have many struggles to overcome which is what keeps me motivated to come to work and hopefully make a difference in a young person's life.

I have 3 children that keep me busy, but I am also on the leadership team for the relay for Life (Cancer Council event) which I help plan every year.



### Mark Shea-Butler

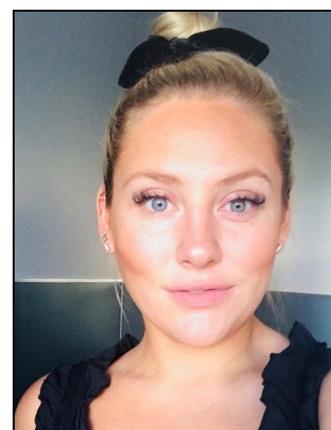
*EST Trainer, Hobart TAS*

Hi, my name is Mark, before joining NJL, I was a chef for 30 years and have worked in many parts of the hospitality industry including owning my own café for 10 years in Sydney. I have also trained apprentice chefs in Hobart with a local RTO. I started with NJL in January this year as a Employability Skills Training (EST) Trainer and it has been a wonderful change in careers for me. Working with the amazing team in Hobart has been a definite highlight of the last 9 months. Being an EST Trainer has its challenges, but I have found it extremely rewarding. I love mentoring participants through difficult periods of their lives. I am a keen gardener and cook and spend as much time as I can in the beautiful outdoors of Tassie.

### Hannah Wake

*NT Coordinator, Darwin NT*

Hi, I joined NJL in October 2018 as a ParentsNext Mentor and progressively moved into the role of NT Coordinator. I ran my own business in Central NSW as a Publican for two years; which is where I found my knack for people. I learnt that leadership and advocacy were my strong suits which is why I pursued work as a Disability and Mental health support worker for two years. I enjoy helping, motivating and slowly making change with the work I do at NJL. Originally from Sydney I moved to Darwin one year ago as my partner is a mechanic in the Airforce. I love the heat and monsoonal rains which has pushed us voluntarily to extending our posting date till 2023. I have two fur children a white fluffy cat named Sasha and a playful Staffy named Ivy. I am passionate about adventure and love traveling overseas.



### Nadine Bischoff

*RTO Administrator, Cairns QLD*

Hi, my name is Nadine. I joined NJL in November 2018. My early work life was in the Tourism industry, where I travelled overseas & worked in a variety of roles before moving into the Education VET sector. I have been working for RTO's for 9 years now and love the work life culture that is provided by NJL. I have studied a variety of VET qualifications in Training & Assessment, Business, Administration and Human Resources and plan to continue studying and growing my knowledge base. I love living in this magnificent area of the world – especially now, when the weather is perfect!