



National Joblink

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK

Launceston (TAS)

This year for National Youth Week, National Joblink Launceston combined forces with Launceston City Council and a variety of other Community Service organisations to put together a Pop Up stall for 1 week in the mall. A week long expo showcased an artwork display from Launceston College Students, Young Mum canvas's from Karinya Young Mum's and Bub's, a beanbag chill out section and much more.

The aim was for the Youth of Launceston and it's surrounds to have a welcoming space where they could come, chill and be able to grab some information on local services throughout the week. It also gave the opportunity for Youth to vote for their favourite artwork, win lucky door prizes and interact with other activities.

National Joblink Launceston, held a virtual reality gaming session for the afternoon which was a major hit with everyone that dropped by. As well as providing a week long installation display of the living conditions faced by homeless youth around the world to coincide with Youth Homelessness Week.



ARE YOU FOLLOWING US?

Don't forget to follow National Joblink on **Facebook** and keep up to date with everything. Our Burnie Office is also on **Snapchat** 'njoblink' which is a great way to get real time information on current job vacancies and team activities available that day in the Burnie City Office at 30 Wilmot Street!

Keep in mind that the Snapchat is a public account, so we cannot receive snaps or add you - your info stays completely private

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HEALTHY SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

North & North West Tasmania

National Joblink is currently partnering with Campbell Town District High School, Deloraine High School, Exeter High School and Waverley Primary School, Wynyard High School, Rosebery District High School and Smithton High School by supporting them to collaborate with community organisations and build partnerships that promote health choices and active school communities for the longer term.

Over the next 4 years the Student Health Initiative provides \$2 million for Government Schools with the greatest need to partner with community organisations to support new or expanded activities that promote health and wellbeing.

The Tasmanian Government has set an ambitious goal for Tasmania and that is for the state to be the healthiest population in Australia by 2025. The Government's Healthy Tasmania Five Year Strategic Plan outlines priority areas for action to help Tasmanians make healthy lifestyle changes across all stages of life.

It is known that better health and wellbeing has a significantly positive impact on learning and assists children and young people reach their potential and lead fulfilling and productive lives. This is why health and wellbeing is a focus for a number of new and existing Government and departmental initiatives, including; Strong Families, Safe Kids, the Respectful Schools and Workplaces Framework, the new anti-bullying initiative and Move Well Eat Well.

BEAUTIFUL U CAMPAIGN

Burnie (TAS)

Last year, a small group of Grade 7 students at Parklands High School in Burnie (Tas) became inspired when NJL employee Giovanna Simpson completed workshops around body image and bullying and the affects that it can have at such a young age. As a result of these workshops the **BeaUtiful U** campaign was formed.

The social media campaign is going viral as the students raise awareness about sexual harassment, bullying, loving themselves and the body they are in. They have had a fantastic media exposure in both print media and radio, and they also recently interviewed our Burnie Mayor, Anita Dow (pictured with the girls). A link to their first Newspaper interview can be found below.

The BeaUtiful U girls also caught up with former Paralympian and Body Image Advocate, Jessica Smith to ask her some questions about her fight with depression, eating disorders and low self-esteem with body image. Jessica is the founder of 'Join The Revolution' and an award winning international social media campaigner.

<http://www.theadvocate.com.au/story/4310980/students-promote-positive-message/>



KULTURE KONNECT

Launceston (TAS)

Our most recent holiday program in April saw 67 migrant students express interest, which was our highest turn out to date. This time we had some not so great weather forecasted, but luckily it stayed away long enough for the activities to go ahead as planned.

Monday 24th April – Cataract Gorge Cliff Walk & Dark Ride Adventures

38 young people attended this activity - 14 boys and 24 girls.

Students were split up into three groups and all rotated between the activities. Students enjoyed both activities and the Dark Ride had many of the girls screaming at the spookiness of it all!

Wednesday 26th April – Archery

20 young people attended this activity - 10 boys and 10 girls. This new activity provided a challenge for the students by getting them to aim for a bullseye, with a few nailing it.

Wednesday 26th April – Rollerrama at Mowbray Sport & Skate

40 young people attended this activity - 20 boys and 20 girls. This was an interesting activity as most of the students had never been rollerblading before so needless to say there were a few tumbles and some possible sore bottoms the next day, but everyone had a great time!

We thank the Launceston City Council for continuing to financially support this program, which achieves community exposure for our newest migrant youth in the community (Four years running).



PARTICIPANT SUCCESS STORIES!

Liam King – SQW (Booyah Project – QLD)

Liam King is one of many young participants who have now graduated Project Booyah and have continued to make positive changes in their lives. Prior to being accepted to Project Booyah's 20 week program, Liam was hoping to complete year 10 so he could join the Army.

Three months on and Liam has completed year 10 and looking to engage in studies for year 12. During this time he has successfully completed the National Joblink's "Build Your Bike" program that consisted of building a bike completely from scratch and he is now proudly riding it home.

On top of that, Liam has his eyes set on applying for a traineeship through Jobs Queensland. Completing this program will see him obtain a Certificate I in Constructions and further his opportunities.

Clare Warrington, currently the Youth Support Officer for the project, volunteered on the last program that Liam was a part of and instantly recognised how much Liam's self esteem had improved and the manner in which he carried himself. Considering it has only been just under 3 months since graduating from Booyah, Liam has really set himself up for the up for 2017 and beyond.



Bianca VanDongen - Launceston (TAS)

Bianca first attended National Joblink accompanied by her Mum. Bianca was very reserved, shy and hesitant to speak to consultants, but 1 year on Bianca has improved her communication skills immensely and through one on one appointment's has built on her confidence and ability to speak to others and was able to undertake volunteering at the RSPCA and complete her Certificate 2 in Automotive at Tafe. Bianca gradually came out of her shell week by week and learnt the steps that needed to be taken to gain employment. Bianca went out of her comfort zone to assist NJL in taking a group of Kulture Konnect participants trail riding as part of a school holiday program, teaching the girls about basic horse grooming and riding techniques.

As Bianca has such a narrow field of interest, each appointment focussed on exploring alternative ways to look for employment in the local region and she was given research tasks for homework and goals for the week. Her confidence grew with each email we sent, and was stoked when she received a reply saying that they would keep her in mind if anything came up.

One day Bianca came in and said she would also like to pursue a course in Automotive, so we registered her for a Cert 1 & 2 at Tafe, which she successfully completed. After this Bianca started to expand her field of interest, and wanted to look at delivery driving and warehouse work. The Green Army was mentioned to Bianca and she really liked the sound of being active and outdoors. We put the application in and the following week she received a call back asking her to come in for an Interview. Bianca did really well and was accepted into the program, she was excited to come into the office and let us know. She was impressed with her gear and was excited to start.

MEET OUR TEAM!



Laura Haplin – Trainee Team Administrator

Burnie TAS

Hi, I'm Laura and I started with National Joblink in August last year as a work for the dole participant, then at the start of this year I was put on as a Trainee Team Administrator.

I have lived in Tasmania and Victoria and have had a number of different positions including administration, call centre, waitressing and cleaning.

I have just started my Certificate III in Business and am looking forward to finishing it as soon as I can. I really enjoy working at NJL because of the variety of work I do and the people I work with.



Lisa Marsh – Youth Mentor

Launceston TAS

Hi, I'm Lisa and I have recently joined the Team in the Launceston office. I come from a Job active back ground, so looking forward to new challenges that this role will bring. I have worked in Aviation for 6 years and prior to that training ground crew staff for TigerAir, Qantas and Jetstar.

I was born in England and caught the travel bug early and spent all of my 20's travelling the world. I have most recently moved from Mackay (QLD) with my 11 year old daughter Chelsea and Rottweiler Roxy – my 2 loves – where I lived for 10 years, but the heat got the better of me.

I am looking forward to discovering all that Tassie has to offer and being part of the NJL family.