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AN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE



NJL continues to design and develop innovative approaches to engaging participants and we have demonstrated our ability to do this through our 26-year history in the Training and Employment Industry. So, it is with no surprise, and lots of delight, we can confirm that NJL have been asked to deliver the Career Transition Assistance (CTA) program in South, North and North West Tasmania, as well as Darwin and Alice Springs in the Northern Territory. The CTA Program has been developed to assist mature age job seekers become more competitive in their local labour market. CTA is divided into two elements, one being the Tailored Career Assistance where job seekers will develop confidence in searching and applying for jobs and an understanding of their local job market. The second part is the Functional Digital Literacy which helps participants develop their digital literacy skills by using different types of technology. These elements will be tailored to each individual and will include inbound and outbound employer visits. We look forward to commencing the CTA on the 1st of July 2019.

McARTHUR RIVER MINING

DARWIN, NT

NJL thrive on building positive relationships with both Jobactive providers and employers from a variety of industries. Recently, NJL was able to secure an information session with two HR representatives from Glencore, who operate the McArthur River Mine. NJL had initially planned to run an EST program for this session, but it was decided to utilise our positive relationships with local Jobactive providers and opened the session to their jobseekers. The sessions included watching a video about the company, information about a day in the life of MacArthur River Mine, information about entry level positions available and how to apply for these positions with tips to include in their cover letter and resumes. Both sessions were a huge hit and it was an extremely beneficial collaboration amongst providers. NJL are very thankful for the time Glencore spent flying in for the session and will continue to build and foster a strong relationship moving forward.



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SPEAK UP STAY CHATTY

DEVONPORT, TAS

Transition to Work (TtW) and Employability Skills Training (EST) Courses in Devonport are raising money for **Speak Up Stay Chatty**, a Tasmanian based mental health awareness charity. <https://staychatty.com.au/> is operated by Mitch McPherson.

Mitch, from Hobart, started the charity after his brother Ty took his own life unexpectedly in 2013. Mitch attended one of the EST group sessions and spoke to the participants about Speak Up Stay Chatty and what they endeavour to achieve. His presentation was very informative and engaging, it was delivered to thirty of our Transition to Work and Employability Skills Training Course participants.

Being unable to find work or starting a new job for the first time can be an anxious and stressful time for young people, hence the reason we decided to start conversations about mental health and help this wonderful charity.

NJL have set a goal of \$1000 to donate to the Speak Up Stay Chatty charity, so they can continue to carry out their guest talks, presentations to schools and training courses for workplaces. Along with other ideas, five participants from NJL's Transition to Work program are holding a Bunnings BBQ to help raise funds.



PARENTS NEXT VISION BOARD

YEPPOON, QLD

Parent's Next Yeppoon completed a "Vision Board" activity. A Vision Board is a collage of positive images and words that you can display in a prominent place to remind you WHY you do what you do every day. It could also be filled with things that inspire you or leave you feeling happy. The 3 participants had never completed a personal Vision Board before and this was an enjoyable experience for all. The participants could use words, pictures or whatever reflected their personal goals and dreams over the next 12 months.

This was a positive activity for our PN participants as they were able to interact with each other and get to know each other on a more personal level. Skills such as communication, research, self-management and confidence were all gained through this one activity. Participant feedback was really positive, and they wanted the activity to go for longer as they enjoyed it so much.



YOUTH WEEK

LAUNCESTON, TAS

On the 11th April Launceston held its annual Youth Week event. The event was aimed at bringing the local community together to witness the sounds of a Youth Busking Competition in Launceston. Local community organisations ran activities and games to entertain Youth and showcase the abundance of local services available to them. National Joblink once again got involved and ran a 3D printing demonstration as well as an Interactive Virtual Reality experience on the PlayStation 4. The young people were amazed at the all-encompassing VR experience and couldn't believe the Underwater World and rollercoasters they were experiencing were not in real life.



MEET OUR TEAM!



Lee McFarlane
Rockhampton, QLD

Hi, I'm Lee from the Rockhampton office. I joined the fantastic NJL Fitzroy crew almost 2 years ago as an EST Trainer/ Youth Mentor. My training background has spanned over the past 19 years, taking me throughout Australia to teaching English in Thailand. I find it so rewarding to see EST participants put the skills they've learnt into practice, gaining confidence from new skills or seeing participants gain employment. Knowing that I played a small part in helping them along their way is very satisfying. I have two great passions; one is my 3 adult children who have given me 7 fantastic grandkids that keep me busy and the other is that I absolutely love traveling overseas and have more trips to do on my bucket list.



Jarrold Fazackerley
Launceston, TAS

Hi, I'm Jarrod and I am a Youth Mentor/ Trainer in Launceston. I have had many jobs in the past, the main one being an Electrician for 11 years. I commenced with NJL in 2012 as a mentor assisting young participants in the Sparks & Spanners Automotive courses. I then complete my TAE which lead to delivering accredited Training. My recent role with NJL has included training in remote communities in the Northern Territory this was a fantastic experience and I hope I get the opportunity to go again. I have a large family at home with 7 children aging from 21 down to 2. I enjoy having family times and doing all things outdoors like motorbike riding, fishing and 4-wheel driving.



Desley Absolon
Cairns, QLD

Hi, I'm Desley and I am the RTO Compliance Officer for NJL in Cairns. My wonderful position allows me to work 3 days in Cairns and 2 days from home. Born in Mackay, I met and married a local apprentice 'chippy' and had two children. After developing and running our own Building Business in Mackay for 10 years we decided it was time for a change and moved to Cairns where we both continued to work in the Building Industry. Concurrently I commenced work in administration and then training and assessing. This led into becoming a quality manager for a large RTO/GTO. 3 years ago, we moved to the Atherton Tablelands which has always been our dream. Our children are grown, and we have 3 little grandkids in Townsville. I am passionate about nature and wildlife and for a time was a specialist wildlife carer looking after marsupials and macropods, something I intend to do again if or when time allows.



Kristy Harrold
Hobart, TAS

My name is Kristy and I am the Southern Coordinator for a wonderful, passionate team of 7 staff in Hobart. I was fortunate enough to start with NJL in 2017 as an EST trainer. I still get such a kick out observing the progression of participants, either in EST or in the Parent Next Program, from the first day of not knowing what to expect, to making friends, learning new skills and becoming a lot more confident. Every day I learn something new from our participants. I love being curious and uncovering what makes people tick, what their aspirations are and uncovering how we can help them achieve their goals. My other love is travel. My husband and I have recently caught the 'bug' and we are keen to explore as much of the big wide world as we can.