

# NEWSLETTER October 2011 Issue 2

# **Disability Action Week**

This year Employability celebrated Disability Action Week by holding a Wine and Cheese Evening on 7 October 2011 at the Roma Cultural Centre in collaboration with the Australian Association of Special Education Inc. (AASE). A variety of activities were available to participate in such as Scrapbooking, Pottery, Jewellery, Bush Photography and T-shirt Painting just to name a few. This years activity for Employability was Canvas Art. The evening was a resounding success which showcased the artistic talent of our Employability clients. Participants used a range of media to create various canvas creations. The event was well attended by community leaders, members of the community, service providers, families and carers with around 100 people attending on the night. Mandy Schneekloth Supervisor of Employability is the President of South West Queensland branch of the Australian Association of Special Education Inc. (AASE). The Australian Association of Special Education Inc. is a broad based non-categorical association concerned with all who have special education needs. Employability would like to recognised the wonderful assistance provided by all the members of AASE and to thank them and everyone else that participated. The displays were so well done that it has been suggested that a similar display be entered in to the Roma Show. Should anyone have any feedback that they may like to provide, please call the office. We look forward to next years Disability Action Week activities and celebration.



Employability Clients Canvas Art Creations on display at the Roma Cultural Centre

#### Hotline numbers:

Beyondblue: 1300 22 46 36 TTY: 133 677

Salvo Care Line: 1300 36 36 22 Health advice: 13 43 25 84



Employability Canvas Art Creations in progress at the Roma Cultural Centre

**Employability Christmas Closure Dates will be from Thursday 22 December 2011 to Tuesday 3 January 2012.** 

# Disability Service Standards

## Standard 4: Privacy, dignity and confidentiality

Each service recipient's right to privacy, dignity and confidentiality in all aspects of his or her life is recognised and respected.

#### Standard 5: Participation and integration

Each person with a disability is supported and encouraged to participate and be involved in the community.

#### Standard 6: Valued status

Each person with a disability has the opportunity to develop and maintain skills to participate in activities that enable his or her to achieve valued roles in the community.

#### **Staff Profiles**



Pamela Beresford commenced as an Employment Consultant with Employability on 17 March 2010. Pamela previously worked in the employment industry for 12 months before coming to Employability. Pamela has had prior experience in the local government and main roads industries. Due to Pam's prior experience she has a wealth of knowledge, excellent customer service skills, a great personality and comical sense of humour.

Pamela Beresford Employment Consultant



Jacqueline Cooke commenced as an Employment Consultant with Employability in June 2009. Jackie has previously worked in the hairdressing industry before coming to join the Employability team. Jackie has excellent customer service skills, a warm personality and an infectious laugh.

Jacqueline Cooke Employment Consultant

#### **Events Coming Up in 2011**

3 December International Day of People with Disability

### Websites of Interest

www.idwd.com.au www.sensoryteamhandbook.com www.bluepages.anu.edu.au www.moodgym.anu.edu.au www.youtube.com/watch?v=POIJG3qmV90Q Promotes awareness of people with disability
Great resource for in depth work with ASD
Self assessment
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