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## CEO Comment— *Martin Wren*

*Nearly 100 new positions were created for NOVA job seekers during September and it is surely only a matter of time before we smash through the 100 a month barrier!*

And what a range of employment roles were acquired, it is truly the case that NOVA job seekers find work in every sort of business from Accounts to Zoos.

Rather than rest on their laurels though the staff at NOVA have been very busy during October, we have the usual employment outcomes and all workers have been involved in staff training and program development.

This will lead to a number of exciting inNOVations (NOVA's at the heart of innovation!) during the coming months, and particularly in the New Year. We will also be supporting our colleagues at Paraquad, finding work for their clients and also supporting their 'Wheels for a day' charity event at Central Station: <http://www.paraquad.org.au/latestnews/wheelsforaday.aspx> Come along and give us a cheer!



Finally, NOVA's Annual General Meeting is on at the end of November (29th) and all NOVA job seekers are welcome to attend, registration as a job seeker with NOVA automatically makes you a member of the Association, allowing you to vote and make decisions about the services we provide.

See you there!

## North Coast's new TV stars

### Some NOVA links

Watch our latest video on NOVA's Youtube channel



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What's news at Can-Do-Ability?



*This month sees the launch of a new series of television commercials for the North Coast, to be aired on both NBN television and Southern Cross.*

Powertruss in Taree was the first cab off the rank. George Parker from Powertruss has been a fantastic employer for NOVA having employed three clients. He was very complimentary on both NOVA's services and the influence the clients have had on his workforce stating, "Powertruss uses NOVA because their employees are conscientious, work ready, enthusiastic and keen. They changed my attitude and they will change yours to."



*Click on the pictures to see the commercials!*



Taree Recycled Building Materials have employed Laethon as a factory hand and are reaping the benefits. Owner Peter Verrydt had this to say, "Laethon has been working for us as a factory hand, he is extremely hard working and enthusiastic, and has proven to be an excellent employee."

After a successful day of filming in Taree it was then onto Port Macquarie and to Bella Rose Cafe. Former transition to work trainee Campbell is working in the kitchen and really kicking goals. Co-owner of the cafe, Debra Van Eerten is very pleased with the new addition to their team, "We have hired Campbell from NOVA Employment to work in our kitchen. He is honest, reliable, hard working with a great attitude. We highly recommend NOVA Employment."



Next on the list of stars will be three businesses from our Queensland offices, stay tuned.

*On 6th October, NOVA Caringbah held its Rugby League footy tipping competition presentation day. The final results were kept secret for the last three weeks and only two people knew the winners prior to the presentation day. The excitement was building leading up to the final announcements and it was very hard for those who knew the results. Plenty of pressure was brought to bear by the participants on those in the know, but they were made to take oaths and not to reveal the winners. Even bribery could not help.*



Light refreshments were provided to all the guests upon arrival as the crowd settled in. Dane gave a welcoming speech to start proceedings.

We had two special guests attend on the day, Johnny Raper and Steve Edge, two of the immortals from St George. Johnny was joined by his lovely wife Carol and brother Paul. They were all great and joined in the fun, presenting the winners with their awards, drawing the raffle, signing autographs, posters, clothing etc and providing words of wisdom to our clients. They told stories of the old days as to how they use to have to work all week for a living as well as training and then play on weekends. It seemed so much harder back then and they did not receive the huge salaries that the current players get today. It was all very interesting and a question and answer session was held where the clients and staff had lots of question to ask of which they were more than happy to answer. After the formalities we all enjoyed lunch followed by desert, tea and coffee and even more stories from Johnny and Steve.



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Leading up to the day a raffle was organised and all the staff and clients were given raffle books to sell. The funds from the raffle paid for all the prizes, winners' certificates and food on the day. A great job was done by all in selling the tickets.

Two prizes were raffled and first place went to Donna Leney who won a St George cap autographed by both Johnny and Steve. Second place went to Laurie Deguara a guest on the day who won a

St George poster also signed by our special guests

The winners of the footy tipping competition were:

1st place – Julie Zahra  
2nd place – Gemma Matheson  
3rd place – Gae England  
Wooden Spoon went to Roxy Gonzalez

Johnny and Steve presented them with winner's certificates which they can cherish for many years and have bragging rights at least until next year. Congratulations to them and well done. A triumph for women as not one male made the top three. Come on guys lets do better next year.

We can't wait until next year's footy tipping competition which we plan to be bigger and better. Please keep a look out for next years competition and join in the fun, the more participants the better, bring it on!!!

Johnny and Steve were very impressed with the clients and how they handled themselves and offered to organise a visit to Jubilee Oval.

It was a great day and well done to Linda Long who was the brain child for this event which was so well organised. Also a special thankyou to all those that helped, especially Dane Raper, Caine Forster, Connor Leney and Gemma Patterson We all enjoyed ourselves, it was worth all the hard work and effort put in by the clients and staff.

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