

**ON THE JOB:** Katie Montefiore is a former Great Lakes College student who recently started work at the Forster Bowling Club after completing a two-year Transition to Work Program with Nova Employment.



## Katie makes smooth transfer to work life

FORMER Great Lakes College student Katie Montefiore has been employed at Forster Bowling Club after completing a two-year Transition to Work Program offered by Nova Employment.

Katie, who has a hearing impairment, completed the program under the guidance of Nova's Forster job coach Joanne Hassett.

She entered the program after completing year 12 at Great Lakes College and now, at 19, she has been employed at Forster Bowling Club. She has an infectious personality and enjoys going to work and talking with all the regular patrons. Katie's duties are keeping the sitting and gambling area clean. To do this she picks up glasses and cleans tables. Katie helps the bar staff by ensuring they have clean glasses to serve the customers. Over the last 10 weeks Katie has proven herself as a valued staff member. Katie is currently working 10 hours a week and is hoping to be trained to serve at the bar and do to TAB and Poker machine tending to increase her hours.

The Forster Bowling Club has been so happy with Katie they have also put another client from the Transition to Work Program on for a two year traineeship. Damien Clements is the manager of Forster Bowling Club, he and his staff are pleased to have two young people who are so eager and committed to their work.