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# focus on ABILITY

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## CEO Comment – Martin Wren

*Welcome to our new look E-Zine and what a celebration of ability we have served up. More than 60 people have started their new jobs since last month's stories and I am delighted to see the range and interests our new workers are involved with. From accountants to zoos NOVA's staff are helping find careers for people who have a disability from all our outlets.*

Speaking of which the new NOVA sites are also starting to help local job seekers join the workforce and I am looking forward to sharing stories from our new outlets in next months magazine.. Perhaps the biggest hurdle we've had to overcome is finding, hiring and training new staff and I am really pleased to say that 16 people attended last week's (19/4) staff induction training program before being assigned across 8 NOVA outlets.

We still need dedicated motivated and skilled people to join our team but with any joy NOVA expects to be fully staffed at all outlets by the end of May which means that we will have the



capacity to help nearly 1000 job seekers become workers in the 2011 financial year.

And last, but certainly not least, we have a truly exciting new development coming in July. Without letting out too many details we believe the basic project brief, 'create the world's best....' Has certainly been fulfilled.

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- BLACKTOWN  
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- KATOOMBA  
8th September
- ST MARYS  
9th September
- CARINGBAH  
10th September

## Campbelltown T.T.W's impressive Luncheon

By Megan Elliot, Work Experience Job Coach

As part of the Certificate 1 in Work Education the trainees at Campbelltown are working on "Interpersonal Communication Skills". Part of this included organising and planning a meal. The trainees chose to use the opportunity as a welcome back luncheon on Thursday 15th April, for Cassandra Blundell, a job coach who had been away on Maternity leave for the past 5 months, as well as a welcome for our newest team member at Campbelltown, Jo.



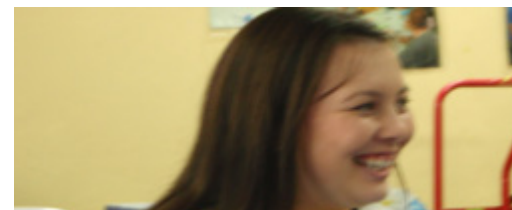
The trainees had worked for over a month planning this event.

They worked in teams, each having specific jobs to do. The first item on the agenda was to decide on a theme for the day. They chose a beach party as it was the end of summer and Cassandra loves summer.



The trainees decorated the room making banners, a centrepiece for the table made of frangipanis and palm leaves, and we all wore our beach gear on the day (all be it a little cold). They made cream cheese and bacon scrolls for entree, beef and chicken burgers for a main with a Caesar salad and freshly made fruit salad and ice blocks for dessert.

The job coaches were very impressed with the trainees' effort and were amazed with their teamwork.



### Some more NOVA Employment links



## Michael has it secured

Michael has been working with BPF Global Security for 20 weeks and has quite a diverse employment which sees him attending many of Sydney's high profile sporting and entertainment events.



Michael's job mainly involves doing driving patrol work but he enjoys the concerts and football work so much that his role has now increased to include ground security work at many events, such as the recent Sydney Swans AFL match in Blacktown.

His employer Steve finds he uses Michael as one of his go to workers because he is always keen to do more work whenever it is offered. Krystal, BPF's office manager, regularly speaks about Michael being a 'real trooper that is willing to give any work a go.'

Michael has also done security work at NRL games, horse races and concerts.

When he joined Nova his wife had recently had a child and Michael was concerned about being able to support them. Through his hard work and NOVA's support Michael is now not only supporting his young family he is actually saving some money.

Michael is hoping to eventually work sporting events and concerts on a more full time basis as he finds those more enjoyable than the patrols.

He realises he needs his full security licence to do some events and is looking forward to getting that in November.

We wish Michael the very best of luck.

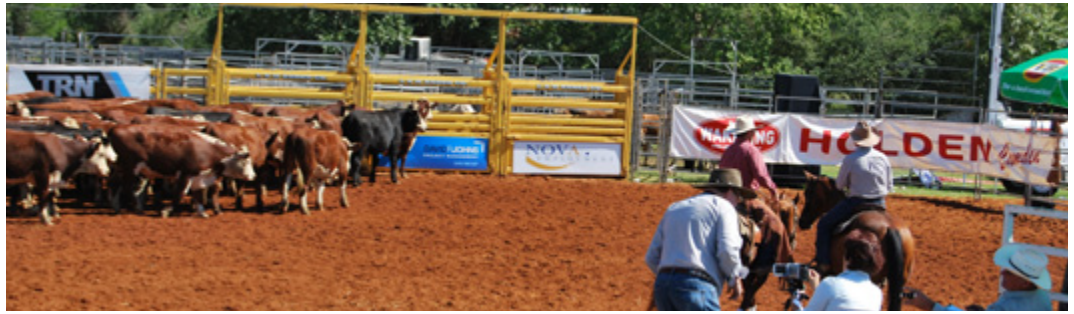


- CAMPBELLTOWN  
16th September
- HURSTVILLE  
17th September
- FORSTER  
21st September
- TAREE  
22nd September
- PORT MACQUARIE  
23rd September



# Camden Rodeo 2010

By Gary Canham



NOVA Employment Camden attended the Annual Camden show to help establish themselves in the local community. NOVA sponsored the Spectacular Rodeo section and a stall was set up at the entrance to the Rodeo.

Over the two days that we were there, hundreds of people stopped and chatted with myself and Darren resulting in a large number of referrals. We were also asked to enter the NOVA car into the show parade which was a huge hit. The most pleasing aspect was hearing some cheering from the large crowds and then to notice it was some of our clients from Campbelltown outlet. Thanks guys for your support.

We also gave out our pie bags to all the eatery stalls and they were a huge hit. We were very happy to see people walking around with their meals in our pie bags, just another great way to spread our message and raise awareness for NOVA Employment and our clients.

The day was deemed a success in introducing NOVA Employment to Camden. When talking to local businesses, they now know who we are and where we are.



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