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CEO Comment

Martin Wren

How do you fancy 10 weeks - ten, yes, that's the 10 that's one more than 9! – staying in Los Angeles at TAFTA, you will also get flights, accommodation and we've dropped in \$3k spending money.

It's yours!

All you have to do is take out the 'Open' entrant prize at this year's "Focusonability" film competition. Of course it's going to be competitive but somebody will win and, even if you don't come first, there's other fabulous prizes totalling more than \$70,000 on offer.

Is this the biggest prize on offer in our great nation?

I don't know, but I do know that NOVA's annual film competition gets better every year and offers one other benefit that few can match – this is the chance to promote the ability of people with disability – to show what's being achieved.



Last year's program was magnificent with support from some great celebrities, some truly talented dancers and singers and hundreds of other folk who share our passion for empowering every member of society, regardless of stereotypical beliefs about what can't be done.

I don't think I have said previously but apart from being shown here through Aurora TV at least 1 of our previous winners has been shown in the UK.

So this is your chance:
www.focusonability.com.au.
You have to be in it, to win it!

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“Dream Job”

By Penrith TTW

Mitchell Dennis (centre picture) started Transition to Work in January 2012 with one dream; to work in a gym. Working out and keeping fit is a big part of Mitchell's life.

After trying a lot of other different work placements in many different industries he still wanted to work in a gym. Daniel Mifsud is one of the partners of Alpha Fitness who was more than willing to give Mitchell a chance to try his dream job and do work experience with them.



They liked Mitchell so much they hired him and now he works 15 hours a week at Alpha Fitness.

Along with Daniel Mifsud the other partners are his brother Jeremy Mifsud (pictured left) and Mikah Giampietro (pictured Right)

Jeremy and Mikah both said that Mitchell is enthusiastic, arrives early and the members really like Mitchell.

Jeremy said Mitchell has become part of “The Alpha Family.” Mitchell said he loves working with the guys.

Temple Grandin - Coming to Australia

NOVA Employment is delighted to announce that we have an upcoming ‘Pathways to Employment’ Seminar and an ‘Up close & personal’ lunch with world renowned inspirational guest speaker, Professor Temple Grandin.

The ‘Pathways to Employment’ seminar will be held 31st May in the Epping Club’s Grand Ballroom. This seminar promises to both entertain and educate, with X Factors Declan Sykes performing and Paula Duncan AM as the MC.

The 1st June ‘Up close & personal’ lunch at the Epping Club also features bestselling author Kathy Lette as the co Keynote speaker with Professor Grandin.

For tickets to the seminar please call Amie Ross on (02) 9833 2500. For tickets to the lunch please call the Epping Club on (02) 9876 4357 or visit www.eppingclub.com “what’s on”.

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Please join us for an exclusive Seminar ‘Pathways to Employment’. Hear inspirational Guest Speaker Prof Temple Grandin speaking about her life and successes and much more...

Date	Friday 31st May 2013	Speakers:	1. The Honourable Tim Fischer AC
Time	1.00pm – 8.30pm	2. Dr Julie Petersen, Clinical Psychologist	3. Martin Wren, CEO Nova Employment
Venue	The Epping Club, Grand Ballroom, 45 Rawson St, Epping NSW 2121	4. Matthew Bennett, M.Soc.Sc	5. Berinda Karp, Equity Services WSI
Cost	\$125.00 ASA Non subscriber \$80.00 ASA subscriber \$55.00 Student/Concession	6. Prof Temple Grandin - Keynote	
RSVP	By Friday 24th May 2013 Book Here: http://tinyurl.com/d89llt2	Entertainment & Host:	7. Entertainment: Declan Sykes, X Factor 8. MC: Paula Duncan AM

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Up close & personal with Kathy Lette and Temple Grandin

Please join us up close and personal at a luncheon hosted by Nova Employment in benefit of the Asperger Centre. Enjoy a five star meal at the Epping Club, whilst hearing from our inspirational guest speaker line up.

Event Details	Guests
Date: Saturday 1 June, 2013	Speakers: Martin Wren, CEO Nova Employment Kathy Lette, Author - Keynote Prof Temple Grandin, Author - Keynote
Location: Grand Ballroom, Epping Club, 45-47 Rawson St, Epping NSW	Host: Paula Duncan AM
Time: Sparkling wine served at 11.30am for 12 noon lunch	
Cost: Tickets are \$120.00 pp or table of ten \$1200.00 (incl. gst). Includes a delicious 2 course meal and wines.	

Kathy Lette is an Australian author who has written a number of bestselling books including “Puberty Blues” and “The Boy who Fell to Earth”.

Temple Grandin is an American doctor of animal science and professor at Colorado State University, bestselling author, autism activist, and consultant to the livestock industry on animal behavior.

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We look forward to seeing you at the luncheon on Saturday 1 June.
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Want some great employment tips?



Cover Letters

By Martha Siede

A cover letter is something you send off along with your resume to a business to apply for a job. The job could be an advertised position or you could be sending off your cover letter and resume to various businesses (Cold Calling) to notify them that you are wanting to work for them.

A cover letter has:

Your address and contact details

The date

The business' address,

The position you are applying for

A greeting and the name of the hiring person (you can get their name by ringing up the business and asking for the name of the hiring person.)

Paragraph 1 – employer's positive attributes and what you see their needs as being (research these on the net).

Paragraph 2 – your character and your skills and how they would fit the business. (a list of skills can be found on the ASSESSING YOURSELF worksheet – pick a few)

Paragraph 3 – disclose your disability and how you will overcome your disability to do the job.

Paragraph 4 – mention that your resume is attached and you will be ringing to arrange to meet with them

A salutation, your signature and name.

For an example of a Cover Letter, go to:

http://www.letsgetworking.com.au/LGW/Blog/Writing-a-Cover-Letter_711.html

Until next time,
Enjoy the journey!



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