

December 2012



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CEO Comment— *Martin Wren*

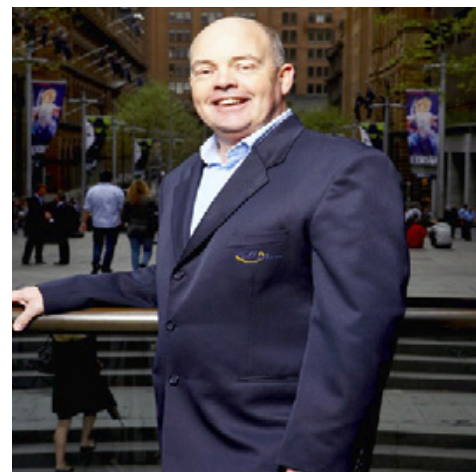
It's the Christmas season!!

So I mustn't forget to wish you and your loved ones a safe and prosperous New Year.

I'm off to see my mum in England and when I return I will bring some great news with me. Speaking of which the team at NOVA had a tremendous November result with more than 100 job seekers joining the ranks of taxpayers and already we have more than 20 new job starts for December (traditionally a quiet month).

More than 1000 new workers were found employment this year and we ran the largest advertising campaign in our history to promote their abilities and the skills of the approximately 2000 registered job seekers presently with us.

We are determined to have just as successful a New Year and already have plans underway for some really exciting projects to further showcase just what people with disability are achieving.



Apart from our usual advertising and media promotions, 'Focusonability V' promises to be a blockbuster with some great celebrity support and many more keen filmmakers eager for some spotlight time.

Our New Media sites also moved ahead with Martha's "Letsgetworking.com.au" a welcome and well received new addition that we intend to expand over the next few months.

Happy Holidays – see you in 2013!

Transition to Work - 2012 Gala

Lucas Kraus

On Thursday the 6th of December, NOVA Transition to Work program held their 2nd Annual End of Year Gala and it was a truly inspiring event.



The Nova Transition to Work Gala is considered to be the highlight of the year, not only for the program attendees, called trainees, but also the staff. It is a time where the trainee's hard work and diligence is recognised and the NOVA staff can witness just how much the trainees have matured both personally and professionally over the programs two year duration.

Over 220 people attended, including parents, representatives from the funding body Ageing Disability & Home Care, delegates from local schools, the NOVA management team, job coaches, work experience



coaches and of course trainees from the 15 Transition to Work outlets around NSW. The event was hosted by NOVA CEO Martin Wren as well as NOVA ambassador and television actor, Paula Duncan. We were also entertained by the Brad Cox band, a band that is fast becoming professionally known throughout the industry.

Transition to Work is a two year program that is designed to teach school leavers with a disability the necessary skills in order to gain employment. This year alone, we have already seen 17 young people with a disability get the job of their choice and make the transition from student to employee, which is considered to be a rite of passage associated with reaching adulthood. The Transition to Work Coordinator, Meg Elliott stated "Our trainees are capable, hardworking and willing to try just about anything. If you need staff and would like to give a young person with a disability a head start into employment, please make NOVA transition your first port of call"



Simon Lai, a second year trainee from the Hurstville outlet gave an inspirational speech on how much the Transition to Work has helped him overcome difficulties he faced at school and learn what it takes to get and hold down a job. Simon's job choice was retail, and with the help of his job coach, work experience coach and employment consultant, he was able to gain full-time employment at Target in Broadway. Terry Miskle, Simons work experience coach stated that "Simon is a very capable young man, with excellent work ethic and always puts in 110%"

[Click here to watch Simon Lai's speech](#)

Second year trainees not only gain employment, but they participated in a nationally recognised Certificate 1 in Work Education qualification. Furthermore, the efforts of all trainees were acknowledged with attendance, work experience, teamwork and most improved awards. Afterwards, guests were treated to a beautiful lunch, thanks to Novatel in Rooty Hill, and then busted some moves on the dance floor.

Training and Development Manager, Anne Goyer stated that "our trainees make us all very proud" and thanked the NOVA transition staff for doing such a wonderful job during the year. Thank you to Terry Miskle, Sarah Sydir, Leisha Distefano, Kristie Baumann and Damien Hoskins for organising the annual event. We look forward to having a bigger and busier program next year!

Some NOVA links

Watch our latest video on NOVA's Youtube channel



Become a fan of NOVA on Facebook. Recommend us to your friends.



What's news at Can-Do-Ability?



Want some great employment tips?

Lets Get Working
A Nova Employment Initiative

“Focus On Ability Film Festival on Aurora”

Ryan Goodwin

This month if you watched Aurora TV channel on Foxtel you would have been hard pressed to miss our 3 part series “Focus on Ability Film Festival”. This was our first foray into television shows and it was a huge success with Aurora dedicating more than 30 timeslots for the month, allowing us to showcase the skills and incredible talent the filmmakers possessed, all the while promoting the abilities of people with a disability.



After this first venture into television was such a hit, 2013 will see many more from us in your living rooms, with series development already on its way.

Next year’s Focus on Ability Film competition will as always be bigger than ever. More categories, bigger prizes, more judges, more opportunities and much more exposure, so if you are or you know someone with a great story to tell be sure to keep an eye out for FOA V as it will be one not to miss.

In case you missed our Focus on Ability Film Festival series on Aurora, simply click on the links below and be blown away by some of this year’s film making talent.

- Episode 1** - <http://youtu.be/k3kBpmd5qns>
- <http://youtu.be/oOTqKNyYnLE>
- Episode 2** - <http://youtu.be/Gkxvdc-uv0Y>
- <http://youtu.be/ChjRKIsU9CU>
- Episode 3** - <http://youtu.be/HEqxkk6cs0M>
- <http://youtu.be/XLEdiMvW7WA>

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