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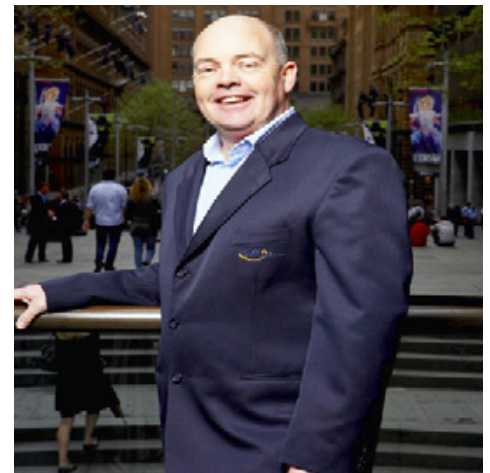
Martin Wren

*Never give me a secret, I am
hopeless at secrets.*

I know the Focusonability International winner! (www.focusonability.com.au). I wish I didn't know, I want to tell you and it is VERY difficult to keep quiet. The winner has produced an absolutely terrific film; it's inspiring and captures the theme of the competition. The judges have done a fabulous job, I just wish they hadn't told me.

Never mind, on the same theme we are getting heaps and heaps of entries to the competition and the observant amongst you will have spotted we also now own the dot com and not just the dot com dot au.

If you are at the Focus Awards night (September 4th), Fox Studios- Sydney, at around about 9.00pm you'll hear why and also some truly exciting news about our program and where we are heading.



Back to the main game and it's been a terrific month for new job opportunities, we have scores of new workers and they have some absolutely terrific jobs and, drum roll.... You get (on average) 50% more work when you get a job through NOVA than the National average.

That's because my employment staff aim high and I am very proud of them for that, we get no credit, no more money and in fact we stand to lose rather than gain because of the extra work and they still aim high.

Well done all.

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St Marys TTW meet the Panthers

On Wednesday, 18th of June St Marys Transition to Work had two players from the Penrith Panthers visit us as guest speakers, Leilani Latu and Akeripa Tia Kilifi.



The players started off with a great discussion with the trainees about what they do within the local community and how they are involved in local charities and fundraising in the area.

The trainees were asking a lot of questions and really enjoyed hearing about what they do outside of football. The players spoke about how they are currently doing a diploma in Teaching (Leilani Latu) and Personal Training (Akeripa Tia Kilifi). They said that as they are footballers they know that their careers may end suddenly as they can be injured every time they play. They also acknowledged that they cannot play for the rest of their lives so they focus on what they can do whilst playing and also after. The trainees were all surprised that they study; they told them both that they too are studying here at NOVA doing a Certificate 1 in Work Education.

They spoke about healthy eating and how much they train to maintain a healthy lifestyle. They discussed the importance of maintaining a healthy eating pattern not only for fitness but also for our personal wellbeing. Overall the trainees gained a lot from this and have been having discussions between themselves about what has been spoken about.

After the talk the trainees were able to chat to the players and get photos with them. The trainees presented a certificate and chocolates to thank them for taking the time to come and talk with them about their experiences. Not only did the trainees learn that football is a serious career for these players but also how they need to have something in their back up plan for later in life, it showed the trainees that most things in life we need to work hard at and nothing is just given to us.

They were great motivational speakers and we noticed that some of the quieter trainees opened up and asked questions to the players.

Penrith and Ingleburn TTW also attended and whilst trainees were talking to the players they also socialised and were interacting with other trainees that they normally would not see or speak to.

Both Leilani and Akeripa said that they would love to come back and talk to the trainees again and help with our Pathways event in August.



Be sure to check out the FOA Films

We have been thrilled with the amount of entries we have received so far for the 2014 competition. The International films are all up on the site and are being thoroughly enjoyed from visitors all around the globe. Check them out and vote for your favourite.

From August 5th all the Australian entries will be viewable at www.focusonability.com.au

So be sure to jump on the website and be amazed by all the ability!

Some NOVA links

Watch our latest video on NOVA's Youtube channel



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What's news at Can-Do-Ability?



Want some great employment tips?



WHEN Craig Atuatika's job ended nearly three years ago, he was left without work.

So he turned to the team at Nova Employment, who told him they would find him a job that would best suit him and his skills.



Nova works exclusively with people who have a disability or significant barriers to work.

“Nova told me there was a job opened at The BBQ Store in Prestons, so I grabbed it with both hands,” he said.

“My role comprises picking and packing, as well as checking over orders and making sure the warehouse is clean.

“I felt excellent getting the job and I'm really happy there.”

His employer Gabriel Gewargis said he was thrilled to have Mr Atuatika as part of the BBQ store's team.

Mr Gewargis said that when he started his business he didn't have the finances to hire a full-time person.

“Nova Employment approached me and told me about a four- to six-week program where we could hire someone and get some government assistance,” Mr Gewargis said.

“We got to know Craig and hired him as a casual for one year before offering him a permanent position last year.

“One thing that stands out about him is that he's punctual and he's always looking out for my wife when I'm not in.

“He really cares for the staff and that's one thing that's really hard to find in people.”



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