

# Great support for job seekers

## THE TRAINEES

Work skills: Darryl Brohman joins the Transitions to Work students to throw support behind Nova Employment's Focus on Ability campaign. Picture Chris Lane



By Tamara Gasser

FOR job coach Leisha Distefano it is comforting to know that at least 85 per cent of her students could be employed by the time they graduate.

Nova Employment's Transition to Work program teaches school-leavers with a disability the skills they need to gain award wage open employment.

And the results speak for themselves with more than 85 per cent of trainees finding a job before the end of the course.

The Hurstville program has 12 trainees from across St George,

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working towards a Certificate I in Work Education.

The students learn resumé writing, interview skills, workplace health and safety and skills for work experience.

Cronulla radio and television personality and former footballer, Darryl Brohman, dropped in on a class to offer some career advice and throw his support behind the Focus on Ability campaign.

"These kids are fantastic and you can see their potential and enthusiasm and that they would make fan-

tastic employees," Brohman said. "It's a fantastic opportunity for employers who want to do some good in the community and help out some enthusiastic job-seekers."

Ms Distefano said students' confidence and self-worth improved immeasurably over the two years it took to complete the course.

"I've seen trainees walk in and not want to look people in the eyes but have improved so much they have spoken in front of 400 people at the graduation ceremony," she said.

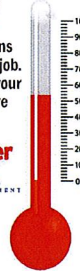
### HALF-WAY THERE

Nova Employment has teamed up with the Leader to find 100 jobs in 90 days for people with a disability.

Since the launch of the Focus on Ability campaign, **54** young Australians have secured a job. But we need your help to find more employment.



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**Tristan Woodberry, 19:** I want to work in IT or as a mechanic. In this course I've learnt about writing resumé's, the right attitude to have for interviews and how it's important to make a good first impression.



**Camilla Frijaj, 17:** I'm interested in baking and I'd like to be a pastry chef. I learnt how to be independent and how to manage myself and be on time and sensible in the workplace.



**Kamran Saeed, 19:** I'd like to work as a personal trainer or in hospitality. I've learnt about preparing for job interviews and the right attitude to take into a workplace.