



Client Training 1st Graduate of our Training Course Ashley Seal



Essential Personnel has purchased a series of training modules from Step Ahead which enhances people with disabilities opportunities to find employment

This training features topics such as About Work which describes different types of work. Some is service type work such as a kitchen hand or office administration.

A type of work is physical work such as a mechanic, or gardening which is science and nature. The training describes what it means to be an adult, both the responsibilities and the rewards.

At Work is a practical learning tool for how to answer the phone, take a message and what is appropriate to talk about at work.

There are two training courses in Conversation skills and cover such topics as how to start a conversation with someone for the first time, which is often difficult for many people, and how to meet new people very hard for many of us to do.

A favourite so far is the Self Esteem and Resilience training as it helps people to feel good about themselves and cope with pressures in their life.

Essential Personnel will be encouraging all clients to take part in these courses designed especially for people with a disability. If there is some training you would like to take part in then give Essential Personnel a call

DISABILITY SERVICES STANDARDS

The **Disability Services Standards** are rules that tell Disability Employment Services how to make sure they give people with disabilities a **good quality** service.

The Australian Government gives money to Disability Employment Services to:

- ⇒ help people with disabilities to find and keep a job.
- ⇒ support people with disabilities in their jobs.

What are the Standards?

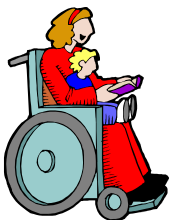
The standards tell your service how to make sure that they:

- ⇒ have the right attitude to working with you
- ⇒ give you the right help to find and keep a job
- ⇒ find the right way to help you get the job you want
- ⇒ have the right staff to do the work and are well managed

Why are the Standards important?

The Standards are important because they tell you your rights:

- ⇒ when you go to a service.
- ⇒ when you are looking for a job.
- ⇒ when you are working in a job.



Standard 10

Learning the right skills for your job

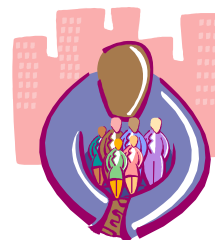


Mike is teaching Lee and Gina new skills for their gardening job.

Good training and support means you have the skills to get a job you like.

Your service must give you the training you need...

- to find a job that you will like
- to keep a job
- to learn how to do new jobs
- to keep your skills up to date.



CEO's Corner



What's been happening in Merredin?

Sadly, not much rain for our farmers, but our guys in Merredin are displaying lots of enthusiasm for work.

The Equal Car Cleaning Crew is back in action with some new workers and some new supervisors. Ron, Gavin and Graeme are ensuring a quality job is done on the vehicles so that our customers are going to want to come back for another car clean. We have had lots of repeat business which enables them to know they are doing a good job and have the ability to earn some extra money. Our car cleaning crew consists of Daniel, Alan, Ashley and Grant who did his learning stint with the crew in Northam. Keep up the good work guys!

We are also hoping to start a car cleaning crew in Kellerberrin as we have some willing workers nearby. Still in the planning stages at present!

Some of our EP clients are participating in a "Keys for Life" Driver Education Programme so that they can be successful in getting their Learner's Permit and later their driver's licence. We have only just started this so I'll let you know how this goes. Judging from the responses and participation and noise level amongst the group they appear to be learning some skills as well as having lots of fun. Thanks to Gavin for enabling this to happen.

Some more of our clients are looking forward to learning some new work skills and gaining new confidence with Jacqui's courses about work. Ashley has already successfully completed one module. More will be starting in a couple of weeks. We hope this will lead to greater successes with job applications. It certainly will be beneficial for giving clients more confidence in the challenges that life brings.

I should also mention the clients that have consistently maintained their employment. Congratulations to Larry who works for Westaff as a fire spotter (three years) Graeme who also works for Westaff (four years), Pauline who has been working at the Merredin Hospital for seven years, Fred who has been working with the Kellerberrin Shire for nine years and Leanne who has been working at Dryandra in Kellerberrin since 1985. (A long time!) If I have forgotten anyone please accept my apologies.

I know that some of the Merredin people are looking forward to attending the Award's Night in October? and would love to attend another Fancy Dress Party or similar fun night. Bring it on.....





Essential Choices Update

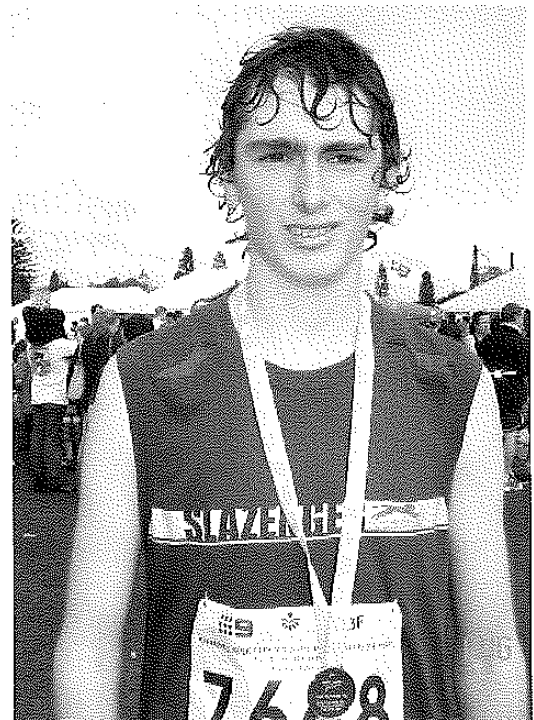
Amanda - chef

19 - Southern Cross
Learning new skills
Master Chef - here she comes!!
cooking meals for her family
& assistant caterer Southern X Golf Club
Voluntary work
Local op shop
Hobbies:
Gym
Singing
Dockers Fan
Lawn bowls
Dancing



Aaron - athlete

20 – Nungarin
Learning new skills
Part time work with Nungarin Shire
Car wash crew Merredin
Voluntary work
T.A's for Dad, who is a brickie
Hobbies:
Athletics, Running
Football,



Below is a lovely story by Cristy Clarke, Who is improving her Reading and Writing through the Read, Write, Now program. She has achieved so much in such a short time and we are all very proud of her.

WELL DONE CRISTY!!!!!!



Cleopatra was baking in the sun, then she noticed Hoppy and she said “that will be my lunch.” Hoppy noticed Cleopatra and Hoppy said “I’m not hanging around to get eaten.” So she ran for her life. Then Cleopatra said “dam, I miss out on lunch, so I better go and look somewhere else for lunch.” Cleopatra is in the sun all day looking for lunch. But she could not find anything, so she stopped for a rest in the shade. She said “I’m thirsty for water.” Then she went on looking and saw a river with water in it. Cleopatra had a big drink and then she said “I wonder if that could be my friend the King.”

Cleopatra kept on going across the river. She saw the King. She said to the King “what are you doing?” He said “I’m looking for lunch, but I can’t find anything at all.” Cleopatra said “don’t worry about it because I could not find anything at all as well.” The King then said “I guess it is not our day Cleopatra, let’s have a drink of water.” Cleopatra said “look over there, the rabbit is over there King - this could be our lunch.” Cleopatra then said “let’s go and hide.” So they did. Then the rabbit came out of the grass and went for a drink.

Cleopatra said to the King “let’s go around the tree and jump out at the rabbit.” So they did and had lunch. The King said to Cleopatra “it was a nice lunch.” The King said to Cleopatra “I have to go now, see you next time.” Cleopatra said “good bye King.”



by Cristy Clarke

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Humour Hill



Why Dogs Can't Use Computers



1. He's distracted by cats chasing his mouse.
2. SIT and STAY were hard enough; CUT and PASTE are out of the question.
3. Saliva-coated floppy disks refuse to work.
4. Three words: carpal paw syndrome.
5. Involuntary tail wagging is a dead give-away that he's browsing www.purina.com instead of working.
6. The fire hydrant icon is simply too frustrating.
7. He can't help attacking the screen when he hears "You've Got Mail".
8. It's too messy to "mark" every Web site he visits.
9. The FETCH command isn't available on all platforms.
10. He can't stick his head out of Windows.