

Momentum Personnel

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FREE FREE



Everybody loves free stuff so here it comes straight to you!

Last newsletter issue we offered free internet usage and computer usage. We offer this to our job-seekers so they can access the internet free of charge to job search, re do resumes, write letters of application or practise your skills on the computer. We would love to see you in the office so you can increase your chances of finding that job you have been searching for.

Call (03) 9705 6445 to arrange a time Monday to Friday 9am until 5pm



From the 'Boss's' Desk!

Welcome to issue one of 2006. So far 2006 is looking great and we are well ahead in terms of job placement. Our latest report shows that 58% of our clients are in jobs. Congratulations goes to the staff for their commitment to excellence in making the start to the year so successful.

However, the year ahead will not be without its challenges, particularly the

effect on job seekers of changes brought in by the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations and Centrelink.

From 1st July, Momentum along with many other disability employment service providers, will be restricted in the type of job seekers we will be able to assist to look for work.

It is difficult to predict now what the outcome might be from these changes but

all our stakeholders can be reassured that Momentum will approach this challenge with enthusiasm and resourcefulness.

I, along with all the staff at Momentum, hope that you all had a lovely Easter and received loads of chocolate Easter eggs.

Paul Stinear- Manager



Hand Brake Turn

Recently I had the opportunity of seeing one of our jobseekers, Jordan Capper, graduate from Hand Brake Turn in Dandenong and was fascinated by the commitment and dedication that they provided to young people in our ever growing communities.

Hand Brake Turn was originally started by members of the 'God Squad' for young offenders starting out in the workforce to obtain skills, self esteem and a beginning qualification in the Automotive Industry. Now ten years on, Hand Brake Turn caters not only for young kids that have been in trouble, it assists all young people who want a helping hand in the automotive industry as well as young people with disabilities through their

program 'Rev it up'.

With seven dedicated staff to assist these young people, they learn skills in panel beating, mechanics and spray painting as well as two weeks in work placement. At graduation they receive a Certificate I in Automotive. The buck doesn't stop there from the staff. The staff are committed to help these young people for three months to look for apprenticeships and traineeships in the Automotive Industry post graduation.

It is a fantastic program that is run by Concern Australia which is state funded but receives a lot of donations in kind from local businesses as well as corporate donations. RACV alone donates \$25,000 a year. The cost of this program for young people is nothing, and the support and experience young people obtain is priceless. Over 80% graduate from the program, approximately 40% gain an apprenticeship while 70% go on to employment, further training or return to education.

To enter Hand Brake Turn and complete the course you can contact them on (03) 9793 1466 or to support this fantastic program you



can call and make a donation or shop at one of the following businesses that support this great initiative.

- RACV
- Penrite Oils
- PPG Automotive paint
- K&H Fillers
- City of Greater Dandenong

Reported by Simone -Marketing and Employment Consultant



Left: Jordan at this years Motorshow in Melbourne

Far Left: Jordan hard at work on a car panel

FREE Job Advertisement for Employers

As from April all employers associated with Momentum now can advertise for their job vacancies on the Jobsearch Website– Australia’s most looked at site for FREE! Yes Free!

Momentum was fortunate to obtain a licence from the federal government to be able to post jobs on their website for employers to look for employees. The job placement licence primarily focuses on meeting the recruitment needs of employers and in turn assists eligible job seekers to gain employment through access to a large number of diverse jobs.

This means that employers can now recruit for free via Momentum for jobseekers with or without disabilities.

It enables employers to view a much wider range of jobseekers when looking to fill their vacant positions.

For further information about this fantastic saving to your business contact Michael or Simone on (03) 9705 6445.

The following businesses are equal opportunity employers and we would like to thank them for their ongoing commitment to employing people with disabilities.

Support them as they support us!

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| Dalmore Cold Stores | Credit Union Australia |
| Berwick Inn Taverner Hotel | Barnacle Bill |
| Hairko Studio | N & K Specialist Garden Services |
| St Francis Xavier College | Top Dek |
| G & K O'Connor Abattoirs | Vet Centre |
| Beaconhills College | Berwick Village Veterinary Clinic |
| Cedarworks | Jims Mowing |
| Casey Removalists | National Metal Recyclers |
| Vicmesh | Kmart Cranbourne |
| Australian Egg Co | Cannibal Creek Vineyard |
| Vawdrey Australia Ltd | Colonial Cabinets |
| Kooweerup Regional Health Service | Stud Rd Medical Centre |
| Gaskin Australia | Gilmore Family Shoes |
| Ramsdale Auto Parts Recovery | TriMotive |
| Waverley Industries | Brady's Carpetcourt |
| Narrekids | Fountain Panel Repairs |
| FRH Group Pty Ltd | H & RM Retzlaff Garden Services |
| ACE Dog grooming and clipping | Outlook Environmental |

Audit 2006– Client Customer Satisfaction Survey

Each year an independent audit is conducted to make sure that Momentum is following policies, procedures and government requirements in regards to the service we provide.

Momentum conducted a survey on 16 jobseekers and the outcome was fantastic. The survey was based on the disability standards and from the jobseekers responses we are delivering an above average service.

The auditors were impressed with the jobseekers that they interviewed in regards to their motivation to seeking employment.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated and anyone that would like to see the completed survey response can contact Simone at the office.



STAFF PROFILE

Michael Upston, Assistant Manager

Michael trained as a youth worker in the 1980's and has spent the last 18 years in the employment placement field. Michael has worked at Momentum for four years after moving with his family from rural Western Australia.

What Michael likes about the job is seeing so many job seekers achieve their employment goals.

Interests: Playing guitar, spending time with family and looking after his hobby farm.



Good News Story Good News Story

This story Momentum is about to share is one of our best success stories in the whole 13 years we have been in operation.

Alan better known as 'Little Al', came to Momentum in 2002 looking for work. He had worked at Heinz for 25 years as a cleaner and general hand. Alan has no reading and writing abilities, but is No.1 for motivation and dedication.

Momentum found a full time job at

St Francis Xavier College in Beaconsfield cleaning and doing general main-



tenance. Initially he required on the job support and travel training. After a couple of days his confidence in completing his tasks and achieving some independence in his life had increased. I know for Alan and all the staff at St. Francis it is a success for all involved. All the staff at Momentum are very proud of his achievements in his job. Well done!! A big thank you goes to St. Francis Xavier College for giving 'Little Al' this opportunity.