



Smart News

Smart City Vocational College

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Smart City News

Welcome to the first edition of Smart News for 2007. We hope that you all had a great Christmas break and continue to have a good year in 2007.

Since the last newsletter, Nadine Sleeman, one of Smart City's former trainees went to the State Finals of the QLD Training Awards. Unfortunately Nadine did not make it any further in the competition, but we would like to congratulate her for making it that far.

Congratulations Nadine!!!

We would also like to take this opportunity to let students know that nominations for The Queensland Training Awards are now open. If you are due to complete by June 2007 you are eligible to nominate. You can download a nomination pack from www.qta.qld.gov.au

There are many incentives for nominating for the award including great prizes and recognition for your hard work.

Other Training Services

At Smart City Vocational College, our scope does not end at providing training for traineeships. We also deliver customised training to corporate and commercial clients.

"If you are an individual, employer or training provider who has excelled in vocational education and training I encourage you to nominate for an award to put you in the running to be recognised as Queensland's best in your category."

Premier Peter Beattie

We will customise a training course targeted to your specific needs at a time and place that is convenient to you. Customised training can often be a more effective alternative to other training options and has the added advantage of meeting issues specific to your organisation.

We offer team building, computer courses, resume and interview techniques and many more. All of our customised courses are designed to your specifications and can be delivered in-house or off-site.

Let us build you a program to achieve YOUR specific outcomes.

Training Record Books

We would like to take this opportunity to remind students that it is your responsibility to ensure that your training record book is kept up-to-date. You should be recording any time spent working on your work books and activities as well as any time doing workplace training that is relevant to any of the units your are completing.

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Staff Profile

Name: Wendy Thomas
Role at Smart City: Business Training Consultant
Starsign: Gemini
Pets: William Spoonbill and Skye (Budgies)
Hobbies: Painting and reading
Likes: Learning new things, positive people, my job!
Dislikes: Laziness

Three things you *cant* live without: Good movies, potato chips, books

Three things you *can* live without: Calories in chocolate, junk food (except potato chips) and uncomfortable shoes

If you were stuck in the middle-of-nowhere, who or what would you want to be stuck there with: The Bush Tucker Man!



Wendy at Relay for Life 2006

Jobs Queensland News

After the Queensland State election in 2006 the face of Jobs Queensland business is set to change over the next twelve months. All of the funding is in transition from Breaking the Unemployment Cycle initiatives to Skilling Queenslanders for Work. The Skilling Queenslanders for Work initiative will assist those Queenslanders who are most disadvantaged in the labour market to achieve rewarding sustainable employment. The initiative responds to the changes in the labour market that have occurred since the Breaking the Unemployment Cycle initiative began some eight years ago when unemployment was high. The new programs will combine many of the successful components of Breaking the Unemployment Cycle and aims to ensure the right mix of training,

vocational skills and associated assistance to be skilled for Queensland's 21st century workforce.

Jobs Queensland looks forward to being part of this new phase and will continue helping individuals get back into the workforce through the new programs on offer. The Queensland State Government provided a grant of over one million dollars to Jobs Queensland in 2006 and this funding has gone onto providing jobs for over 80 long term unemployed persons in the Central Queensland region during 2006-07.

Jobs Queensland constantly delivers a range of State Government funded programs including Community Jobs Plan- Work Placement programs and other programs such as the Pilot Program providing training and employment. The Queenslanders Working Together program is another program providing skill development and work experience for mature age persons and parents. All of these programs are outcome based; with Jobs Queensland's current employment

outcome average sitting on 75%, the participants can feel confident in gaining positive results.

Jobs Queensland- Creating Opportunities.



A CJP participant at Calliope Shire Council



CJP participants at Rockhampton City Council

Jokes

• A doctor and a lawyer were talking at a party. Their conversation was constantly interrupted by people describing their ailments and asking the doctor for free medical advice.

After an hour of this, the exasperated doctor asked the lawyer, "What do you do to stop people from asking you for legal advice when you're out of the office?" "I give it to them," replied the lawyer, "and then I send them a bill." The doctor was shocked, but agreed to give it a try. The next day, still feeling slightly guilty, the doctor prepared the bills. When he went to place them in his mailbox, he found a bill from the lawyer.

• An elderly couple had been experiencing declining memories, so they decided to take a power

memory class where one is taught to remember things by association. A few days after the class, the old man was outside talking with his neighbor about how much the class helped him. "What was the name of the Instructor?" asked the neighbor. "Oh, ummmm, let's see," the old man pondered. "You know that flower, you know, the one that smells really nice but has those prickly thorns, what's that flower's name?" "A rose?" asked the neighbor. "Yes, that's it," replied the old man. He then turned toward his house and shouted, "Hey, Rose, what's the name of the Instructor we took the memory class from?"

Thanks to
<http://www.comedy-zone.net/jokes/feature/month.htm>
for this month's jokes

Did you know?!

- 93% of all greeting cards are purchased by women
- A person uses approximately fifty-seven sheets of toilet paper each day
- The number of births that occur in India each year is higher than the entire population of Australia
- Close to 73% of girls in Bangladesh are married by age 18.
- The Hundred Years War lasted for 116 years.
- Hitler was voted Time Magazine's man of the year in 1938.

Thanks to
<http://www.amusingfacts.com>
for this month's *Did You Know*

Quotes

"Be nice to people on your way up because you meet them on your way down." *Jimmy Durante*

"The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good." *Samuel Johnson*

"To love oneself is the beginning of a lifelong romance" - *Oscar Wilde*

"A friendship founded on business is better than a business founded on friendship." *John D. Rockefeller*

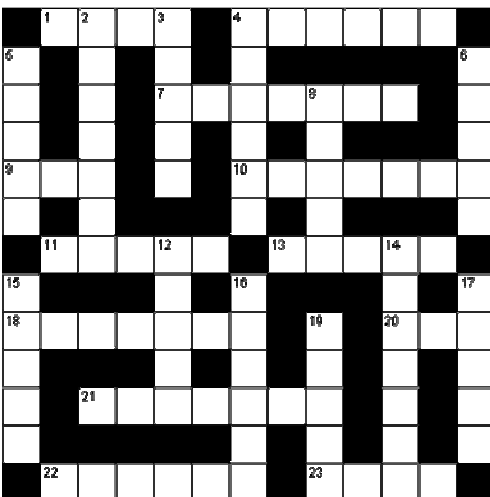
"Maybe this world is another planet's hell." - *Aldous Huxley*

Thanks to
<http://www.cs.virginia.edu/~robins/quotes.html>
for this month's quotes

"The optimist proclaims that we live in the best of all possible worlds, and the pessimist fears this is true."

James Branch Cabell

Crossword



Down

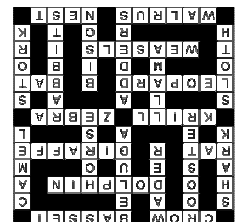
2. Male chicken (7)
3. Water bird (5)
4. Small white whale (6)
5. Carnivorous fish (5)
6. Dromedary (5)
8. Herbivorous quadruped (5)
12. South American cud-chewing animal (5)
14. Burrowing animals (7)
15. Slow moving arboreal mammal (5)
16. Snakes (6)
17. Type of bird in 3 Down (5)
19. Shaggy-maned bovid (5)

Across

1. Corvine bird (4)
4. Breed of hound (6)
7. Intelligent aquatic creature (7)
9. Rodent (3)

10. Tallest living quadruped (7)
11. Food for baleen whales (5)
13. Striped equine (5)
18. Large spotted feline (7)
20. Nocturnal mammal (3)
21. Musteline mammals (7)
22. Tusked marine mammal (6)
23. Bird structure (4)

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