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Special points of interest:

- Jan26- Australia Day
- Feb03- SeaFM's Work in a skirt day
- Feb14- Valentine's Day
- Mar05- Clean Up Australia Day
- Mar17- St Patrick's Day (so wear lots of green!)
- Apr01- April Fool's Day!

## Smart City

Welcome to the second ever edition of Smart News, the first to be available not only to staff, but also to trainees. A significant event coming up during the year for trainees is the Queensland Training Awards. To be eligible you must be a trainee, apprentice or vocational student expecting to complete training between 1st of July 2005 and 30th June 2006.

There are many incentives for nominating for the award including great prizes and recognition for your hard work. Nominations close on March 31st. More information is attached to this edition of Smart News. Also this month we received infor-

mation on the government's *Learning or Earning* scheme. As of January 1st 2006, young people are required to stay at school until the completion of grade 10, or they turn 16. After that they will be required to take part in education and training for another 2 years, or until they receive a Queensland certificate of education (the new senior certificate), or until they have received a certificate III or higher vocational qualification, or until they have turned 17 years old. More information on this can be found at [www.trainandemploy.qld.gov.au/client/training\\_at\\_school/](http://www.trainandemploy.qld.gov.au/client/training_at_school/)

## Jobs Queensland

Jobs Queensland expects to have a busy start to 2006 by gaining State Government funding for five projects. Four of these projects are Community Jobs Plan- Work Placement projects under the 'Breaking the Unemployment Cycle' initiative.

These projects are located at PCYC Biloela, Livingstone Shire Council, Capricorn Advent Retirement Village and Rockhampton City Council.

The other project is a Pilot program designed to up-skill job seekers and prepare students to get them into the workforce.

Jobs Queensland through these programs will assist over 65 long term unemployed persons before the end of June this year.

# Staff Profile

**Name:** Jamie Burke  
**Role at Smart City:** Managing Director  
**Starsign:** Gemini  
**Pets:** My dog Brock who lives with my mum

**Hobbies:** V8 Supercars and socializing  
**Likes:** My SS commodore, the rock band KISS, and Friday afternoons  
**Dislikes:** Monday mornings and FORDs winning Bathurst  
**Three things you cant live without:** My children, my excellent staff and good friends  
**Three things you can live without:** Rap music, slow drivers and telemarketers  
**If you were stuck in the middle-of-nowhere, who or what would you want to be stuck there with:** A mobile phone with coverage so I could ring for help



Jamie Burke proudly wears his skirt to raise money for prostate

## Did you know???

- Pearls melt in vinegar?!
- Until the 1960's, men with long hair were not allowed to enter Disneyland?!
- A shrimp's heart is in its head?!
- Donkeys kill more people per year than planes?!



## Quotes of the

We make a living by what we get,  
 but we make a life by what we give.  
 ~~Norman MacEwan

"You've got to stand for something or you will fall for anything"  
 ~~Unknown

Motivation is what gets you started. Habit is what keeps you going.  
 ~~Unknown

**If you have any jokes, quotes or interesting facts, please send them in for future editions**

## Joke of the Month

Mr. Johnson was overweight, so his doctor put him on a diet. He said; "I want you to eat regularly for two days, then skip a day, and repeat this procedure for two weeks. The next time I see you, you should have lost at least five pounds." When Mr. Johnson returned, he shocked the doctor by having dropped almost twenty pounds.

"Why, that's amazing!" the doctor told him. "You did this just by following my instructions?" The slimmed down Mr. Johnson nodded. "I'll tell you, though, I thought I was going to drop dead that third day." "From hunger, you mean." "No," replied Mr. Johnson, "from skipping.!"



