

Smart News

The Smart City Vocational College Newsletter

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Welcome to the third Edition of Smart News for 2006. It has been a busy few months for Smart City and it looks to continue.

Smart City will be holding a booth at the Rockhampton Careers Expo 2006. This years Career Expo will be held on August 24th at the Rockhampton Show Grounds.

Skilling Solutions Queensland mentioned in the last edition of Smart News, has been very successful over the past few months and we hope to continue with this success in the new financial year.

The Queensland government is introducing a new Queensland Skills Plan which will create a more flexible and innovative education and training system. The new skills plan is put in place to identify and resolve skill shortage areas in key industry areas including traditional trades and para professional occupations. For more information please visit

www.trainandemploy.qld.gov.au

We would like to take this opportunity to remind students they should be continually updating their training record books. You should include times when you study and use work as examples.

Smart City– think Training...Think Smart



JOBS QUEENSLAND NEWS

This month has seen two of our CJP-WP programs come to an end after 17 weeks on the job. Both Livingstone Shire Council and Rockhampton City Council projects finished this month by holding completion ceremonies attended by Paul Hoolihan Member for Keppel and Honourable Robert Schwarten Minister for Public Housing and Minister for Racing.

The two CJP-WP projects produced a high standard of work which has left the participants in the running for upcoming jobs with both councils.



The Pilot Program is moving into its second phase with now 12 people employed in Business and Horticulture. The Horticulture crew of 10 will work with Rockhampton City Council on the Kalka Shades (Birdwood Park) complex upgrading the entrance and club house in preparation for the International Hockey Test Matches in August between Australia and Korea.

The Pilot program business training is all but complete and a couple of the participants have already started their work placements at Anglicare and Fitzroy River Coastal Catchment Group (FRCC) and reports from Anglicare and FRCC are that the two employees are working at levels above expectations. FRCC Manager Michael McCabe said,

“Amanda is willing to tackle anything and has performed basic administrative duties to complex spreadsheets. She has the potential to gain employment in any administrative position she applies for we are very happy with her performance”.

Upcoming programs for Jobs Qld include a new Queenslanders Working Together program for parents and mature age persons and up to eight CJP-WP programs over the next twelve months creating training and employment opportunities for over 100 long term unemployed persons. “Jobs Queensland- Creating Opportunities”.



DATE CLAIMER:

- 24 June-10 July: School Holidays
- 4 August: Jeans for Genes day
- 25 August: Daffodil Day
- 3 September: Father's Day
- 23 September: School Holidays

STAFF PROFILE

Name: Samantha Seibold

Role at Smart City: Administration Manager

Starsign: Capricorn

Pets: Levi and Winnie (dogs)

Hobbies: Water skiing (when there's no crocodiles), watching rugby league and touch football

Likes: Chocolate and shopping

Dislikes: Hoity toity people and 'Big Brother'

Three things you *can't* live without: Chocolate, my husband (Steve) & son (Jack) and my family

Three things you *can* live without: Lazy people, snakes, paying bills

If you were stuck in the middle-of-nowhere, who or what would you want to be stuck there with: Brad Pitt!! (Sorry Steve)



Sam Seibold doing an impression of Terry Irwin wrestling a crocodile

Congratulations Darren Lebeter and Nadine Sleeman for making it to the regional finals for Trainee of the Year

RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay For Life 2006 was held on the weekend of 20-21 May in which Smart City Vocational College entered a team- "The Smarty Pants". It was a great event which raised approximately \$200 000 for the Queensland Cancer Fund in Rockhampton alone.



We all had a great night and are proud winners of the 'Best Letterbox Competition'. We are also proud to say that Grant, our nominee for the 'Womanless Beauty Pageant', made it into the final round, however was unsuccessful in winning a prize.



After seeing all the fantastic campsites on the night, we now have some even bigger and better ideas for our team for 2007.

QUEENSLAND TRAINING AWARDS

Everyone at Smart City Vocational College would like to congratulate two of our trainees who made it to the CQ regional finals for the Queensland Training Awards held in Mackay on June 24th. Nadine Sleeman (Mackay) and Darren Lebeter (Rockhampton) both made it to the regional finals with Nadine taking home CQ Regional Trainee of the Year.



CQ Regional winner of "Trainee of the Year" Nadine Sleeman (left) with Smart City's Ellie

She will soon find out if she will go on further to the state finals. Congratulations Nadine!!!

State finals will be held in Brisbane on September 7th.

We hope that this achievement will entice current students to nominate for the awards in 2007.



Darren Lebeter, from Stramit Building Products, is proud to have



Smart City sent four representatives to the dinner. From left: Gavin Dicoski (Jobs QLD Director), Ellie Roach (training consultant), Chamay Bauer (Jobs QLD), and Jamie Burke (Smart City's Managing Director)

JOKE OF THE MONTH

⇒ An Irishman, a Mexican and a redneck were doing construction work on the scaffolding of a tall building. They were eating lunch and the Irishman said, "Corned beef and cabbage! If I get corned beef and cabbage one more time for lunch, I'm going to jump off this building."

The Mexican opened his lunch box and exclaimed, "Burritos again! If I get burritos one more time, I'm going to jump off too."

The redneck opened his lunch and said, "Bologna again. If I get a bologna sandwich one more time, I'm jumping too."

Next day, all men open their lunch boxes to find the same as the day before and sure enough, they jumped off the building.

At the funeral, the Irishman's wife is weeping. She says, "If I'd known how really tired he was of corned beef and cabbage, I never would have given it to him again!"

The Mexican's wife also weeps and says, "I could have given him tacos or enchiladas! I didn't realise he hated burritos so much."

Everyone turned and stared at the redneck's wife. "Hey, don't look at me," she said. "He makes his own lunch."

⇒ One day George W. Bush and Dick Cheney walk into a diner. A waitress walks up to them and asks if she can take their order. Bush leans close to her and says, "Honey, can I have a quickie?"

The waitress is appalled and yells at the President about women's rights and storms away. Cheney then says to Bush, "George, its pronounced 'quiche'."

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

DID YOU KNOW?!

- ⇒ A baby octopus is about the size of a flea when it is born
- ⇒ One billion seconds is about 32 years
- ⇒ Annually 17 ton of gold is used to make wedding rings in the United States
- ⇒ More than three thousand people work on research in Antarctica each year
- ⇒ A mole can dig a tunnel three hundred feet long in a single night

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

Q lie gets halfway around the world before the truth has a chance to get its pants on

QUOTES OF THE MONTH

⇒ "Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goal." -Henry Ford

⇒ "Opportunities multiply as they are seized." -Sun Tzu

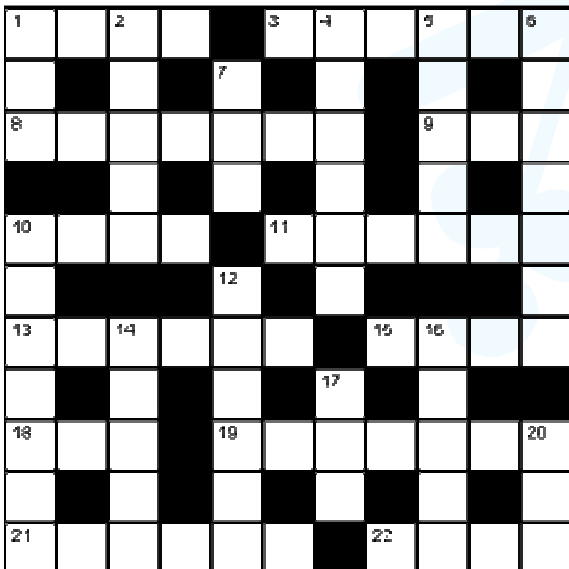
⇒ "There is more stupidity than hydrogen in the universe, and it has a longer shelf life." -Frank Zappa

⇒ "Good people do not need laws to tell them to act responsibly, while bad people will find a way around the laws." -Plato

⇒ "The difference between 'involvement' and 'commitment' is like an eggs-and-ham breakfast: the chicken was 'involved' - the pig was 'committed'." -unknown

⇒ "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." -Thomas Alva Edison

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



Down

1. Fastener (3)
2. Detection instrument(5)
4. Japanese martial art(6)
5. Arm bones (5)
6. Restricted (7)
7. Adult male swan (3)
10. Coaxed (7)
12. Part of the eye (6)
14. Majestic (5)
16. Stringed instrument(5)
17. Consumed (3)
20. Litigate (3)

Across

1. Nil (4)
3. Cask (6)
8. Security device (7)
9. Water barrier (3)
10. Terse (4)
11. Rudderless (6)
13. Technical terminology (6)
15. Zealous (4)
18. Written record of events (3)
19. Countries (7)
21. Currency unit (6)
22. Labyrinth (4)

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