

Apprentice and Trainee Dining in Style with Members of Parliament



A number of KGT apprentices working on the East Kimberley Development Project were recently invited to have dinner with the Public Accounts Committee and

Regional Development and Lands staff. Five apprentices and trainees, along with two KGT staff attended the dinner at All Seasons and had the opportunity to discuss their thoughts with the Committee Members. The Members included Hon John Kobelke MLA, Mr Joe Francis MLA, Mr Chris Tallentire MLA, Mr Tony Krsticevic MLA, Ms Rita Savioti MLA and Mr Matthew Bates A/Principal Research

Officer. This was a good opportunity for the apprentices and trainees to speak directly with Members of Parliament and provide information directly about the challenges they face as apprentices and trainees and the night was enjoyed by all. Thanks to all those who took part and to Peter Stubbs and Brenda McNally from Regional Development and Lands for organising the evening.

Special points of Interest:

- KNX APPRENTICE OF THE MONTH—STEVE RAMSAY
- BROOME APPRENTICE OF THE MONTH—JACKSON MCKAY
- SHANNON ROBERTS—TRAINEE PROFILE
- NEW INCENTIVE FOR MG CORP AND THEIR HOST EMPLOYERS

From the CEO...



"Jawun a winner for KGT"
Jawun is all about people helping each other, corporate and Indigenous leaders

coming together to share their skills and knowledge to create real change. Kimberley Group Training has been receiving support through the Jawun Indigenous Corporate Partnership Program to develop its business over the past two years.

The program has enabled Kimberley Group Training to engage skilled personnel (secondees) to work within the

organisation to improve its business practices. Some of the areas KGT has benefited in have been marketing, succession planning, financial management and sponsorship. As a not for profit organisation, this program has been a real winner for KGT and I would like to personally thank the Jawun Management Team for their support.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

*Chad Hoysted for completing your certificate III in Automotive Electrical Technology
Jan—Marie Thomas for completing your certificate II in Business*

Host Employer: Argyle Diamond Mine

Well Done!!!



Kununurra Apprentice of the Month — Steve Ramsay



Host Employer: Argyle Diamond Mine

Qualification: Certificate III in Electrotechnology Systems Electrician

Steve has excelled in both on and off the job training over the past 3 months. The feedback from TAFE on performance, attitude and attendance is outstanding. Feedback from his department is positive and is a pleasure to work with. Steve uses his initiative to find jobs and takes ownership of them so that he can complete units in his training record book. He is also looked upon as a role model for new apprentices entering into their apprenticeships.

Pre—Employment Program and Traineeships @ Roebuck Plain Stations

After the success of the pre-employment program and traineeships at Roebuck Plains Station, the Indigenous Land Corporation and Kimberley Group Training are excited to announce that we will be running similar programs on Myroodah Station, between Derby and Fitzroy Crossing. This will be a great opportunity for young people of that region to gain great training and qualifications in the pastoral industry. The opening up of Myroodah Station to these new programs also gives previous successful trainees another opportunity to continue with full time work in the industry.



Broome Apprentice of the Month—Jackson McKay

Host Employer: McKays Peninsular Plumbing

Qualification: Certificate III in Plumbing and Gas Fitting

Jackson McKay is into his third year of his apprenticeship as a Plumber with McKays Peninsula Plumbing. Jackson is doing well in his TAFE studies, and finds it complements his on the job training. He says *"At TAFE you learn up-to-date techniques and more effective ways to do things on the job."*

He enjoys the work involved in plumbing, and the standard of his work reflects this. His supervisor and father, Greg, says "His work is always neat and tidy and of a high standard. His skills are beyond what is expected of an apprentice. Jackson is very dedicated, he doesn't mind working overtime, or working on weekends if it is necessary to get the job done."

Jackson likes to keep fit, and eat healthily. He strongly believes that this is an important part of performing well in the workplace. He says "I go for a run each morning. I feel great after a run, and I have more energy for work."

Jackson has clear goals in regard to his future. On completion of his apprenticeship he wants to become a licensed Plumber, then work towards obtaining his restricted electrical license. His long-term goal is to establish his own business as a licensed builder. By all accounts, it seems Jackson is well on the way to a successful career.



Luke McCord—Apprentice Profile

Host Employer: Guerinoni & Son
 Qualification: Automotive (Mechanical - Heavy Vehicle Mobile Equipment, Plant/earth Moving/agriculture) Certificate III



Luke McCord started an apprenticeship in Heavy Diesel Mechanics with KGT on the 28th March, 2011 and is hosted out to Guerinoni & Son where he is doing his on the job training. His host employer is very pleased with Luke's progression and dedication to the job. Luke comes from Broome where he worked as a station hand for many years before deciding to embark on an apprenticeship in Kununurra. Luke was chosen from many applicants for this position because he showed determination working towards his career goal. KGT wishes Luke well with all his future plans and we would like to thank Guerinoni for their support.

ODD SPOT

1.5 billion kilograms of chocolate are consumed worldwide each year.

Position Vacant in Derby

Several vacancies are available in Derby for Certificate II in Construction.

These positions are fulltime 12 month traineeships which upon completion, participants will have the opportunity to progress to apprenticeship in the Electrical Plumbing and Building fields. These positions are indigenous only positions funded through the BMW project .



Wunan House for Apprentices and Trainees



The key to success is a good home environment and that is what Wunan House offers .

For 7 years Derek Smith has managed this busy apprentices and trainees lodge ,not only does Derek maintain the lodge in a spotless condition, but provides the trainees and apprentices with a good solid friendly environment for the young men and women to come home to.

Wunan house is a crucial link to the success of the Kimberley Group Training apprentices and trainees .It offers a good bed and 3 meals a day for the very reasonable price of \$180.00 per week .

Thank you for your hard work Derek.



New Incentive for MG Apprentices and their Host Employer



As an incentive for MG people to commence a skilled career through an apprenticeship, the MG Aboriginal Development Package is now offering an additional \$7 per hour above the award rate to MG people who are undertaking an apprenticeship. KGT will manage and pay this top up, including overheads - so there will be no additional charges to host employers who would like to take up this initiative of MG Corporation. If you would like to find out further information regarding this incentive, please contact your Field Officer or KGT on 9168 3808.

KGT would like to thank MG Corporation for this fantastic initiative which is helping people to overcome one of the major barriers facing people considering taking on an apprenticeship.

The fastest computer on the planet is currently the Tianhe-1A super-computer in China and it can perform over 2,500,000,000,000 operations every second.

SO MUCH MORE . . .

Shannon Roberts – Trainee Profile

Shannon Roberts commenced her traineeship in May at The Bungle Bungles, in Purnululu National Park. Her host employer, Kimberley Wilderness Adventures have indicated that Shannon is excelling in her role. Shannon enjoys all aspects of the position including housekeeping, waitressing, co-guiding and cheffing. Shannon loves taking guests on tours and sharing her knowledge about the history of the Bungle Bungles and Aboriginal culture. Shannon has met people from all over Australia and the world. Shannon really enjoys the people she works with who are so friendly and a great bunch.



3 Rangers Program

I would like to talk about the Ranger programs that are currently being run in the 3 regions I have visited: I have travelled to Beagle Bay (Nyul Nyul), One Arm Point (Bardi Jawi) and Bidyadanga (Karrajarri). Rangers in these locations are working on the following projects:

- Bardi Jawi has 6 Rangers in Cert IV Projects currently doing back burning Island surveys
- Nyul Nyul Projects are currently doing Crocodile surveys Land clearing
- Karrajarri Projects are currently doing Sign making for community



Ronald Dodd—Field Officer

To Become Healthy You Must First Consent To Health



There are no great secrets to human health and wellbeing. All that is required of us is that we eat a balanced diet, get some regular exercise and stop putting toxins in our bodies. Of all the species on the planet human beings are the only ones capable of creating and then trying to live off food sources that have little or no nutritional value. With all of the processed and manufactured foods we eat, it is no wonder that humans are suffering from a multitude of health problems. We are simply not designed to eat them. We don't feel well because we do not eat well and we put substances into our bodies that are toxic. The main offenders here of course are nicotine, alcohol and caffeine but they are by no means the only ones.

There is no need to lecture on the benefits of a good diet. God knows that there has been enough advertising in the last three decades to educate even the most determined couch potato as to what constitutes a healthy diet and a healthy life style. What is required is that people make the decision that they want to be healthy, that they want to be fit and vital. A simple thing yet so incredibly hard for many to put into practice.

It is not enough to know what the right thing to do by your body is. People need to give their consent to a healthy life. Essentially they need to make decisions and choices that facilitate their health and wellbeing. Too many people gamble with their health and unfortunately there are those that just don't care about what they put in their bodies, because they just don't care enough about themselves. To become healthy you must first consent to it. You need to consider that you are worthy of fitness and vitality and commit yourself to one of the most fundamental rules of life. Eat healthy and live.

Your body will not die without caffeine or nicotine or alcohol. You will lose nothing by giving these substances away and you will gain much. Withdrawal symptoms do not last forever and within a week you will begin to feel better. A few days of discomfort for a lifetime of feeling well is not a bad deal really and the world really does seem a better place when you feel good.

Ultimately health is the choice of the individual. Accept the insanity of putting toxic substances in your body and eating non-nutritious foods. You have only one body and the better you look after it, the better it will look after you.

KGT Cook off of the month

Congratulations to Kristen Dodd on winning this month's cook off

Well Done



Late last year, a couple of local pumpkins donated to KGT Kununurra staff from Ronnie Atkins resulted in a 'pumpkin cook-off'. This sparked a monthly veggie of the month cook-off that staff have been getting involved in ever since. A trophy has been made up that the winning staff member gets to keep at their desk for a month. June's veggie cook-off was green beans.

