

## SO MUCH MORE . . .

# New Faces of KGT



We'd like to welcome Sally Jones who started with KGT on 1/2/10, joining our admin staff in Broome as Administration Officer. For the past 5 years she's been travelling around Australia and found Broome and the Kimberley 3.5 years ago, falling in love with it. She couldn't go past the weather and the fishing so she decided to buy a house and settle down. She has two daughters who are 25 and 23 years old, the eldest lives here in Broome with her and the youngest is in Melbourne. She also loves dogs, horses, going to the gym and don't forget the fishing! She likes working with KGT seeing the young people get a good start in life and is also finding great job satisfaction. Her ambition is to be a Grandma!

## New Broome Trainee

Name: Emma Gugerl  
Traineeship: Certificate 3 in Business  
Host Employer: Kimberley TAFE – Broome

Emma started her Certificate 3 Traineeship in Business at the Broome TAFE in January. Emma's very excited to take her first step in her chosen career path and is very eager to learn the ins and outs of what it takes to be a professional and successful employee. Johani who is Emma's field officer says "Emma seems to be a very positive and confident person and as long as she keeps that attitude up I think she'll do very well".



## Congratulations Jane!

Name: Jane Gillmore  
Traineeship: Certificate 2 in Horticulture  
Host Employer: Kimberley TAFE – Broome  
At the beginning of February Jane successfully completed her Certificate 2 in Horticulture Traineeship.

Due to Jane's previous experience, hard work and having met the requirements of her traineeship, Broome TAFE has agreed to an early completion. Broome TAFE has now taken Jane on as a Certificate level III in horticulture and look forward to testing her green thumb abilities. Jane is excited about starting the level 3 traineeship and looks forwards to the upcoming challenges.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to our successful completions for February 2010:

Jane Gillmore Certificate III Horticulture  
Host employer-Kimberley College of Tafe, Broome

Ben Donnelly Certificate III Electrotechnology Systems Electrician  
Host employer-Greenco



## Kununurra yr 11 School Based Trainees

2010 sees the new cohort of year 11 Kununurra students enter the workforce as part time, school based Apprentices.

The program has been co-ordinated by the KDHS teacher, Kris Thomas for the last 5 years, whilst the work component is organised and managed by Lina Bleazby of Kimberley Group Training for the duration of the 2 year Apprenticeship.

The students first day at work was on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February. There was plenty of enthusiasm evident as the new apprentices headed to work for their first day on the job. The apprentices are working towards their future goals in a variety of areas, including; Business, Automotive, Construction and Hospitality and are determined to manage all the responsibilities and commitments the average week throws at them, like school, TAFE and work.



From back left: Kris Thomas, Rick Stanley, John Berry, Mitchell Boot, Alex Morgan, Andrew Hodder, Steele Nugent, Zac Pregelj, Terrence Bin Busu, Tracey Spurling, Kieran Gore, William Millar, Hannah Cooper, Paige McLachlan

KGT would like to acknowledge and thank all the Host Employers who are participating in the program. It is your support that provides the students with the valuable practical training they require so they can achieve a successful outcome and later be able to make a positive impact on the local community and industry.

## From the CEO... KGT Labour Hire



Due to the number of enquiries received from customers, Kimberley Group Training will be providing short term labour hire arrangements to its present customers commencing in March 2010.

All casual employees, employed under this arrangement will be required to undertake KGT's full Safety Induction before commencing work, workplaces will be inspected and medicals undertaken if required.

To use this service, please contact your Field Officer or Branch Managers.

The time has never been better to take on an apprenticeship/traineeship with Kimberley Group Training with over 150 positions to be filled across the Kimberley, across all trade and business areas. If you are inter-

ested in taking on an apprenticeship/traineeship or would like to employ an apprentice/trainee please contact your nearest branch office in Broome or Kununurra or go to the KGT web-site [www.kgt.org.au](http://www.kgt.org.au)

I wish all apprentices and trainees, especially those just commencing the very best of luck for 2010 and remind you that your well-being is your first priority. STAY SAFE!

John Gummy

### Special points of interest:

- KUNUNURRA & BROOME APPRENTICES OF THE MONTH
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- FEBRUARY COMPLETIONS

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**Broome New Apprentice  
Nick Monk**



Nick is 17 yrs old who completed year 12 last year. He initially applied for an Electrical Apprenticeship that was being offered through Kimberley Group Training last year with the Water Corporation, but then stumbled upon another Electrical Apprenticeship being offered through us by Alternative Power Solutions. He's just started that apprenticeship and is looking forward to taking on the challenges it will have in store for him. Nick's excited to be a part of Kimberley Group Training and he's very eager to learn what it takes to become a qualified electrician.

*All life is an experiment.  
The more experiments you make the better.*

Ralph Waldo Emerson

**Kununurra apprentice of the month  
Kade Keddie**

Kade's Field Officer, Chad Sloan, nominated him as 'apprentice of the month' as he is a reliable worker and is well organised in both his on and off the job training. Kade also displays a positive attitude that rubs off on his workmates. Kade has consistently overcome barriers throughout his apprenticeship. He is focused on completing his apprenticeship and understands that hard work will deliver rewards to him and his family.



**Broome apprentice of the month  
Abdol Bin Saaban**



Abdol Bin Saaban is getting the Job done. Juggling both school and work, Abdol enjoys the challenge of working in a busy garage. Broome Auto Excellence manager Nick Hoar is pleased with Abdol's progression as a trainee stating that he has been able to adapt to the fast paced environment of the garage. Well done Abdol.

**Savannah Nickel Mine Apprentices**

KGT has signed on three new apprentices for the Savannah Nickel Mine:

- Stewart Morris—Heavy Vehicle Mechanic (traineeship)
  - David Mulheron—Electrical (apprenticeship)
  - Byron Moore—Light Vehicle Mechanic (apprenticeship)
- Stewart is a local lad from Wuggabun Community. David Mulheron comes from Broome and Byron Moore from Derby.



**ODD SPOT**

The human eye sees everything upside down, but the brain turns everything the right side up.



**4WD Training Course**

As Field Officers travel on and off road a lot throughout the Kimberley, as part of our professional development we've been asked to conduct a Four Wheel Driving Training Course. This is to ensure our safety by learning the skills needed to get ourselves out of sticky situations while travelling. The course is administered by Broome TAFE which runs for 2 days. The first day is at TAFE learning the ins and outs of different situations and the second day is practical and out bush. I think the first day was interesting but the second day was the best, tons of fun. Part of it was that we had to bog our vehicles on a sandy beach so that we could demonstrate and learn how to get out of this type of situation. I found that the KGT's Navarra was very hard to get bogged so I deliberately left it in 2 wheel drive and dug it in really deep. This was very easy to get out of, I found that staying calm and thinking of the best way out was more effective than going crazy on the accelerator and making the situation worse. Overall I learnt a lot and had heaps of fun doing this course. I recommend this course to everyone that travels off road.



**ODD WORD**

*Piscatology—the science of fishing.*



**Building the Valley**

There are big things afoot in the Fitzroy Valley with a major project being signalled for the refurbishment and construction of homes through the region. While the project is still in its infancy the project looks like it will begin to take form in the near future. Kimberley Group Training will be handling all traineeships and

apprenticeships throughout this project so our field officers will be on the lookout for highly motivated members of the Fitzroy Valley community. Managing this project is Broome based Joshua John, "I'm really looking forward to the challenge that this project will entail." All expressions of interest

can be forwarded to Kimberley Group Training in Broome or they can contact Joshua directly on 9192 8877 or 0439 935 874.



**DIARY DATES!**



**MARCH  
PUBLIC HOLIDAY:**

1st  
Labour Day

**ILC Recruiting**

Kimberley Group Training and the Indigenous Land Corporation have been working together promoting employment opportunities through traineeships for more than 2 years. ILC combined with KGT to offer young Indigenous people opportunities to work on ILC owned station in the Kimberley. Roebuck Plains Station near Broome, Myroodah station near Derby and Home Valley out of Kununurra. Roebuck & Myroodah are working cattle stations; Home Valley is more to do with tourism.

Roebuck and Myroodah are in the process of recruiting through KGT a new crop of trainees for this year. What is great about this is that the success of the program has been building and gaining momentum, and at the end of January *The Weekend Australian Magazine* ran an article on the program. The Article highlighted the positive effects that a program of this nature has on young Indigenous people in the region and the difference it has made to those young people who took up the challenge to undertake a traineeship.

