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TASTE E-NEWS

TASTE Workshops

BIZLINK has been running TASTE workshops across all of our sites since the inaugural Melville TASTE in March 2019. The 2-3 day workshops have consisted of 9 modules that have been designed to prepare individuals with a disability for employment.

Ongoing participant feedback from our workshops has helped us to modify the modules to meet individual requirements. An important aspect of TASTE is that it is 'co-designed'. This has allowed BIZLINK to engage with several schools and other service providers to help participants be more confident to find a job.

Participation in TASTE is leading to some amazing outcomes. Participants have achieved successful job placements, work experience and voluntary opportunities. If you have a good news story from your participation or would like to share some feedback, please don't hesitate to contact us:

Call 1300 780 789 or email taste@bizlink.asn.au to share your story, find out more or to book a place at our next workshop.



Pictured 1 Tracey & Telka with Joondalup TASTE participants



Pictured 2 Steph with Rockingham TASTE participants

TASTE Employment Success

Alby participated in the May 2019 Melville TASTE series and was successful in gaining employment as a school bus driver in June 2019.

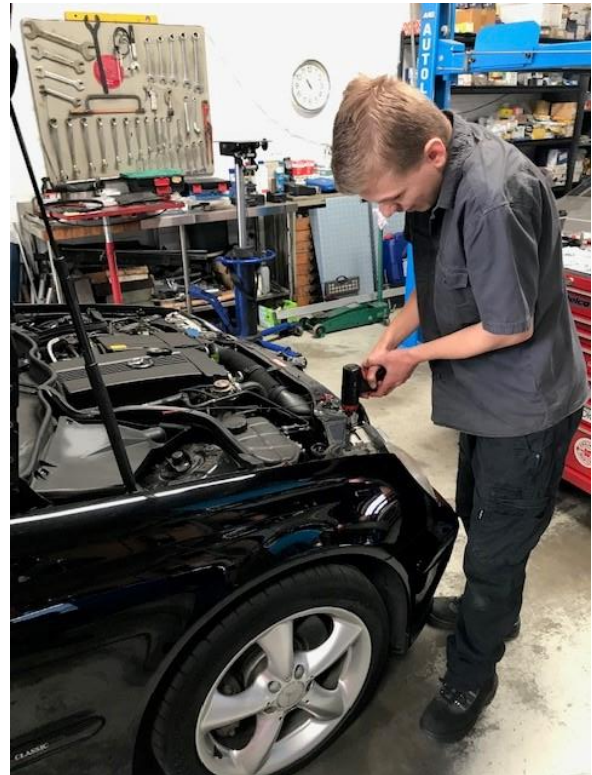
Alby was recently acknowledged by BIZLINK Support Coordinator, Andy Perks. Alby received a Career Achievement Award, which recognised his humility and customer care.

Alby works as a school bus driver and was punched square in the face by a student. Alby's reaction was not only to laugh it off but to care for the pupil's well-being. The student has since given Alby a handmade card to apologize. Alby stated, "It's the best thing anyone has done for him".

Alby planned a fun day for his students, turning his school bus into a Pirate Ship. A number of students had been distressed and emotional with the punching incident so Alby thought this would be a good way to bring them all together.



Pictured 3 Andy awarding Alby for Career Achievement



Pictured 4 Peter at Prestige Autologic

Peter is really enjoying his job at Prestige AutoLogic. After completing the Rockingham TASTE workshop in May 2019 through his school, Peter has been successful in turning his work experience into his dream job with assistance from his BIZLINK Job Search Coordinator, Tony.

As it is his first job, Peter is learning a lot. Peter has told us that his employer, is a good patient teacher who is instructing at a rate that he feels comfortable. "He allows me to work at my natural pace and complete tasks to satisfaction. It's about the quality of work."

Peter's goal is to complete a mechanical apprenticeship, and he is well on his way. Peter feels that the job is well suited to his abilities and it will help him to improve his knowledge of car mechanics and better advance him towards his employment goal.

Upcoming TASTE Workshops

Date/Time	Location	Contact details / registration
Midland October/ November Workshop Series: 22 & 24 Oct, 29 & 31 Oct, 5 & 7 Nov and 12 Nov 2019	BIZLINK Midland Office 53 The Crescent Midland	Registrations have closed. Enquires: Liz Zidich – 6454 1859, liz@bizlink.asn.au
Rockingham December Workshop Series: 3-4 December 2019 Tuesday 9am to 1pm Wednesday 9am to 1pm	BIZLINK Rockingham Office 1/1 Benjamin Way Rockingham	To book your place contact: Layna - 6230 2236 layna@bizlink.asn.au
Melville February Workshop Series: 12-14 February 2020 Wednesday 9am to 12pm Thursday 9am to 12pm Friday 9am to 1pm	BIZLINK Melville Office Suite 7, Level 1 275 Marmion Street Melville	To book your place contact: Les Faulds - 9433 2653 les@bizlink.asn.au
Joondalup February Workshop Series: 18-20 February 2020 Tuesday 9.30am to 12.30pm Wednesday 9.30am to 12.30pm Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm	Joondalup Commercial Centre 87 McLarty Avenue Joondalup	To book your place contact: Tracey Tumata - 1300 780 789 traceyt@bizlink.asn.au
Midland March Workshop Series 10, 17 & 24 March 2020 Tuesday 9.30am to 12.30pm Tuesday 9.30am to 12.30pm Tuesday 9.30 to 12.30	BIZLINK Midland Office 53 The Crescent Midland	To book your place contact: Liz Zidich – 6454 1859, liz@bizlink.asn.au
Joondalup June Workshop Series: 16-18 June 2020 Tuesday 9.30am to 12.30pm Wednesday 9.30am to 12.30pm Thursday 9.30am to 12.30pm	Joondalup Commercial Centre 87 McLarty Avenue Joondalup	To book your place contact: Tracey Tumata - 1300 780 789 traceyt@bizlink.asn.au

BIZLINK and other services workshops are advertised here:

www.disability.wa.gov.au/wa-ndis/wa-ndis/information-linkages-and-capacity-building/ilc-calendar/



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Pictured 5 Liz with Midland TASTE participants



Pictured 6 Veena & Les with Melville TASTE participants



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