

Knoxbrooke Talk

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Knoxbrooke Nursery

*Bruce Durant
Manager*



This month one of our valued workers, Wilma V, has compiled a piece for the newsletter.

I work at the nursery in The Patch and enjoy it very much.

We get orders from Queensland and N.S.W. and other states too, for camellias and other plants.

My friends and I make a good team of workers and our staff, Helen, Jennifer and Bruce, are kind and thoughtful towards us all.

I travel to work independently on two buses and come back to Ferntree Gully by bus and train.

I have also travelled by myself to Knox City shopping centre, Eastland shopping centre at Ringwood, Box Hill shopping centre and sometimes Brandon Park shopping centre.

In August I hope to go on a cruise to the South Pacific Islands on the P & O Son.

From Wilma V.

Knoxbrooke Industries

*Lynda Hopkinson
Manager*



I also have pleasure in being able to present this month's contribution by one of our wonderful workers.

My name is Ben and I work at Knoxbrooke Industries.

I help with the car inserts where we use a glue gun and then cover the glue with paper. We then stack these and wrap them.

I love working with my friends and my supervisor Glenn. We are always busy!

Horticulture Group

*Peter Berthelsen
Manager*



*Karen Dettmann
Client Services*

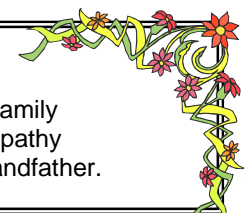
Winter at last is upon us with the rain starting to fall, giving the plants a boost along. Coats, gum boots and warm clothes at the nursery for all the employees.

Over the past few months the wholesale nursery has been undergoing a grounds improvement program. We have been very active moving plants around so the ground can be graded and weeds eradicated. Areas have been drained to stop the water sitting around – it will be much easier to work and better growing condition for the plants.

The nursery businesses have received funding from the Federal Department of Family and Community Services to complete business plans for its commercial operations. Many employees have been involved in the process which

Condolences

To Nikki (Accounts/Payroll) and her family we wish to express our deepest sympathy at the recent passing of your beloved grandfather.



will be completed in the next few weeks. This will produce a plan for the development of the nursery and growth of sales and employment, leading to more opportunities for all with increased production, training and employment.

This week our employees are having a holiday, they will be back refreshed and ready to have our stock prepared for the spring sales.

Currently we have CRS assessment staff conducting worker productivity assessments for new employees, and those who missed the assessments last year.

Carol is currently on the sick list. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to her return to work. We need your secret Carol, on how to break the potting machine as it won't stop working. The potting team send their best wishes to you.

We welcome Paul and Fabio who are currently on work trial and enjoying the work.

Congratulations to Bree who did very well in her swimming and bowling events recently

This week the RTO had a very nice barbeque lunch with the Heatherwood students who come here to do Certificate 1 in Horticulture every Wednesday.

Congratulations to Glen Chadband on his appointment as Site Manager at Yarra View Nursery.

Residentials

Kerryn Ballantyne
Supervisor



Hi everyone.....

Hope you are all okay and the winter bugs have not taken-hold!

Well...it's all holidays, holidays, at the residentials... with both staff and

residents, busy making plans. Lesley is off to Darwin and Ethel has family coming from overseas for a family reunion...lucky things! I should not complain as I am just back from Queensland, and had a WONDERFUL time swimming with the dolphins!!! Yes, I have photos. We hope everyone has a good break, and return rested and revitalised!

Johanna and Adrienne are off to Central Australia in July....and of course Steven, Linda and now Michael, will be off to America in September....It has been a long process getting a passport for Michael, and I cannot stress how important, it is to have up to-date documentation/certificates, particularly, when parents are deceased, as family details, and history, are not always passed on to siblings.

Many residents, enjoyed the long-weekend away, with family and friends. All had lots of stories to tell enjoying the chance to get away and have that 1-1 contact with loved ones.

James was so happy to be returning to The Patch, (2 days per week) after his 'long break', as he has been really missing Bruce, Helen and all the crew. He will also commence the ATSS 2 days per week, after the holidays.

Residents are making full use of the donated computer and printer at The Haven. Friday nights are a big hit, with computer card games to play and Pam types up her weekly diary entry. Many thanks to Adrienne Bliss's family, who kindly made the donation.

The Haven, is also, looking great after the "big-clean up", with all the rear bricks being removed, and with mulch on the front entrance garden, the place is looking good...many thanks to all involved...it was much appreciated!

Well that is all for now...stay well and warm cheers....Kerryn

ATSS

(Adult Training & Support Service)

Belinda King
Manager

Jenny Quelch



Term Break

Clients and staff of the ATSS will be on holidays from Monday June 27th to Friday July 1st inclusive.

Happy holidays everyone and hope you enjoy the sleep-ins!

Congratulations!

Nick (instructor) and his wife Jenny are the very proud parents of little Jessica Kiah, their first child.

Congratulations and a very warm welcome to Jessica!



Portrait of a very proud father

Literacy Program

Our clients participating in the literacy program keep up to date with current affairs through being encouraged to read the daily papers.

Below is an article compiled by Kelly McG

1st June, 2005

My view on Schapelle Corby verdict

*I think Schapelle is innocent.
I think 20 years is a bit harsh.
My heart goes out to her family and I feel so sorry for her.
I wish Schapelle and her family all the love in the world.*

New Clients

A very warm welcome to our new ATSS clients.

Frances, Vincent (brother and sister) and Simon are settling in well and making many new friends.

Certificate IV Disability

A number of our casual assistants have taken on the task of obtaining their Certificate IV Disability. We want to encourage Rob, Chris M, Val, Kerry and Libby with their studies and let them know that we appreciate their commitment to widening their knowledge, as this can only be of benefit to our clients.

Reminder

With cold weather finally upon us, please remember to rug clients up against the cold, for as long as the weather is fine they will still be participating in outdoor activities.

'Thought for the Month'

Patience serves as a protection against wrongs as clothes do against cold.

For if you put on more clothes as the cold increases, it will have no power to hurt you.

So in like manner you must grow in patience when you meet with great wrongs, and they will then be powerless to vex your mind.

Leonardo da Vinci

Time Out

Little Johnny watched, fascinated, as his mother gently rubbed cold cream on her face.



"Why are you rubbing cream on your face, Mommy?" he asked.

"To make myself beautiful," said his mother.

A few minutes later, she began removing the cream with a tissue.

"What's the matter?" asked Little Johnny. "Giving up?"

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