



# Newsletter March 2010

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## From the Manager

Well 2009 has well and truly gone and we are now into the full swing for 2010. On top of this we have just commenced into the new Disability Employment Services contract which is Australia wide under the Federal Government.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the CHOOSE team for their hard work over the past months. We are a relatively new team, but let me assure you we are a very enthusiastic and very focuses on getting **you**, our customer a job.

Congratulations to each and everyone of those people that have commenced employment.

Congratulations also to those people that have successfully attended our Community Impact Sessions and product workshops.

I look forward to meeting with you throughout 2010 and wish you every success in securing and remaining employed.

Regards  
Paul

**Mental  
Health  
Advocacy**

**1800 005 131**

**If you are worried  
about talking to  
Centrelink, please let  
us know as we can help  
you.**

**Disabilities  
Services  
Abuse & Neglect  
HotLine  
1800 880 052**

## Joke

An airline captain was breaking in a new stewardess (with hair colour of your choice). The route they were flying had a layover in another city. Upon their arrival, the captain showed the stewardess the best place for airline personnel to eat, shop and stay overnight. The next morning, as the pilot was preparing the crew for the days route, he noticed the new stewardess was missing. He knew which room she was in at the hotel and called her up wondering what had happened. She answered the phone crying and said she could not get out of the room. The captain asked why? The stewardess replied "There are only three doors in here she sobbed, one is the bathroom, one is the closet and the other has a sign that says "Do not disturb".

## O Group

CHOOSE Employment is part of the O Group.

O Group is all about getting jobs. It is born out of the philosophy: from business flows employment and from employment flows opportunity.

O Group is the partnership that brings together Business & Employment, Findstaff.biz, Developing Potential Australia, Business Mentor Services Tasmania, NGT Tasmania and CHOOSE Employment. So if you are talking to a potential employer we may be able to assist them in many ways to ensure they have the correct advice and that you have the best opportunities to secure “that” job.

O Group First formed in 2007. O Group’s origins date back to 1990 when Business Enterprise Centre Mersey Inc. (BEC) first opened it’s doors in Devonport, Tasmania. Today the group comprises the above businesses in over ten offices across Tasmania and covers Apprenticeship services, Employment services, Business advice and Training.

**Working together we achieve more**

## Client Focus Group

CHOOSE Employment will soon be holding a Client Focus Group. This is a meeting of our jobseekers, to get feedback on how we run our service. We will be having a jobseeker running the group, so please free to talk about anything openly.

If you would like to attend a Client Focus Group, please let your Consultant know.

## Where we are

Since March 2010, CHOOSE Employment’s Disability Employment Service is operating from Launceston, Beaconsfield, George Town, St Helens, Scottsdale and Deloraine.

CHOOSE Employment also has Disability Employment Services available in the Hobart region and has visiting services to other towns.

## Big Bickies and Choose Cafe

Choose Café is the perfect spot for a quick snack or a light lunch, a business meeting or catching up with friends. Choose Café is located at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery at Inveresk.

Big Bickies has basket, wholesale and fundraising options available. Please call 6334 6819 to discuss.

**We strive to improve the lives of individuals with support needs within the community by providing appropriate employment and training opportunities.**

## Congratulations

Congratulations to the following people for starting employment or commencing study

Andrew Mc	Big Bickies
Kate M	Big Bickies
Michael C	Big Bickies
Jennifer D	Big Bickies
Corey M	Big Bickies
Kate M	Big Bickies
Janice T	Big Bickies
Carolyn W	Big Bickies
Caroline B	Big Bickies
Rob A	Vineyard work
Scott A	Jimmy Skate and Street
Jeffrey G	Launceston General Hospital
Robert G	Lawn and Garden Services
Carol B	Business & Employment
Craig W	Taking part in study
Roxy B	Taking part in study
Martin T	Taking part in study
Vanessa C	Taking part in study
James S	Taking part in study

Congratulations to those businesses for employing and supporting CHOOSE Employment jobseekers

**We look forward to your continued support**

### The CHOOSE Employment Consultants that can help you are...

Dallis  
Elizabeth  
Heath  
Kirsty  
Jason  
Jenny  
Sean  
Steve  
Ward



### Social Enterprises

CHOOSE Employment also runs two social enterprise businesses, Big Bickies and Choose Café.

We welcome our Social Enterprise Coordinator Sandra to the team, who assists these businesses to employ and train people with support needs.

### Please let us know!

- If any of your personal circumstances have changed
- If your address or phone number has changed
- If you have started work, changed where you work or the hours that you do.

*Dream*

*Focus*

*Commit*

*Succeed*

## QUOTES

All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence

- Martin Luther King Jr

In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure.

- Bill Cosby

Nobody grows old merely by living a number of years. We grow old by deserting our ideals. Years may wrinkle the skin, but to give up enthusiasm wrinkles the soul.

- Samuel Ullman

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## Employee of the month

### Jordan Harris

Jordan joined CHOOSE Employment in 2008. Since that time Jordan has undertaken employment in Choose Cafe learning front of house duties and responsibilities.

In March this year Jordan moved to Big Bickies to now focus on the back of house duties

required to plan, bake, present and deliver quality biscuits and slices to the greater community of Launceston and outreach centres.

Key skills in front and back of house will enable Jordan to have a complete package in all facets of a busy kitchen.

Jordan admits that he has a liking for the biscuits and enjoys making them with his fellow colleagues.

