

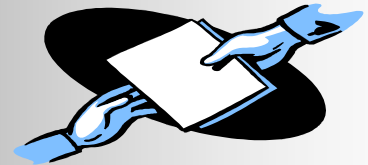
**Pioneer
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Transitional Employment- Members' Testimonials



I was fortunate to get the TEP at Manly Library. The TEP is 20 hours per week and I work Monday – Friday from 9am – 1pm. I began the TEP in late January and I will finish in late November, 2011.

I am learning the Dewey Decimal System and my role is to put the returned books back on the shelves on Level 1 of the Library. It took me a couple of days to learn the Dewey Decimal System and now I am confident at putting the books back on the shelf in the correct spot.

I have also been given an extra task of covering books, upstairs on level 2. I cover books on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 11am – 1 pm. I enjoy this role and it gives me variety in this TEP.

As I have got to know the other staff, they are all friendly and helpful and I enjoy working with them. Some of the other staff make funny jokes.

This TEP has helped a lot with my panic and anxiety and now after 4 months I do not have such strong anxiety. I now feel this TEP helps me overcome my anxieties and I intend to get another job after this TEP finishes.

Stephanie H

I started my TEP at Balgowlah RSL, doing Function Preparation, on June 5th 2011. My job is to polish the cutlery, fold the napkins and fill up all the pepper & salt shakers in the bistro on Monday afternoons and on Thursdays also fill up all the pepper & salt grinders in the cafe.

One thing I like about the TEP is the money I earn because I am saving for a holiday when I'm finished. I might go overseas for a while. I also like clothes shopping or going to see a movie or two.

I am very thankful to the Balgowlah RSL for employing me. I will show them by working hard and asking them what else can I do when I'm done.

Tammy B



I started the TEP at the Bowling Club at North Manly on the 4th of July. I have been there for nearly 2 months. I have become more confident in the tasks that I do. The people I work with are very approachable and have a good understanding of Pioneer Clubhouse, which makes it easier to do the job.



My duties include cleaning the bar, kitchen and around the grounds. Through the TEP I have fortunately secured a permanent job at the Bowling Club which has been an added bonus to the TEP.

Richard H

**Next
E&E Dinners:**

September:

This month Barbara Burnhiem, who is an inspiring motivational speaker will be the guest speaker at the E & E dinner. Barbara is really looking forward to hearing all the incredible education and employment stories.

October:

October is mental health month so a special E & E dinner is going to be held. The E & E unit is going to invite local employers for dinner so members can chat about their education and employment experiences

Independent Employment– Members ‘ Testimonials



I started coming to Pioneer Clubhouse since about October 2010 through the help of my neighbour and Pioneer Clubhouse member Ian F.

I met with some of the staff and started to meet new people and with the help of Jak, Jason, Gila and Chiaki I learnt new skills and developed routine and new confidence in my life and especially in starting a new job.

While coming to Clubhouse I switched job providers and joined Ostara Employment services, this was the best thing for me and they gave me the opportunity to work at Artarmon Fruit Market. I have been working there since about March 2011 and I really enjoy it. It helps my confidence and I feel important doing the tasks there.

My work hours are Monday to Friday from 5pm till 8pm, I pack different fruits and put them in trolleys to go into the freezer for the next day, I empty the garbage and sort the cardboard boxes, and then from 7pm I pack everything away and sweep and mop the store at the end of the day.

My bosses Dominic and Angela are very friendly and understanding and make me feel comfortable working with them and I've made a few friends with some other people that work at the fruit store.

I feel happy and I am grateful to Pioneer Clubhouse for their support and helping me with achieving my goals

I have now also started study part time at Brookvale TAFE, I am studying Business Administration Certificate II and it is going well.

Peter M

Hi my name is Greg, and I'm a member of Pioneer Clubhouse. I have had mental health issues off and on since I was nineteen. I made the decision a long time ago that I would not let it get to me.

Despite a number of hospitalizations normally I am able to function quite well. I have a love of aviation and these days I am the liaison coordinator of the Australian Society of World War One Aero Historians, a position I find very satisfying.

I was educated at St Augustine's College Brookvale and afterwards at Kunngi-gri College of advanced education (now VTS Lindfield Campus) After a 20 year career in small business as Assistant Manager in a successful company last year I completed an RSA & RGL to regain employment in the club industry.

Attending Pioneer Clubhouse gave me the confidence to apply for a position at the Forest

Club which I have now held for over six months.

During my time at Pioneer Clubhouse I have established good friendships amongst the members and staff. The atmosphere is friendly and encouraging as it endeavours to "Bring out the Best" its members.

I decided to join the Management Committee of Pioneer Clubhouse this year as I firmly believe with my management background I can bring some positive ideas to the committee especially in terms of representing member's aspirations and goals.

I look forward to a long and happy association with Pioneer Clubhouse and wish all members and staff well.

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