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We hope you enjoy this edition of the David Wirrpanda News and look forward to receiving your feedback.

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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST

On Friday 6th March Rohan Jewellery, shop 2, 162 Oxford St Leederville hosted a breakfast to celebrate International Women's Day. Shannon McGuire spoke to the group about her girls program and the work done at the David Wirrpanda Foundation. Rohan Jewellery are generous supporters of the Foundation.

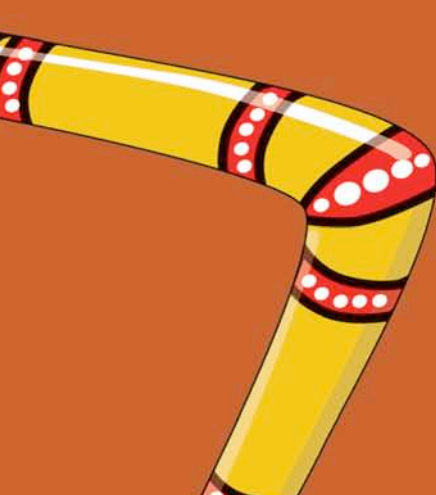
P242 Pre-employment Program in Geraldton



A 3 day specialised pre-employment program held in partnership with Salvation Army Employment Plus designed to help indigenous youth find work was held from the 17th to 19th of March in Geraldton. Troy Cook, Shannon McGuire and Darryl White (former Brisbane Lions) attended as role models for the group of 26 participants.

The event provided local industry information sessions, advice on good health, offered cultural activities, details about traineeships and apprenticeships and offered a specially organised tour of the Dongara AWE Hovea oil Plant and APA Group gas pipelines. A number of local businesses and employers were also involved in the program.

The highlight for the participants was a visit to Gunnado Farm which is owned by local aboriginal group, " Geraldton Street Work Aboriginal Co operation". The visit included a cultural tour, boomerang and spear throwing and an art session with a local artist. There was much excitement about having a Bush Tucker lunch of kangaroo tail, kangaroo sausage kangaroo rissole, two types of emu stir fry, damper and salad. At the completion of the program one participant had commenced employment and two others where starting the following week. Others are looking into Apprenticeship's, training courses and other employment roles.



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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Josie Janz who was recently selected to play in the Australian 21/U netball team in a three test series in Jamaica. Josie who is a member of the West Coast Fever Netball team also works parttime as a role model/mentor at the David Wirrpanda Foundation.

PORT HEDLAND VISIT

Port Hedland was in a purple haze with Fremantle Dockers Coach Mark Harvey and former Dockers star Troy Cook in town to promote their partnership with engineering firm Marine and Civil for the David Wirrpanda Foundation.

Mark Harvey and Troy Cook, along with Marine and Civil business development director John Neylon, spoke to Hedland Senior High School students.

Troy spoke of the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and working to achieve your goals, while Mr Neylon Said that Marine and Civil, along with the David Wirrpanda Foundation, could help students achieve those goals through education and training.

"Marine and Civil, through a partnership with the David Wirrpanda Foundation, can have a positive impact on the lives of these kids," he said. "There are plenty of opportunities for employment out there and we can help students determine which direction in life they want to go, and hopefully we can help them achieve their goals."

TIN SHAKE DAY

The David Wirrpanda Foundation "Tin Shake Day" will be held on May 23rd, the Indigenous Players Round, West Coast Eagles verses Collingwood.

Volunteers are required for the even so anyone willing to help please email Jodie on jodies@dwf.org.au or **phone 9381 5990**.

David Wirrpanda scarves and lapel pins will be sold on the day.

Check our website for our soon..... Online merchandise. www.dwf.org.au

