

Success Story

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At Coles Burnside, a long-established team of Interwork clients are charged with the responsibility of face-up presentation for the busy store. The team of five was established in 2006, and operated for some time with the assistance of Interwork support workers. Lawrie Byrne began working at this store in late 2009, and plans to support the team into the future.

Lawrie initially became associated with Interwork as a client in 2008, when he began working on obtaining employment whilst managing health concerns which inhibited his physical movement and fatigued him due to loss of sleep. Additionally, Lawrie faced age to be a barrier to accessing employment opportunities. In June 2008, Lawrie was offered a position with Interwork as a Support Worker, where his ability to provide workplace support to Interwork clients was realised. The quality of Lawrie's support received glowing feedback from a number of employers. Lawrie was recognised as an independent worker in June 2009, and has maintained his role much to the benefit of Interwork, Coles, and the Face-up team.

Since starting, Lawrie has played a significant role in enabling the team of five to maintain their positions with Coles. Lawrie reports to get much satisfaction from this particular job, where the requirements of the store manager are demanding yet fair, and enjoys working with individually with the team members. Additionally, Lawrie has expressed to receive much reward in observing the team member's progress and achievements. Lawrie's placement here has assisted Interwork to maintain a close and strong relationship with store management, to the advantage of future clients.

