

Success Story

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Good News Story – PORT PIRIE OFFICE

Interwork Port Pirie office is proud to support local community initiatives that acknowledge the achievements of local residents and regional businesses.

The 2010 Southern Flinders Business Employment & Training Awards accepted nominations in 2 categories:

- 1) Awards for Individual employees
- 2) Awards for regional businesses

Successful candidates regionally will be put forward for the state-wide awards, culminating in short-listed candidates being presented and the winner announced at the SA Works Regional Development dinner in November.

Interwork is pleased to be able to nominate 2 exceptional individuals and 2 outstanding employers.

The individual nominees are:

Bradley Dunstan nominated for 'Pride of Workmanship' – nominated due to his excellent reports from the employer, and their assessment that he should go on to do an apprenticeship.

Bradley's employers, Spencer Motors have employed Bradley as a car detailer part time. Matt Clark, Dealer Principal, is impressed with Bradley's dedication to his work and reports that he is reliable, uses his initiative, can be left to work alone and picks up tasks easily. This is in stark contrast to Bradley's behaviour and outlook during his last years at school, where he struggled due to learning difficulties. Bradley fits in well with his co-workers and is a well-liked member of the team. Bradley's employers believe that he has overcome his barriers so well, that they would be supportive of him taking up an apprenticeship in the future to fulfil his career goal to work in the automotive industry as a mechanic. Bradley may not be in a role which would traditionally draw attention for "Pride of Workmanship" but his ability to take responsibility for himself and dedication to overcoming his barriers to become a contributing member of the community show a character worthy of recognition.

Jason Byron nominated for 'Outstanding Trainee' – with absolutely no work experience prior to this position, Jason had been unemployed for almost three years after leaving school early. With his willingness to learn Jason is keen to apply the news skills he has developed.

Jason is a 19 year old who struggled at school and has a learning difficulty. He had never been employed prior to gaining work at a deli. Now, Jason is successfully navigating through his retail traineeship and is showing that he can apply what he is learning to his job.



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The business nominees are:

Goode Road Deli and Takeaway nominated for 'Business Excellence' – This small business continues to demonstrate its compassion and understanding to those employees who face barriers. Goode Road Deli and Takeaway have been very supportive of our client, who was a very long term unemployed job seeker, with significant barriers to employment. Interwork found that Leeanne is understanding of the client's limitations, and has worked hard to help him become a valued part of her staff team. The increased confidence and attitude of our client, is evidence of the effect a great workplace can have on a person's life.

Spencer Motors nominated for 'Business Excellence and Customer Service' – nominated because of their support of Interwork clients. Despite economic challenges Spencer Motors gave a disadvantaged youth an opportunity for employment. Interwork has found the team at Spencer Motors to be understanding of the employee's limitation. They were willing to help the employee overcome hurdles that were holding him back at work. The increased confidence and positive attitude of our client is evidence of what a great workplace can do to a person's life.

Interwork is proud to have the opportunity to engage in community events that recognize the efforts of our clients and our employers.

