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PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

Our new RST Trainees have commenced their training with OH&S and First Aid and we are part way through delivering Chemical Accreditation to eligible Trainees as well. It will be a busy year with a substantial increase in the face to face trainings we deliver to Trainees.

To keep up to date with your training, it is important to keep in touch with your RTC (Regional Training Consultant – your local contact). Communication is a 2 way thing – don't just wait for your RTC to contact you if you have a query – ring, or email them and if you get an answering machine, ALWAYS leave a message so they can get back to you. Our RTC's have many trainees who they ring and ring and they never seem to be able to catch them or will leave messages and they are never returned, so remember to contact us, return our calls, reply to Block Release letters, and help keep communication lines open please.

RECENTLY STARTED YOUR TRAINEESHIP?

Most trainees, parents, and employers are a bit confused at the start of the traineeship, wondering what they should be doing, does training start immediately, have RST forgotten to let us know about the trainings, etc. etc. A traineeship consists of a combination of work for the employer and training with RST, plus school if the trainee is still at school. You will see your employer regularly and attend trainings with RST at different times during the year.

If you have questions or need to check something, please ring your RTC. If you cannot get them, then please contact our Head Office at Arthurlton (ph: 8835 1362), for assistance.

NEW TRAINEES

We have more new Trainees who have commenced since the last newsletter. We welcome you to RST and hope you enjoy your traineeship with your employer. Please ask your Regional Training Consultant about anything that you would like to know or have clarified. You will have lots of questions.

WELCOME

Matt Lucas (Matt is doing his 2nd qualification with RST)
Jack Appelkamp Harry Chandler
Jonathon House Damian Francis
Matthew Adams Carolyn Rigney
David Wilson (David is doing his 2nd qualification with RST)
Lewis Bruhn Wayne McIntyre
Taylor Sims Michael Zwar
Dylan Hancock Wade Tucker
Jake Burgoyne Shontelle Lennon

Our apologies to Mathew Naughton whose surname we misspelt in the last newsletter – we have corrected our records Mathew.

Right: RTC and Lecturer Peter Bonython delivers OH&S training to Trainees.



Below: Cummins Trainees Matthew Coombs (patient) and Lochie Paech (assisting the patient) practise their First Aid techniques.



Bottom Right: Trainee Luke Cooper practising CPR with the assistance of lecturer Alan Griffiths.



ENROLMENT FORMS

Have you returned yours yet? You cannot attend any training without your enrolment being up to date – please ensure your trainee has returned theirs. If you have any questions about filling it in, please contact your local RTC.

EXPECTING TO FINISH THIS YEAR?

If you are in your second year of your traineeship or expecting to finish your qualification this year, you may like to check with your RTC what you have left to do. You will have BR's to do this year plus you may still have some elective units that have not been returned. If you expect to finish this year, keep in mind that your Graduation Dinner will be on Friday 4th February 2011 in Adelaide. Trainees, Employers and Parents, please make a note of this date so you don't miss out.

ELECTIVE LOGBOOKS

As advised in the previous letter, elective distribution has been delayed as we have been rewriting them. Many have been finished and although not all have been rewritten, we have sent them out so that you can start working on them. If you were waiting on yours and have not received them yet, check first with your employer, and if they haven't received them, please contact your RTC. Our apologies to those people who have been eager to receive theirs.

2010 BLOCK RELEASES

We have a numbers of BR's to hold in each region over the next 7 months and are aiming to have them all out the way before Term 4 before exams start for our School Based Trainees.

If you have any questions about BR dates for your group, contact your RTC for details. Upcoming BR's include: Chemical Accreditation; Machinery Maintenance; Records Keeping; Chainsaw Ticket; and Crop Agronomy.

Measuring output to calibrate a spray boom at the Laura Chemical Day are L-R Steven Launer, Wayne McIntyre & Lachlan Kunoth.

Left: Mid North /Flinders group Trainees who attended the Chemical Accreditation BR at Laura calculate figures for calibration of spray equipment. L-R: Amey Solly, Mikaela Longbottom, Tiarne Dearlove, Kimberley Longbottom and Tyler Stephenson.

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TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION ALLOWANCE

Remember, if you are required to travel 75 km's or more each way (150 km round trip) to your training, you may be able to receive travel assistance to help with your travel expenses. Please contact your RTC for a copy of the policies and the application. Applications must be lodged in advance and your traineeship contract must have already been approved.

FEE REIMBURSEMENT THRU' LANDMARK REWARDS

I have had notification from one parent/employer that they have received a reimbursement of fees through the Landmark Rewards Program. Contact Landmark Rewards if you would like to check your eligibility. WELL DONE Landmark Rewards in supporting education and training for rural businesses.

TRAINEE RUGBY JUMPER ORDER

If you ordered a jumper in the first order, they have been collected. Your RTC will have them and if you haven't received it yet, please contact them to arrange to collect your rugby top.

You can still order a jumper (at a subsidised cost of \$30 for new trainees) in our second order. Contact your local Coordinator (RTC). Jumpers are JB's brand, excellent quality and true to size. They are available in sizes Small, Medium, Large, XL, XXL, XXXL. You will need to advise your RTC what name you want on the back.

I receive many interesting emails from friends and colleagues and wanted to share this quote with you all.

"If you want your life to be a magnificent story, then begin by realising you are the author, and every day YOU have the opportunity to write a new page..."

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