Gavin tests his mettle with work experience

Gavin Budmatser approached The Mai-Wel Group four months ago eager to learn and gain the skills to one day work with people with a disability. Gavin joined the Transition to Work program through the National Disability Insurance Scheme package and was linked to work experience with Ezimetal, Raymond Terrace who cut and sell a wide range of steel and metal related products.

While Gavin initially experienced some anxiety entering a new environment, the support from Mai-Wel staff ensured it was a smooth transition.

“The people with a disability involved with Grease love to perform and that really drew me through their involvement with the event,” said September, Chief Executive Officer of The Mai-Wel Group.

Gavin is very focussed and an asset to the company. He’s like a star and we think he will make a great contribution to Ezimetal. He’s a great role model to other young people with disability. We’re glad he’s come on board,” said Stephen, Business Manager at Grease.

Gavin will continue work experience with Ezimetal to build his skills in the area of learning new tasks and on gaining paid employment. Gavin is looking at goals to ensure he lives his life to the fullest.

Breaking Records, Raising Funds

Sole journey around Australia to raise funds for people with a disability in the Hunter Valley region

Gerald Frogley will embark on the journey of a lifetime as he attempts to break an Australian record for riding around the longest national highway in the world while raising much needed funds for The Mai-Wel Group.

In order to gain entrance into the Australia Book of Records, Gerald will complete a solo ride on a Honda 125CC motorbike around Highway One which circumnavigates the Australian continent, covering over 15,000 kilometers.

Gerald’s quest to set an Australian record is for that reason that “It is my way of giving back to the community. It is my way of saying thank you to The Mai-Wel Group, the support they have given me through my journey.”

“I chose to support The Mai-Wel Group for the reason that “They have given me a new lease on life and a new lease on opportunity to do things.”

In Gerald’s quest to set an Australian record, he will be seeking support by way of donations to The Mai-Wel Group who provide ongoing support through the National Disability Insurance Scheme. During this time, Stephen participated in work experience at Ezimetal and其實 a large number of steel and metal related products.

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Robyn Porter, Employment Consultant, said, “I always want people to know and I am working towards that goal with the Mai-Wel Group.”

Glad to see Gavin on board with work experience, Gerald is planning to raise funds for The Mai-Wel Group, with the goal of collecting a large number of steel and metal related products.

“I want to make sure I am able to support people with disability and have a positive impact on the community,” said Gerald.

“When I was younger I had a life-changing injury and I want to help others. I want to ensure I am able to support people with disability and have a positive impact on the community.”

Gerald’s story is one of determination and resilience.

CEO’s Message

Local Businesses: Swat It Out! Random Act of Kindness
Welcome to the fourth and final edition of the Networker for 2014. Wow, what a year at Mai-Wel. So much has happened and so much more is yet to come. I would like to acknowledge and thank each and every one of you for your contribution and support. I am very proud. Without you, we would simply never be able to provide the support that we do. I want to thank each and every one of you for choosing Mai-Wel to provide you with opportunity and choice.

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The program has been a driving force to provide a range of all-inclusive art and performance opportunities for people with a disability or disadvantage in our local community.

I wish to congratulate and thank the Board, the Board’s management team with their passion, commitment and innovation make Mai-Wel a great place to work. I believe together we have created a culture of inclusion, have a positive attitude and most importantly have a good time.

I believe that each and every day I draw inspiration from the people we work alongside and you make my role as CEO a position of which I am very proud. Without you, we would simply never be able to provide the support that we do. So thank you each and every one of you. Mai-Wel is a very special place and I am extremely lucky to work in such a supportive and caring environment.

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