

It seems like things keep going from good, to BETTER to BEST here at PEP! We are growing as an organisation and we are growing in reputation as well.

The State Government Department of Training and Workforce Development released a whole new class of training funding called the Workforce Participation Program. PEP has been successful in winning work in this scheme which has more than doubled the amount of training we can now deliver to Jobseekers! Look forward to more news about these courses coming soon.

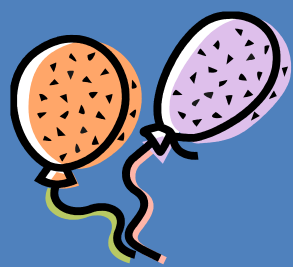
We are also still celebrating the arrival of our new Choice Manager, Mickey Paratene I know many Choice Jobseekers have met with her already and I know that the Employment Consultants are all enjoying the breadth of experience she brings to the team.

Aside from these major developments we have piles of other successes and wins which we celebrate here every day. For example, the Shadow Minister for Workforce Participation, the Honourable Sussan Ley, MP will make an official visit to PEP in November! We continue to build new employer partnerships daily, and we continue to plan for new programs and services along with growing existing services. This is a really exciting time to be around PEP. I truly hope this excitement and energy is visible in your dealing with us every day.

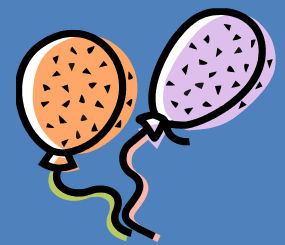
Philip Kieran
CEO, PEP Community Services



Sarah-Jayne Griffiths and Ian Porter telling the world about PEP at the Abilities Expo.



Joondalup CBD Training Centre Opening Soon!



Courses available in:

Keys to Employment - Certificate II Retail - Certificate II Business
Entry to General Education - First Click Computer Training

Get registered now as places are going fast!
Speak to Anna for all the details or email her at anna.powell@pep.org.au

Open Days

The recent success of the Kalgoorlie Open Day where Anna and her team had a fantastic day with members of the community, other service providers and local media, have inspired us to continue this as a great way of showing more people what we do and how we do it.

So on the 4th October we will be hosting an event for Employers to come and look around and talk to us about the benefits of employing people with disabilities.

Check out the table below for future dates, we would really like to get everyone at PEP involved in them, especially our jobseekers. So, if you would like to find out more or volunteer to be involved in any of our Open Days please see Sylvia at Reception.

	October	November
Employers	4th	8th
Other Services	18th	15th
Centerlink	11th	15th
Schools		22nd

PEP and the internet!!

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2. Visit PEPCommunitySer on Twitter
3. See www.pep.org.au



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JOB Club

Speak to your consultant if you think you would benefit from attending. Be prepared for intense job hunting, and great results.

Thursdays in Victoria Park



**EMPLOYMENT
FORUM 2011**

Working in the new world
Hilton - Sydney • 5-6 September 2011

We attended the conference held in Sydney and were very interested to hear the government's perspective on Disability Employment Services and to meet up with other providers from all over the country.

DEEWR presented some interesting facts and figures about Disability Employment Services and the impact the services have on people with Disabilities. There was also information about the changes to the Disability Pension which we encourage you to speak to Centrelink about if you have any concerns. They can be contacted on 13 27 17 and are the best people to discuss any payment information. Although we know a little about it we are not experts and do not want to offer you incorrect advice.

There were some great speakers including The Hon. Kate Ellis MP, Peter Anderson (Chief Executive of the Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry) and Estelle Olstein from Woolworths. Everyone was incredibly positive about the benefits of employing people with disabilities and the ways in which business and DES services can work together to achieve more.

The best thing from the conference was the general feeling that PEP are offering something a little different to other services by our integrated Training and Employment support model. It was great to get such positive feedback about this and we look forward to developing this further in the future.