

Hannah – Employment Assistance

Hannah is 19 years old and currently works 8 hours per week in data entry at Main North Nissan. Hannah has cerebral palsy and is in a wheelchair.

She previously worked at (Dignity 4 Disability) for 3 months in an administration role with assistance for majority of her shifts by a CBS support worker. Hannah was unfortunately let go after the elections as there was no longer any work. After this Hannah's self-esteem was quite low and she stated she was starting to feel depressed as she wanted to be working and was finding it difficult to keep motivated.

Since finishing school Hannah has always been interested in volunteer work to give back to the community and increase her skills. While looking for work Hannah was volunteering at Malvern Uniting Church, Henley Beach Library assisting people with intellectual disabilities to read, and St Lawrence's Aged Care.

Hannah then decided that wasn't enough and recently commenced volunteer work at a Community Radio Station in administration and is completing the Community Radio course.

Through some networking and hard follow up, CBS locked in a position at Main North Nissan utilising the wage subsidy. Hannah commenced a data entry role there in August working her benchmark of 8 hours per week. She has a desk in the middle of the show room with some of the sales staff.

Hannah still tries to keep up with her volunteer work on top of her paid work.

After two shifts with a support worker, Hannah no longer needs support on the job.

I visit Hannah every few weeks at work and chat to her and colleagues. Hannah gets along very well with the staff and they are always willing to share a joke and assist Hannah with any of her work.

I've seen a noticeable increase in her confidence and will put her forward for the Amelia Rix award next year.

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