



# CCE NEWS

*"Keeping You Informed"*

April - July 2008

Welcome to our second quarterly edition of CCE News for 2008.

## **BOARD OF MANAGEMENT NEWS:**

Brett Walker has resigned from the Board of Directors as Vice President and Consumer Representative because of work commitments. We thank Brett for all his work on the Board and wish him good luck in his future endeavours.

Board Committee Member Gina Keating has replaced Brett as Vice President and Russell Jacobs has been appointed as our new Consumer Representative. (Russell was previously a Consumer Rep from 2002 to 2003). Welcome back Russell!



**Board of the Management**, left to right  
Back row: Peter Roberts (Treasurer), Bill Horsford (President)  
Bernie Holden (Consumer Rep), Russell Jacobs (Consumer Rep)  
Front row: Gina Keating (Vice President), Nichole Logan (Secretary)



Russell Jacobs (Consumer Rep)

## **ALL ABOUT CONSUMERS**

### **CONSUMER SURVEY:**

By now you should have received a new Consumer Satisfaction Survey. Could you kindly return the completed survey to the CCE office in the reply paid envelope provided by Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

### **CONSUMER TRAINING:**

As part of its Skilling Australia for the future initiative, the government recognises the importance of nationally endorsed training in assisting job seekers to acquire skills and gain lasting employment and assisting existing workers to update or upgrade their skills. A new program, the Productivity Places Program provides job seekers with training opportunities. Training will only be available in industries experiencing skill shortages.

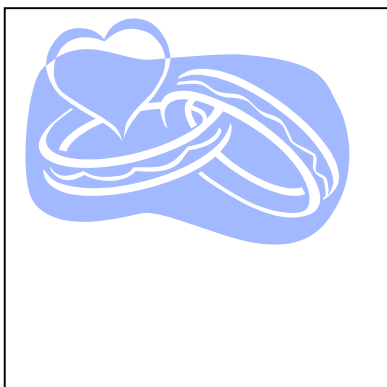
One training provider participating in the program is National Security Training Academy FNQ in Cairns. To qualify you must be out of work, have an active Job Seeker Number, be over 18 years of age, and not have a custodial criminal record. They provide a three week training course held in Cairns. There could be more courses becoming available in the foreseeable future, hopefully in Innisfail. Your Employment & Training Consultant will provide you with more information as it becomes available.

### ***ELECTION – Johnstone Regional Landcare Group***

*Bernie Holden, one of our CCE Consumer Reps, has been re-elected for another year as Vice President of the Johnstone Regional Landcare Group Inc at their recent AGM. The President is Bernie Crow who some of you may have met at the Johnstone Shire Council nursery, where he has been a volunteer for many years.*



## **ALL ABOUT CCE STAFF**



### ***ENGAGEMENT:***

We are pleased to announce the recent engagement of our PSP Co-ordinator Peter Newman and CCE Board Secretary, Nichole Logan. Congratulations to you both.

### ***STAFF TRAINING:***

All CCE staff are currently studying for the Certificate IV course on Mental Health Work (non-clinical). This is an interesting and challenging field and we are all learning a great deal. A special thank you to Tanya, our Receptionist/Admin Assistant who runs the office while staff are attending workshops at Innisfail TAFE College. Workshops are being held for 2 days a month.



### **CENTRELINK NEWS:**

From 1 July 2008, there will be some changes to family assistance as part of the long-term reforms to the Child Support Scheme that first began in 2006. Depending on your circumstances, these changes may affect your family assistance.

For more information about the changes to family assistance due to the Child Support Scheme Reforms, visit one of the following websites:

- **[www.familyassist.gov.au](http://www.familyassist.gov.au)**
- **[www.centrelink.gov.au](http://www.centrelink.gov.au)**



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