



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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SENSWIDE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH:

- Searching for jobs
- Resume and Applications
- Interview skills
- Training or education
- Interpreter support
- Resources e.g. fax, phone, computer, internet and newspapers.
- On the job Support.

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NEWS

Welcome to 2010

With January gone we've already said hello to February and a big start to 2010. If you've been into any of our offices recently I'm sure you've seen some new staff members around. I'll introduce them to you later in this edition but for now please keep your eyes peeled for some new SensWide faces! We've also said goodbye to one of our staff members Elinor Cuttiford (EI). EI was with SensWide for 10 short months and has left us

to live in New Zealand. We'd like to take this opportunity to farewell EI and wish her all the best in the land of sheep of Lord of the Rings. 2010 brings lots of changes to SensWide with lots of news to share so we've made this issue of It all Makes Sense will be a bumper one! So sit back with a cuppa and enjoy this edition of our newsletter and please remember to contact me at info@senswide.com.au if you'd like to see something in future editions. Di-Editor

Who's new at SensWide?

As mentioned earlier we have 3 new staff members at SensWide. They are Chris (Employment Consultant), Beth (also an Employment Consultant) and Lu (Training and Support Officer).

Beth has worked with a wide range of people in similar positions; she is really looking forward to be able to bring her experiences and knowledge to SensWide Services to assist you in finding employment.

Chris has a degree in Psychology from RMIT and recently completed his Cert IV in Human Re-

sources from Swinburne. He is keen to increase his knowledge of Auslan and is looking forward to interacting with a wide range of people through SensWide.

Lu recently completed the Diploma of Auslan studies and is about to begin the Diploma of Interpreting at RMIT. Lu is looking forward to the year ahead as part of the SensWide team

We look forward to learning from their experiences over the coming months.



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What does SensWide do?
SensWide aims to assist people who are unemployed find work through specialized support, training and equipment. SensWide has over 17 years experience helping people find the right job for them!

Good news stories....

- One of our job seekers started with the SensWide program in August 2008 without any English skills whatsoever. In his time here he has learnt English and is about to start his 2nd job which means he will be working 5 days a week! SensWide has helped him to make new friends in the workplace by him continuing to learn English whilst he works.
- Also BIG news! Funding for Auslan interpreters has grown. Instead of having a one of \$5000 fund to access, from March 1st you will be able to access up to \$6000 worth of Auslan Interpreters in the workplace each and every year. This is a huge progression in access in the workplace for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Auslan users. More of this to come in the next issue of It all Makes Sense so stay tuned.....

JOBSMART SESSION:

'Behavioural Interviews' Jobsmart session next Wednesday 10th February, 10am - 11.30am

February's JobSmart session 'Behavioural interviews' will look at the difference between Traditional and Behavioural type questions you may be asked in a job interview. Helpful tips on how to prepare for any job interview and what type of questions you can expect to be asked will be the focus of this workshop including some fun activities and an opportunity to meet other people also looking for employment.

SensWide will be running more training sessions soon so speak to your employment consultant!

Ask Delilah....Ask about anything work related....resumes, job seeking or job support.

Dear Delilah,

I have an interview coming up soon, but don't have the right clothing to wear. What should I do?

Answer:

There are a number of things you can do if you just don't have the right outfit. Remember it's important to look clean and sharp at your interview. This means ironed shirts, polished shoes and clothes that fit properly (not too tight or too baggy either) I would suggest you talk to your Employment Consultant as they can offer you great advice and help you access programs like Fitted For Work (for women only), haircuts and possibly even help you shop for some clothes if you need some extra help. Also it's worth asking your family or friends if they have anything that may be suitable for you to wear...it might just be the difference between getting the job or not!

Delilah

Note: Please keep your questions coming - you can email info@senswide.com.au

SensWide on the World Wide Web

SensWide now has two great new ways to get information about SensWide's programs, relevant updates or information about employment and training opportunities by following our new Facebook and Twitter sites.

To find our new Facebook page simply go to www.google.com, search for "senswide facebook" and the first result you get will be the SensWide Facebook Page. Click on this link and then you're there!

If you are logged in to Facebook you can become a fan of SensWide by just clicking on the "Become a fan" button at the top of SensWide's page.

To Find SensWide on Twitter, you can go to www.google.com and search for "senswide Twitter" and ours will be the first result at the top of the page. Just click on this link and you will be able to see SensWide's Twitter page with continually updated information about our services and programs.

If you are logged into your Twitter account you can follow SensWide's information and receive tweets from us by clicking on the "Follow" button near the top of the page.

Happy surfing everyone and enjoy SensWide's new ways of accessing important information and opportunities.

FACEBOOK: Join SensWide's new Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/SensWide-Employment/149449086044>

SKYPE: If you use Auslan, have a webcam and want to contact SensWide, add "senswide.deaf" to your free Skype account and dial in directly.

TWITTER: To find us on Twitter go to <http://twitter.com/senswide>

SHARESPACE: To join our SensWide ShareSpace go to <http://senswide.proboards.com/index.cgi>

What is DES.....

Starting March 1 2010, the Australian Government will replace the current DEN (Disability Employment Network) System with a new system called DES. SensWide will still continue to support you with job seeking and working, but there are changes that you need to know about.

You will have the opportunity to ask questions and prepare for any changes that may impact you after 1 March 2010.

You must come to of the sessions below:

Session 1. Frankston Office - 10am Monday 15th Feb 2010

Session 2. Preston Office - 10am Tuesday 16th Feb 2010

Session 3. City Office - 10am Wednesday 17th Feb 2010

Session 4. City Office - 3pm Tuesday 23rd Feb 2010

Auslan Interpreters will be provided at all sessions. Drinks and nibbles will also be available. The session will go no longer than one hour.

RSVP to ericad@senswide.com.au or TTY 9614 3062 or leave a voice msg with your employment consultant.