

Work for the Dole

Helping job seekers move into the world of work



Work for the Dole is an Australian Government initiative helping job seekers learn new skills and improve their chance of finding a job while giving back to the community.

Our Work for the Dole coordinators work closely with jobactive providers and host organisations to help identify Work for the Dole places, and ensure that the host organisation's needs are met including advice on budgeting for activities and work health and safety requirements.

What type of activities will be offered?

Work for the Dole places cannot replace paid work positions and ideally should be for six continuous months. There are a range of activities on offer including:-

- retail
- office administration
- gardening and maintenance
- conservation and rehabilitation
- hospitality
- warehouse duties.

The focus of Work for the Dole is to give job seekers the best opportunity to demonstrate their skills to potential employers.

Host organisations

Work for the dole activities can be hosted by not-for-profit organisations, charities and government organisations/agencies. While Work for the Dole places cannot replace paid work positions, host organisations are asked to provide a real 'work like' experience for participants.

Host organisations can be a vital link helping job seekers move into the world of work through:-

- offering individual work-like places for job seekers (more than one place can be offered at a time)
- offering a project-based activity delivered by a group of job seekers.

Host organisations are required to provide inductions, a safe place of work and adequate supervision.

Job seekers

From 1st July 2015, all job seekers registered with a jobactive organisation and on income support for six months or more will be required to participate in a Work for the Dole activity.

Through work-like activities, Work for the Dole provides job seekers with an opportunity to:-

- develop skills employers are looking for
- develop on-the-job skills
- increase confidence
- obtain references
- make work contacts
- get involved in the local community.

Job seekers will spend six months each year participating in Work for the Dole. There are different work requirements based on age, job seekers who are:-

- 18 - 30 will need to complete 25 hours per week
- between 30 and 49 will need to complete 15 hours per week
- over 50's can choose if they participate in Work for the Dole.



Where we are

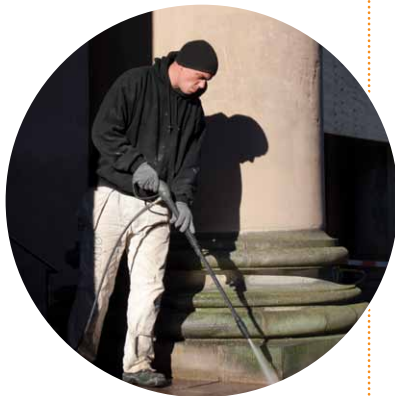
Work for the Dole Australia is the Work for the Dole coordinator in the Goulburn Murray and Wimmera Mallee areas.

Wimmera Mallee

- Horsham
- Mildura
- Swan Hill
- Ararat
- Charlton
- Cohuna
- Kerang
- Nhill
- Ouyen
- Rainbow
- Robinvale
- St Arnaud
- Stawell.

Goulburn Murray

- Albury
- Shepparton
- Alexandra
- Beechworth
- Benalla
- Cobram
- Echuca
- Kyabram
- Myrtleford
- Seymour
- Wangaratta
- Wodonga.



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