

Bunbury Chamber of Commerce boosts services to members with the employment of a Business Trainee.

With skills shortages high on the agenda for small business, Jobs South West has found an innovative way to skill up one young person. Jobs South West has put together a sponsored traineeship in Certificate 111 in Business. Ms Holly Kings is the lucky recipient of the subsidised and extended learning placement. She will be undertaking her training on the job at the Bunbury Chamber of Commerce and Industries.

Jobs South West's sponsorship package consists of payment of training fees, additional training through short courses, registration on the 2007 Young Achievers Program and mentoring from Gemma Backshall, WA 2006 Trainee of the year. Jobs South West's CEO Posy Barnes said, "With this extra support, access to mentors and professional development, there is no reason why Holly cannot follow in Gemma's footsteps in 2007"

The traineeship with the Bunbury Chamber of Commerce will provide Holly with the tools to become a valuable member of the team at the Chamber. She will develop her customer service skills as she will be the first point of contact for any visitors to Chamber House, and first point of telephone contact for members.

Holly will also gain valuable business skills through regular meetings and assessments with her Training Coordinator, Paul McKeon. Paul said "It is wonderful to be able to place someone as motivated as Holly into a Business Traineeship and Allan Birrell CEO of the Chamber of Commerce should be congratulated for his ongoing commitment to the skilling and success of young people seeking employment in our region"

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