CABRA-VALE DIGGERS

(Also Known As Cabra-Vale Ex-Active Serviceman's Club)

Canley Vale

Cabra-Vale Diggers' Operations Manager Andrew Davis is a valued supporter of South West Connect's Work Placement Program. The club has been hosting students for a variety of frameworks since 2006.

The Digger's Club hosts local Cert II HSC (VET) students for their work placements in Kitchen Operations, Food & Beverage and Primary Industries. Over the past 15 years they have offered over 1,500 work placement opportunities our students. They have also accommodating and supportive in hosting students with special needs. When a request has been communicated with the club, they make arrangements to ensure that particular student is given appropriate supervision and tasks to allow the student to get the most from their workplacement, with great success and positive outcomes for all involved.

Executive Chef Nathan Treleaven currently offers 2 students per week the opportunity to work along side him and his Kitchen Operations Team. Another Two students per week have the opportunity to work in the Café with the Food & Beverage team.

Head Greenkeeper Brent Norman offers a placement every week for a student to work with him and his team maintaining the bowling greens and gardens for students completing their Primary Industries studies.





Calvin & Vincent, Cabramatta High at Work Placement

As a major employer, and a focal point in the local area Cabravale Diggers feel it is important to give back to the local community in a variety of ways. Work placement is only one of many programs and projects we participate in within our local community. We support a diverse group of 81 local community organisations ranging from education, aged care, health services to ethnic groups. To date, more than one million dollars has been donated by the Club to these important support programs.

Our newest project for the club is called "Cabra Diggers Cares". It is a hands-on project where we will be partnering with a range of community charities and organisations on specific projects. That partnership may include funding to assist a particular project, volunteering, in-kind assistance and promotion. 99





'Connecting Youth to Opportunities in Business and the Community."

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In a time of the coronavirus crisis when being alone is our strongest defence, the question remains do we need to be lonely?

According to the team at the Cabra-Vale Diggers Group the answer is quite simply NO. Clubs play a significant role in maintaining the social wellbeing of many of its members in the community. From the ladies that line up early in the morning to reserve their favourite bingo table, to the elderly patron who's highlight of his day is to be served his favourite cup of warm coffee by staff members who know him by name. These things, albeit trivial, are crucial to the existence of many. When the doors were closed for regular business, the team at Cabra-Vale Diggers Group decided to maintain its role in the community by calling each member, one at a time, to simply ask the question, "how are you?" This simple question was to become a key to helping so many. From those who just love to chat, to those who spoke of their hardships and worries as they selfisolated from the community. "As the conversations evolved, we discovered more personally the individual needs of our members and acted accordingly to help them", said Boris Belevski, group CEO. 99

Workplacement is a compulsory component for **HSC** students completing a Vocational **Educational & Training Course as part of their** HSC. these include:

- **Automotive**
- Construction
- Food & Beverage
- **Human Services**
- Retail

- Business Services
- Entertainment
- Hospitality
- Information Technology
- Kitchen Operations

Workplacement is a one week placement in businesses to enhance student's skills learned in the classroom.

Year 11 and 12 students studying a **Vocational Education and Training course** for the HSC must complete a mandatory component of 70 hours workplace learning.

If you can host a student for a Workplacement or would like more information, please contact:

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