



NEWSLETTER

HOSPITALITY DISABILITY NETWORK

RECRUITMENT DRIVE

The HDNWA team has been hard at work screening over 50 incredible candidates for the upcoming recruitment drive at Optus Stadium and the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre.

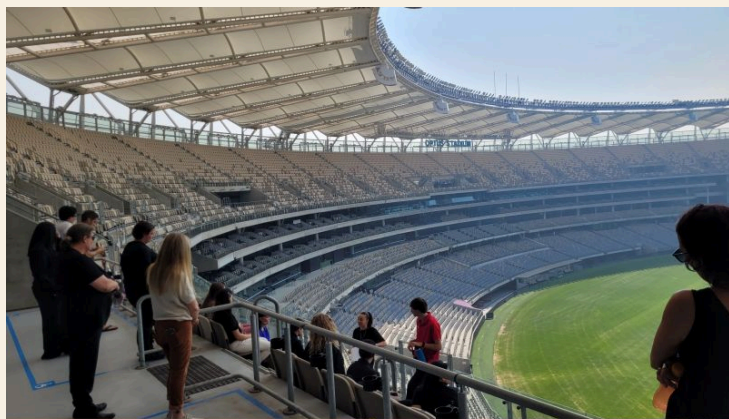
We've had the privilege of meeting with many talented individuals, and we're thrilled to support them as they take the next step toward securing meaningful employment.

Optus Stadium recently invited candidates to interview for both Front of House and Back of House roles at this iconic venue. The process included a tour of the stadium followed by one-on-one interviews.

We're delighted to share that just **over 20** candidates were successfully hired!

A big thank you to the incredible team at Optus Stadium for their commitment to inclusivity and for creating life-changing opportunities for our candidates.

We can't wait to see these future stars shine in their new roles, and we are proud to be part of their journey!



OPTUS STADIUM

CELEBRATING WOMEN

HDNWA was incredibly honored to be invited to participate in events celebrating **International Women's Day 2025** alongside the exceptional teams at Marriott International, Accor, and Edge Employment Solutions.

Our very own Kirra had the privilege of being part of a panel at **Marriott**, speaking alongside other outstanding women who are making a significant impact in their respective fields. Kirra shared the important work being done by HDNWA and also opened up about her personal journey—one filled with challenges, growth, and a deep commitment to supporting others in their empowerment.

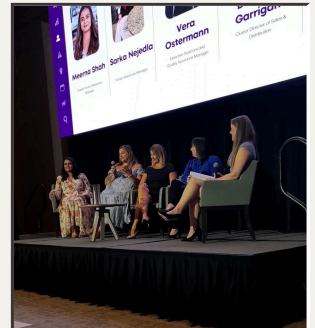
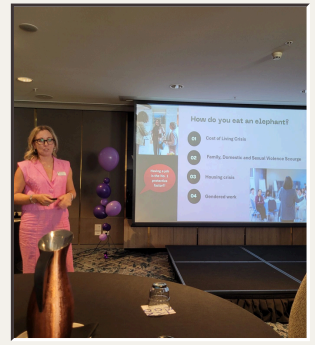
The event was further enhanced by the inspiring words of Alana Em from UN Women Australia, who delivered a powerful speech on gender equality and the critical importance of financial literacy for women. Her raw and honest reflections were empowering and resonated deeply with all in attendance.

Additionally, we are thankful to **Accor** for inviting us to their event at the beautiful Novotel Perth Murray Street. It was an incredible experience to connect with others and hear from Natalie Sangalli of Dress for Success Western Australia, who shared valuable insights into the fantastic programs they offer and how their work aligns closely with the mission and vision of HDNWA.

We were also privileged to be invited by **Edge Employment Solutions** to their International Women's Day celebration, where we were moved by the stories and experiences of the inspiring women who shared what the day means to them. Their personal reflections on resilience, empowerment, and overcoming challenges left a lasting impression.

At HDNWA, we are committed to advocating for individuals with disabilities and ensuring that workplaces are diverse, accessible, and supportive for everyone.

We look forward to continuing the conversation, collaborating with others, and making strides toward inclusive workplaces and equal opportunities for all.





MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

We are beyond excited to welcome Jamie Wolf and Curtis Lovell, the dynamic co-owners of the incredible coffee shops **Obi Coffee** and **Slow Daze Coffee**, to the HDNWA family!

Both venues are dedicated to creating inclusive, welcoming spaces, and Jamie and Curtis are working closely with us to increase their workforce by hiring more people living with disabilities, fostering an even more inclusive environment.

Our team had the pleasure of meeting Jamie and Curtis at last year's Healthy Mind Menu charity soccer event, and we're thrilled to now be partnering with them.

As ambassadors for Healthy Mind Menu, their values align perfectly with ours, making this collaboration an incredible opportunity for all of us!

We look forward to supporting Obi Coffee and Slow Daze Coffee as they continue to build their inclusive communities, and we're excited to work together to create a more inclusive, supportive future.



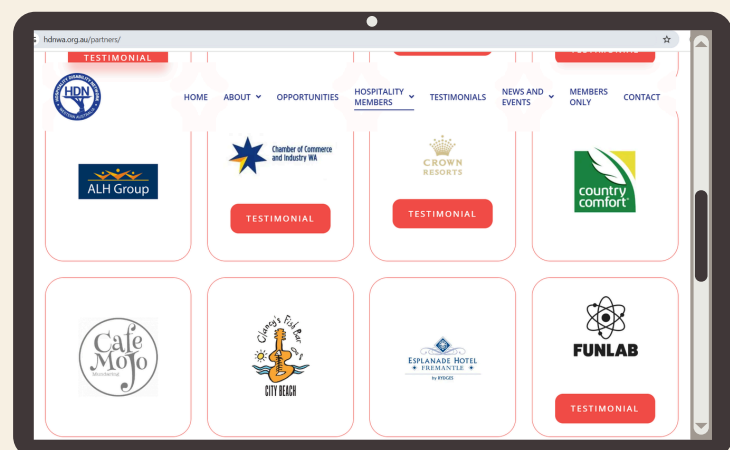
JOIN OUR MEMBERSHIP

Do you know any businesses that could benefit from joining HDNWA as a member?

We'd love to connect with them! Feel free to share our contact details or email Navigator@hdnwa.org.au with their information.

Membership is **FREE**, and in addition to being promoted on our website and LinkedIn, members gain access to our free online training platform to help them become more disability confident. They'll also have access to a pool of pre-screened candidates, ready to make an impact.

We look forward to connecting with more businesses and helping them foster inclusive, diverse workplaces.



TYLER THE ROCKSTAR

At HDNWA, we are passionate about supporting individuals to find meaningful work, and we are always excited to share the stories of the amazing people we work with.

Today, we are thrilled to highlight the journey of Tyler, a truly inspiring individual who has shown incredible resilience and determination.

We first met **Tyler** in mid-2024 through his service provider, and from the moment we met him, we knew he would be a perfect fit for one of our members. During the screening process, Tyler's enthusiasm, empathy, and genuine desire to make a difference stood out.

He shared his story with us, explaining that he had taken time off work to be a carer for his mother while she sought treatment for cancer.

Throughout this challenging period, Tyler's focus had been on providing support to his mother, ensuring she had the care she needed.



However, with his mother now in a better position and her treatment progressing positively, Tyler was ready to return to work and restart his career.

We were honoured to refer Tyler into a role as a kitchen steward at RAC Arena, one of Perth's premier event venues, and it didn't take long for him to settle in and start thriving in the role.

It's now been over 6 months since Tyler began working at **RAC Arena**, and he's truly made an impact. Tyler shares that he enjoys the work, loves the dynamic team, and is proud to be part of such a respected organization.

His enthusiasm, strong work ethic, and dedication have made him a valuable asset to the team.

Tyler's journey is a powerful reminder of the importance of second chances and the strength of the human spirit.

Despite the personal challenges he faced, he remained focused on supporting his family and, when the time was right, was ready to re-enter the workforce.

His positive attitude and commitment to both his career and his family have been nothing short of inspiring.

We couldn't be happier to see Tyler thriving in his role, and we look forward to watching him grow further in his career.

Thank you, Tyler, for being such an inspiration to us all!



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2nd April

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7th April

World Health Day

9th - 17th April

Youth Week

15th April

International Day of Families

18th April

Good Friday

20th April

Easter Sunday

25th April

ANZAC

30th April

Guide Dog Day



The HDNWA team are constantly meeting with individuals living with disability who are wanting a career in Hospitality and Tourism field. If you are looking for staff, please reach out to us!



HDN UPDATE

52 Members representing over 190 businesses

HDNWA have placed over 330 candidates into sustainable employment since 2019



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HDNWA would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we live, work and play. We acknowledge and pay respects to the continuing culture and contributions that our First Nations People make to this region.

