

2009 Australia Day Awards, 26 January 2009

Community Group/Club, Boost Media Skills



This program offers young people the opportunity to learn new skills, develop the skills they already have and to make a contribution which will encourage them to think about their future career choices.

An alternative education program coordinated through Twelve25 Salisbury Youth Enterprise Centre by Kate Walker, Youth Services and Project Officer for the City of Salisbury, Boost Media Skills was attended by Harley Soltan, Stephanie Warren and Richard Sims. Two of these participants are now volunteering their time at the Centre and all have developed their confidence and positively changed their perspectives and attitudes.

The program is supported by the City of Salisbury, the Department of Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology as an ACE TAFESA partnership. It is designed to offer students who require a different learning style from mainstream school. The program initiates teamwork and the chance to build new skills whilst ensuring that the learning environment is also fun.

The program is run specifically for Flexible Learning Options students who are enrolled with a school in the local area and have case managers at Service to Youth Council. The support students received by program coordinator, Kate Walker, encouraged them to explore the world of television, radio, multimedia and print, giving them hands-on experience at interviewing, filming and writing.

Through Boost Media Skills, participants had the opportunity to utilise the partnership between the City of Salisbury and Port Adelaide Football Club by filming and taking photographs at a special training session to launch the partnership. This footage is being used to assist in the assessment of this partnership and the trio were also provided with the chance to meet and interview players Robbie Grey and Steven Salopek for PBA-FM.

All three participants have received a Certificate 1 in Media for their completion of the Boost Media Skills program.

It is their continued involvement and achievements with this program which make Harley, Stephanie and Richard such great recipients of the City of Salisbury's Community Group/Club category in the 2009 Australia Day Awards.



Stephen Hains
City Manager
City of Salisbury



Mayor Gillian Aldridge
City of Salisbury