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Activ part of the war against the coronavirus

Activ Business Services Bentley supported employees are doing their part to support the fight against the coronavirus in Western Australia.

Those supported employees who have exercised their right to continue to work during the pandemic have been preparing 50,000 packs of disposable cutlery for use by WA hotels used as accommodation for people in coronavirus isolation and quarantine. They also prepared disposable cutlery packs for crew and passengers who were in self-quarantine on board cruise ships that were docked at Fremantle port.

Activ CEO Danielle Newport said she was proud that the work undertaken by Activ has contributed to the fight against the coronavirus.

Ms Newport said Activ's employment sites remain open and operational, with strict adherence to all guidelines provided by the relevant authorities.

"We have stringent health and hygiene practices in place, which are reviewed daily to ensure they can be understood and followed by all staff members and supported employees. Many supported employees have decided to take leave or temporarily stop receiving Activ services, and that's their choice," she said.

"Some of our supported employees have made the decision to stop working. As a result, social distancing has become even easier.

"Where supported employees have chosen to work, we have implemented many measures to ensure the safety of both our supported employees and staff. For example, we have staggered start, finish and break times to ensure physical distancing can be maintained at all times. A zoning plan was implemented at Activ Bentley to limit the number of people permitted in – and moving through – zones at the same time."

Ms Newport said the public was often surprised to learn of the range of work undertaken at Activ's business services sites.

"While the airline work has reduced significantly due to the closure of our borders, supported employees are still busy doing everything from labelling imported British grocery items, packing rehydration solution for the mining industry and sports sector, preparing mailouts and assembling timber bed bases," said Ms Newport.

- Activ also has employment services sites at Osborne Park, Rockingham, Bunbury, Busselton, Geraldton, Albany and Kalgoorlie.

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About Activ

Activ is the largest disability support provider in Western Australia. We provide individualised services for people living with intellectual disability. We provide services in accommodation, community, employment, training and education, short-term accommodation and behaviour support. Activ was founded in 1951 by a group of families who wanted more for their children who lived with disability and had become marginalised by society. Today, we support more than 2,000 individuals and their families across WA.

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Important Information

When referring to people with disability, we ask that you use the term 'living with disability', rather than 'disabled person' or 'the disabled'. The term 'Supported Employee' is used when referring to an Activ employee living with a disability. The term 'customer' is used to refer to a person living with disability that Activ supports.