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## **Activ customer Krysten one step closer to achieving her dreams thanks to local business**

**Activ customer Krysten Rozendaal is well on her way to reaching her goals after commencing work experience at local business, Albany Office Products Depot.**

Krysten has worked at Activ Business Services Albany since 2016, and currently helps to run the site's printing area. Krysten coordinates all the printing orders for WA Country Health Services, who service hospitals in the Great Southern region.

Krysten loves working in printing and identified that one of her goals for the future is to become more independent at work and run her own printing micro-enterprise. To expand upon her skills and learn a little more about running her own business, Krysten enrolled in the Cert II in Business through Activ's registered training organisation, Activ Pathways, this year.

As part of the course, Krysten's trainer Erica Gardiner, arranged for Krysten to take a workplace tour of Albany Office Products Depot, a local office supplies store, so that Krysten could get more of an insight into the industry. Albany Office Products Depot were so impressed with Krysten's skills and eagerness to learn, that they offered her two months' work experience.

"They were really happy to have me on board for December and January. I'm doing some packaging, restocking the shelves, and packing up school orders. Restocking the shelves is really fun," said Krysten.

Albany Office Products Depot Sales Manager Sam Slater spoke highly of Krysten, and of the store's decision to provide opportunities for people living with disability to grow their independence.

"It's been great having Krysten on the team, she's a great worker and she's really helped us out. Krysten works really quickly and we love that she's eager to learn.

If other local businesses are considering offering work experience to students living with disability, I'd absolutely say go for it. It's great to be a part of someone's skill development in the way that we've been a part of Krysten's."

Erica, Krysten's trainer, describes Krysten's journey as "inspiring".

"As a trainer it's great having motivated students like Krysten who have clear goals around their career and employment options. As a group on the first day of training the students develop a list of workplaces to visit for tours throughout the course duration. It's great to see Krysten now in work experience with one of these local businesses within the Albany community."

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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 offer 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 1,900 individuals and their families across WA.

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## **Activ in Albany**

Formed in 1961, Activ Albany is the only disability services provider within the area that offers accommodation, training and education, community and employment services. Activ Pathways, our registered training organisation, delivers training to both customers and employees to support capacity building and skills development. We also encourage community participation through a range of community-based activities, as well as supporting local businesses with a number of services, including horticultural services, timber manufacturing and carpet interlocking.

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