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Local pallet furniture pop up shop to open next week

Shop creates different employment experiences for local residents living with disability

With Christmas just around the corner, Activ Business Services Busselton is excited to announce the opening of a pallet furniture pop up shop in Busselton.

Made from pallets, pallet parts and second hand pallets from Activ's wooden pallet manufacturing facility in Bunbury, the type of furniture available includes outdoor tables and chairs, couches, high tables, stools, beds, coffee tables and games.

Activ's timber production team is a blended workforce including 39 supported employees, five support staff and four casual general hands. Many of these individuals have contributed to building the pallet furniture that will be sold at the shop.

Customer Operations Manager South West, Darren McNab, said the pop up shop will not only provide some great furniture options for locals, but also new types of employment experiences for Activ's supported employees.

"Our team makes pallets for a wide range of national and local businesses in the mining, meat processing and wine industries.

"Using the pallet spare parts to create furniture enables our team to develop and apply different skills and explore their creative side further.

"In addition, the shop will enable our team members whose role doesn't usually require them to interact with the community to experience the customer facing side of the business too," said Mr McNab.

"I would like to thank the Mountney family for kindly donating the lease of the space to Activ, and I encourage the community to visit our shop and see the great furniture on offer."

Activ's pallet furniture pop up shop is located next to the Puma Service Station on Lot 1 Causeway Rd, Busselton.

It will open on 26 October, with opening hours being 9am to 3.30pm Monday to Friday.

For more information about Activ's wooden pallet manufacturing, visit www.activ.asn.au/business-services/timber-products/.

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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 Busselton

Activ goes beyond the city limits, scaling our services to support Western Australia's needs. In Busselton Activ provides services in accommodation, community and employment, supporting more than 70 people living with disability and providing supported employment to 30 individuals. Individuals engaging in supported employment can work in a variety of different areas including property care, shredding, wine label removals and relabelling, pure wine bottling and finishing of our new range of pallet furniture.

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.