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Over 100 local residents to graduate from training programs at annual graduation ceremony

114 residents from the Bunbury and Busselton region, many of them Activ customers living with intellectual disability, will graduate from a range of training programs completed through Activ Pathways.

Activ Pathways' 2021 graduation ceremony for the Bunbury and Busselton region, will be held on Thursday 4 March 2021, at Bunbury's Sanctuary Golf Resort.

Mr. Don Punch MLA, member for Bunbury, will be in attendance.

With six recognised qualifications on offer in the south west region, Activ Pathways' training programs for people living with intellectual disability are tailored to the needs and aspirations of each individual. Graduates crossing the stage also include those working in the disability sector, including Activ staff and staff from other organisations across the sector.

This year's ceremony will be the ninth Pathways graduation ceremony held in the south west region, following the cancellation of the 2020 ceremony due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I am thrilled that we were able to hold the celebration this year, after last year's cancellation. The graduates from 2020 and 2021 should be very proud of their achievements," says Activ's Customer Operations Manager South West, Darren McNab.

"The skills that our graduates living with disability have gained will support them to have greater choice and control in their lives, opening new doors for independence. For our graduates working in the sector, the training provided by Activ Pathways not only ensures staff are able to provide the best possible support to people living with disability, but it also builds careers."

For the first time, Activ Pathways delivered a COVID-19 skill set course, where students completed training in infection control, manual handling and meeting customers' personal support needs. This course was introduced during the pandemic, to better equip people working in the disability sector with the skills and knowledge they need to safely carry out their roles.

Event details:

Name: Activ Pathways 2021 Graduation Ceremony

Date: Thursday 4 March 2021

Time: Registration – 5:30pm-6:00pm
Event: 6:00pm-8:00pm

Location: The Sanctuary Golf Resort, Corner of Old Coast Road & Forrest Highway, Pelican Point, Bunbury

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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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About Activ Pathways

Activ Pathways is a registered training organisation (RTO No. 51960) established by Activ in 2009. We deliver tailored training programs to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, support workers in the industry and to schools. Our training programs are tailored to the needs and aspirations of each individual by applying a person-centred approach. We pride ourselves in empowering individuals to take control and responsibility for their learning.

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.