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## **Working together to support local business - Activ Business Services Bunbury provides custom-built furniture for newly-opened Nourish Juice and Coffee Bar**

**The timber team at Activ Business Services Bunbury have custom-designed and built furniture for new local business, Nourish Juice and Coffee Bar.**

This exciting new contract was not only a fantastic opportunity for Activ to support small local business, but it also provided Activ's supported employees who live with disability more opportunities for independence at work.

Activ's supported employees and their supervisor measured the location and provided the café's owner, Larrisa Feather, with initial designs, before cutting and assembling the pallet-style furniture for the local café.

Following new cutting lists and getting the chance to custom-design furniture was an invaluable experience for the team, who are always eager to learn new skills and achieve their employment goals, whilst providing high-quality products to commercial customers like Larrisa.

Activ's customer operations manager South West, Darren McNab, said Activ's supported employees were thrilled to design and manufacture the timber pieces.

"Our supported employees really take pride in their work and love seeing it out in the local community, to show their family and friends and talk about what they've created," said Darren.

"We enjoy seeing their skills grow along with their confidence, and it means so much to them as they are able to be creative, and get involved in the design and development of something new. It's a pleasure to be involved in."

Owner of Nourish Juice Bar and Café Larrisa, recognises the importance of providing meaningful employment to people with disability and is thrilled with the furniture now being used at her business.

"When I was planning my shop fit-out, with COVID and its challenges I really wanted to support local while using substantial products. After visiting the Activ pop-up shop in Busselton, I fell in love with the products and the fact that I'd be supporting a business with a purpose I believe in." said Larrisa.

"It meant a lot to me to work with Activ, the team work so hard and the workmanship was amazing. I really can't wait to expand the café so I can work with Activ again - I get comments on our furniture every day."

Activ Business Services Bunbury is looking forward to supporting more local businesses with custom-made furniture, after working on contracts with the Bunbury Turf Club, Busselton Jetty, Illusions Margaret River and Matso's Brewery.

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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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