

Helping disabled

AN employment service specialising in finding work for people with a disability has set up shop at Mitchelton.

Comepass Employment Services has extended its business from Oxley to Mitchelton after being given a green light from the State Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

It will operate from Sarina Russo Job Access at Mitchelton two days a week. Compass community and

business liaison Victoria Lister said the service was designed to help job seekers with a disability or impairment who are assessed as capable of working 15 to 29 hours a week.

"It is aimed to help people with a disability achieve independence in the workplace within two years," she said.

"We have helped many job seekers with a disability.

"There are a lot of job-created roles where we sit

down with an employer and build a role around a person's skills.

"We are also one of only two services in the whole of Brisbane which caters to vision and hearing-impaired job seekers."

Employment consultant Therese Temperton will work at Mitchelton on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9am to 5pm.

Sarina Russo Job Access is at 87 Osborne Rd, Mitchelton. Phone 3710 2016.

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Brisbane residents have worked hard to reduce their water use. Since the introduction of water restrictions in May 2005, more than 35 billion litres of water have been saved. This is a fantastic result. However, below average rainfall in our dam catchment areas has meant that water supplies have now dropped below 30%, triggering the need to introduce Level 3 water restrictions.

What Level 3 water restrictions mean

Level 3 water restrictions mean a total ban on outdoor sprinkling and hosing. Outdoor washing and watering is only permitted using hand-held buckets or watering cans filled directly from a tap at any time.

What you can do

- water your garden at any time using a watering can or bucket filled directly from a tap
- wash your vehicle/house at any time using a bucket filled directly from a tap
- fill or top-up fountains and ponds at any time using a bucket, filled directly from a tap
- top up existing pools and spas by hose before 7am and after 7pm on your allocated day (odd-numbered properties Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday; even-numbered or un-numbered Wednesday, Friday and Sunday). Council recommends the use of pool covers to reduce water evaporation.
- residents with a medical condition or physical disability who have a medical certificate can water their gardens (not lawn) with a hand-held hose between 4-5pm Saturday for odd-numbered properties or 4-5pm Sunday for even and un-numbered properties. Residents must register their details with Council and be able to produce a medical certificate on request.

Remember, it is possible to maintain a healthy garden during drought – contact your local nursery or Council for information on sustainable or green choice gardening.

What we are doing

The Queensland Government, SEQWater and 12 regional councils, have plans in place to secure our water supply by:

- reactivating Lake Manchester and Enoggera Dams
- investigating groundwater extraction - a drilling program has already commenced
- developing new recycled water schemes - Council currently supplies recycled water to industry, golf clubs, universities and sporting facilities
- investing in major projects to improve our water supply networks.

Keeping you informed

Other water restrictions apply for businesses and outdoor residential use. To find out more visit www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/drought or phone the drought hotline on 1300 789 906 for information or to report someone not adhering to Level 3 water restrictions.



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