



## *Media Statement*

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### **Boronia leads way in employment**

THE Careers and Employment Expo at Boronia Pre-Release Centre for Women last week was a lead event in National Career Development Week.

The expo included booths from 15 businesses, training organisations and post-release support services.

Almost all of Boronia's 70 prisoners attended the voluntary event to discover the education, training and employment opportunities available to improve their employability after release and help them successfully reintegrate into the community.

Corrective Services Employment Coordinator Angie Edwards said the expo was a great opportunity for prisoners to learn more about opportunities upon release and meet potential employers.

"Some of the women have been worried, with recent economic troubles and job losses, that they won't be able to find employment when they get out," she said.

"Events like the expo highlight the employment options outside of Boronia as well as training courses they can undertake to improve their employability in the future."

Angie said the expo supported other employment initiatives at Boronia, where prisoners begin training and preparation for future employment a year before release.

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#### **Photos attached:**

- 1) Prisoner Employment Program Manager Larry Smith and Employment Coordinator Angie Edwards**
- 2) Lizette North from Extra Edge talks to a prisoner about the services on offer.**
- 3) The Boronia Career and Employment Expo.**

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