



Be proactive and find your ideal career

A SPECIAL week of celebrations will help you find your ideal career as part of National Career Development Week from May 18 to 24.

THAT PLACE at the BLX, 36 Camp St Ballarat will have career information and displays all week, so call in to research your career pathway.

The Wiggles will support this year's NCDW with a national television, cinema, and radio campaign that says it's important to be proactive about job choices in the current climate — no matter what your age.

"It's important to have a

job, but a job that suits you is even better," blue Wiggle Anthony Field said.

"Take a course, write down your goals, and develop the skills to get a job that matches your interests and your lifestyle."

You can get started with help from the website www.nationalcareerdevelopmentweek.com.au.

Career Industry Council of Australia president Mike Geeves said The Wiggles' success was the result of combining interests and lifelong learning with a continuing passion for what they do.

"The National Career Development Week campaign

encourages all Australians to do the same, to be proactive about managing your life, learning and work — and to take control of your future," he said.

The following principles can help you navigate today's ever-changing career landscape:

- Change is constant, embrace it — Be open to change and remain alert to new opportunities.
- Learning is ongoing — Stay motivated by learning new skills and developing new talents and be ready for future opportunities.
- Focus on the journey —

Recognise that your career journey will be throughout your lifetime. Appreciate and value each experience along the way.

● Know yourself, believe in yourself and follow your heart — Pursue your passion to find fulfilment. Discover ways to combine your interests with career opportunities.

● Access your allies — Rely on the support of your family, friends, mentors, colleagues and peers. Your network (the people and contacts you know) are very useful if you are looking for a new job.