



Good Samaritan INDUSTRIES

Employment Choices for People with Disabilities

Good Samaritan Industries has been awarded \$180,000 from the State Government to deliver practical new services for people with disabilities at work who are ageing.

Dr Mike Nahan MLA, Member for Riverton, will be presenting the cheque to Good Samaritan Industries at 9.45am on Friday 9th September 2011 at a function being held at GSI's Canning Vale premises at 47 Magnet Road, Canning Vale.

The project known as "Ageing With My Ability" sees Good Samaritan Industries (GSI) pilot a two year action research project to:

- Promote active, healthy ageing and ageing-in-place that:
 - ✓ ensures that preventive health funding, health programs and life-style planning for ageing Australians are also accessed by their ageing clients
 - ✓ ensures that ageing clients receive services that enable them to remain at home where this is a preferred option
 - ✓ educates support staff to competently foster active, healthy ageing
 - ✓ anticipates and responds to the needs of people with disabilities who are living longer lives and who are likely to acquire other conditions relating to the ageing process, e.g. Alzheimer's &
 - ✓ emphasises opportunities for community contribution and participation for their clients during senior years.
- Developing effective interfaces between GSI, community aged care services, and residential aged care services for older clients
- Ensuring that ageing clients, their families and carers receive specialised help to coordinate, plan and address the many separation issues that arise when older people with disabilities leave their family home or place of work, and
- Ensuring these services are culturally appropriate.

"This represents a fantastic opportunity to deliver innovative services to a large group of ageing people with disabilities and we thank the State Government for the opportunity to do this great work on behalf of our clients" said John Knowles, GSI Chief Executive.

Whilst there is a good understanding of the issue of ageing and disability, the literature is not robust about real solutions that deliver practical, on the ground services and benefits ageing people with disabilities. This innovative project may herald some real practical solutions.

"I am extremely pleased to make this presentation to such an outstanding corporation," said Dr Nahan.

"Good Samaritan Industries is a vital link within our local community and it is constantly striving to provide the best services, programs and care to help ageing clients, their families and carers cope with the ageing process."

**CHEQUE PRESENTATION AND PHOTO OPPORTUNITY AT GOOD SAMARITAN INDUSTRIES,
47 MAGNET ROAD CANNING VALE.**

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