

Apprenticeships & Traineeships

THE wimmera
Everything you need.

Part of the Creekside Hotel family

For Sally and Kevin Gebert, owners of The Creekside Hotel, employing apprentices and trainees is mutually beneficial.

Sally said employing trainees was positive for the Warracknabeal business because both Maddison Peters and Luke Booth brought great ideas to the table, and gave a fresh perspective from a young person's eyes.

"We wanted to offer career paths so young people didn't have to leave Warracknabeal."

"Maddison has moved up to take on a lot of responsibility. The great thing about both Maddy and Luke is that they take ownership and pride in what they do," she said.

"Luke takes on challenges - he wants to learn and is happy to do it."

Sally said employing young people from the Wimmera was important.

"I've employed apprentices for 14 or 15 years, and we wanted to give back to this community," Sally said.

Sally said employing the right staff was important to their business, and she and Kevin had placed a lot of trust in Maddison and Luke.

"They have become a part of our lives, and we are so proud of them."

Sally said organisations, such as Community Axis and Workco, can help businesses with the paperwork and logistics of employing trainees and apprentices.

"An apprenticeship is a big commitment, its four years, it is taking someone from being a young person to an adult," Sally said.



"Kevin and I are the face of The Creekside Hotel but the backbone is people like Maddy and Luke. We wouldn't be where we are if we didn't have them."

A Tale of Two Apprentices: The Creekside Hotel



Luke Booth, 19

APPRENTICE CHEF



Maddison Peters, 20

HOSPITALITY TRAINEE



VCE AT DIMBOOLA MEMORIAL
SECONDARY COLLEGE

SCHOOL

VCE AT WARRACKNABEAL
SECONDARY COLLEGE

COOKING CLASSES
IN DIMBOOLA

SUMMER JOB AS A LABOURER
RENOVATING HOTEL

Community Axis approached
Creekside Hotel on Luke's
behalf

JOB INTERVIEW

Sally and Kevin were so
impressed with Maddison's
attitude to working when
she was helping to renovate the
hotel, they offered her a job

At his interview Luke was:

- Well-prepared
- Spoke well
- Focused on career and what he wanted to achieve
- Looked the owners in the eye when speaking to them

Maddison's job involves:

- Serving customers at the bar
- Stock ordering
- Cleaning
- Co-ordinating functions



APPRENTICESHIP/TRAINEESHIP
AT CREEKSIDE HOTEL

1st

item on the
menu in 6 months

Finalist
in the Wimmera
Business Awards
Trainee of the Year

COMPLETED FIRST YEAR OF
APPRENTICESHIP EARLY

COMPLETED A
CERTIFICATE III IN
HOSPITALITY

CURRENTLY AT TRADE
SCHOOL: UNIVERSITY OF
BALLARAT
AS A 2ND YEAR APPRENTICE

CURRENT STUDY

CURRENTLY STUDYING
CERTIFICATE IV IN
HOSPITALITY

NEXT STEP IS A DIPLOMA

Luke hopes to travel the
world working as a
fully-qualified chef

FUTURE CAREER PLANS

Maddison will be able to
work in any hotel around the
world with her qualifications
- even manage a 5 star hotel

