



SPC supports Ganbina youth

Every Ganbina participant working at SPC this season agrees – it's a fantastic opportunity to get some real on-the-job work experience and one-on-one mentoring in the workplace.

SPC was established in the Goulburn Valley almost 100 years ago. It is committed to the local community and has been very supportive of Ganbina for some time.

Last December, we established a major partnership with SPC for the next three years. This includes SPC offering seasonal and longer term career opportunities to Ganbina school leavers and tertiary students, as well as funding support for our Year 10 Leadership Program, our Melbourne based university initiatives and the annual Ganbina Careers Expo.

Caption: Ganbina participants doing seasonal work at SPC, at the launch of the new partnership between Ganbina and SPC. L-R: Clarissa Marsden, Marley Bryant, Shanaya Roberts, Jordan Marsters, Shantelle Collyer and Troy Firebrace.

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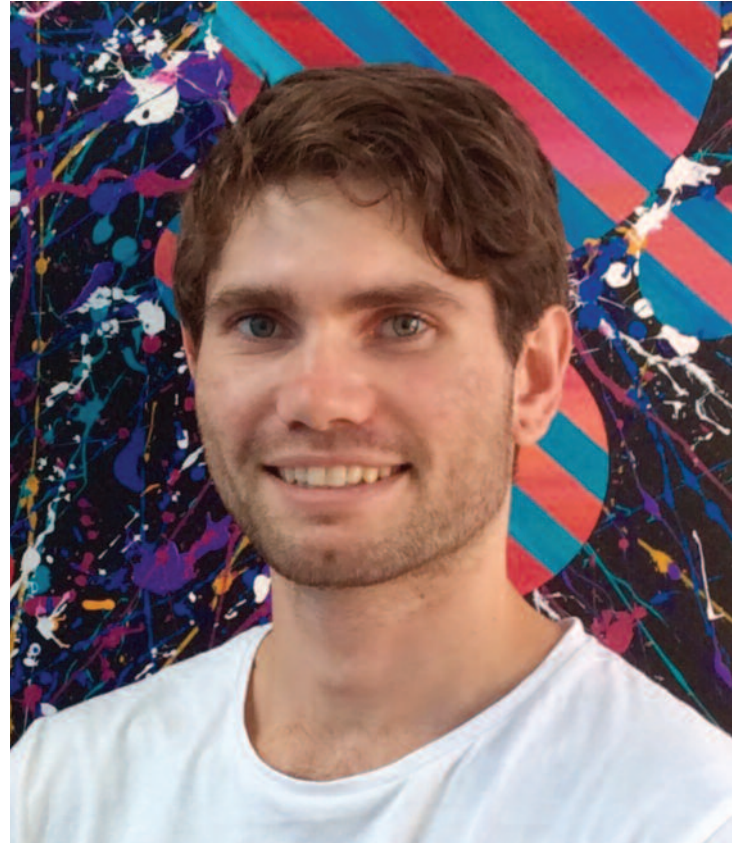


Twenty-one year old Shanaya Roberts works as a casual at Target. This year, she is also working some night shifts at SPC to earn some extra money and use new skills.

Shanaya said: "It's quite a lot to take on but Ganbina encouraged me to do it and I am so glad I did," she said.

"I've learned some great leadership and time management skills working at SPC. I am the leading hand on the fruit packing line, so it's up to me to make sure that all 18 people are doing their jobs properly and upholding SPC's quality standards.

"I'm saving all my wages from SPC so that if anything unexpected comes up, I've got some security behind me. I might also put some towards an overseas trip."



Troy Firebrace is working night shifts at SPC while he completes the final year of his Bachelor of Creative Arts degree at Latrobe University in Bendigo. He plans to start a Masters of Education next year to become a teacher and also continue his career as an artist.

"SPC are very flexible with my shifts so I can fit my study in as well. They are so supportive of what I am doing at university and I really appreciate that.

"My wages help cover my education costs including paints, brushes and materials. My partner and I have a new baby too, so the money helps a lot with our living expenses.

"I feel very lucky to have found a career that's right for me. Ganbina encouraged me every step of the way and I want to inspire other young people to find their passion too."



Nineteen year old Clarissa Marsden worked at SPC for three months this season working on line inspection. She has completed her Diploma in Sports Education at Sports Education Development Australia (SEDA) and now wants to become a teacher's aide or work in child care.

"The atmosphere at SPC was great and the people there were really nice," said Clarissa.

"I really enjoyed the work and the extra money was very useful. I've been using some of it to pay off my car and I've saved the rest.

"I want to keep saving because further on down the track, I want to buy or build a house of my own."



Jordan Marsters is working full time during the season as an aseptic filler head operator at SPC, packing preserved fruit into holding drums.

Nineteen year old Jordan said: "I've got some great experience at SPC including learning how to operate different types of machinery, how to maintain quality standards and to work as part of the team.

"I got my driving licence through the Ganbina Driver Skills Program and the money I am earning at SPC has helped me buy a Jeep.

"Ganbina are now helping me to organise my forklift licence to increase my future job prospects at SPC and elsewhere too."



Name

Kyle Clarke

School

Notre Dame College, Year 11

Interests

Fishing, AFL

Favourite subjects

P.E., English

Early ambitions

AFL player

Current Career Goal

To get into the trade Industry



Name

Rhys Damon

School

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Year 9

Interests

Football

Favourite subjects

P.E.

Early ambitions

AFL player

Current Career Goal

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On the radar

27 March - 2 April	Year 12 Youth Leadership Program New Zealand Tour
30 March	Year 10 Youth Leadership Program First Aid
1 April	Melbourne Industry Tours registration closes
11 April	Year 10 Youth Leadership Program Goals Session
15 April	Year 11 Youth Leadership Program Community Dinner
2 May	Year 12 Youth Leadership Program Leadership Traits
4 May	Ganbina Careers Expo
9 May	Year 11 Youth Leadership Program Leadership Traits
13-16 May	Year 10 Youth Leadership Program Culture Session