

Our work experience choices

At House With No Steps our businesses provide a wide range of work experience placements to people on the 'transition to work' program. Our businesses include:

Metal manufacturing – In Warabrook we provide work experience in manufacturing metal products for the mining, construction and manufacturing industries.

Recycling service – In Adamstown we service local businesses with confidential document shredding and recycling of paper and cardboard.

Therapeutic goods packaging – In Lambton, we operate a clean-air environment for the packaging of sterile dressings, surgical packs and other therapeutic goods.

Contract packaging – In Lambton we provide work experience in the areas of packaging, collating, mail-outs, sub-assembly, sewing and rag cutting.

Commercial laundries – In Warabrook and Port Stephens our commercial laundries provide washing, ironing and dry cleaning services to many of the Hunter's hotels, resorts and restaurants.

Woodworking – At Lambton we manufacture timber display boxes, shipping crates and cases and survey pegs.

Landscape maintenance – Around the Newcastle area our mobile work crew undertake garden maintenance and lawn care.

Who is House With No Steps?

We are one of Australia's leading service providers to people with a disability, offering employment, education, training and community support services to over 2500 people with a disability each week.

Since 1962, we have supported children and adults with an intellectual, physical, sensory and/or psychiatric disability to live, learn, work and connect in the community.

Find out more:

Transition to Work Program
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House With No Steps will help prepare you for employment after leaving school.

Our 'Transition to Work' program is designed for young people with a disability leaving school who require some support before starting their first job.

Why choose House With No Steps?

We will help you to become independent by developing the skills necessary for employment and gaining some work experience.

Achieving employment

Right from the beginning of your 'transition to work' program our experienced staff are focused on getting you ready to start work and helping you achieve your career goals.

Developing your independence

At House With No Steps our focus is on helping you make the most of your abilities. We will help you to develop your skills and confidence to ensure you achieve greater independence.

A personalised approach

We provide a personalised approach and listen to your needs. We will work with you to develop an individual transition plan ensuring you gain the skills and work experience you need to succeed.

Choice and variety of work experience

We can offer you a wide choice of work experience because we own many businesses in the Hunter region. We also have strong links with other businesses in the local community. For you this means maximum choice and the opportunity to try several different jobs during your two-year program.

Career options when you finish

When you complete the 'transition to work' program you can be assured of maximising your career options because we keep employment places open for our program graduates. We currently employ more than 260 people with a disability in our Hunter region businesses.

Develop your skills and confidence

We will create opportunities for you to learn within a fun and supportive atmosphere. During your program you will gain a formal qualification, *Certificate 1 in Work Preparation*, and may also attend some courses of study at TAFE.

We will help you to review your career options and plan for your future to maximise your abilities. Our program combines small group and individual training. Some of the skills you may learn during the program include:

■ WORK SKILLS

- Workplace communication
- Rights and responsibilities
- Safety equipment and signs

■ PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Adjusting to change
- Peer pressure

■ SOCIAL SKILLS

- Personal presentation
- Travel training skills

■ LIVING SKILLS

- Accident response
- Money management

How long is the program?

Two years.

Who is eligible?

- A school leaver who has completed year 12 and has an intellectual, psychiatric, physical or sensory disability, and
- Has been assessed as eligible by ADHC, and
- Is a resident of NSW
- You are not eligible if currently working in paid employment for more than 12 hours per week or in full time vocational or higher education.

You can also apply to transfer from a *Community Participation Program* to *Transition to Work*.

