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Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP)

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Our wonderful STEPS Palmerston community recently celebrated Harmony Day with the City of Palmerston Library.

For Harmony Day, the goal was to highlight the cultural diversity of our clients and team members and celebrate their cultural heritage.

The morning was filled with friendship, laughter, and amazing activities.

Our Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) clients performed traditional Thai, Chinese, Indonesian and Congolese dances and enjoyed stories from the library staff.

Tripti, one of our teachers, treated everyone to a beautiful song in Nepalese.

The cultural performances were followed by a morning tea, lovingly prepared by our Palmerston team.

Over seventy people attended this incredible and inclusive event. Thank you to everyone who joined us, shared their culture, and celebrated our diverse community!

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Get Ready for Work with STEPS AMEP

If you've attended our AMEP Program in the last 12 months and you're looking for employment, Ready for Work is for you!

This short and free full-time course will help you:

- Write a resume and job application
- Prepare for job interviews
- Learn the language used in Australian workplaces
- Understand workplace health and safety rules

Plus, you'll get 2-3 weeks of local work experience!

As part of the Settlement Language Pathways to Employment and Training (SLPET) subprogram, The Ready for Work course collaborates with real employers in your community to prepare you for the Australian workplace and give you the skills you need for a successful job search.

Our friendly team is here to help you get started! Reach out to us today and apply.

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Casuarina clients visit NT Government House

Our Level 1 Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) clients in Casuarina had the opportunity to visit Government House in Darwin.

They met and spoke to The Administrator of the Northern Territory, His Honour Professor the Honourable Hugh Heggie AO PSM and his partner Ms Ruth Eirwen Jones.

Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a guided tour of Government House, followed by delicious refreshments and conversations about what they'd learned.

Joyce Wu, one of our teachers in Casuarina, said that the experience enriched the clients' understanding of Australian history and culture.

"It was such an eye-opening opportunity and I loved talking to the clients about what they took away from the day," Joyce said.

> "Understanding Australian culture and history is an incredibly important part of a migrant's settlement journey, so it was valuable for our clients to get this hands-on lesson with their peers."









Client profile

What was your main motivation for joining AMEP?

The main motivation for me to join AMEP was to study English, because it is very important to help me live in Darwin. I want to be able to communicate better and feel more confident in my life.

What are some of your favourite parts of AMEP?

From the first day in class, I felt very welcome. I really love the atmosphere created by my teachers and classmates. We are like a family, learning and helping each other both in and out of class. I feel so lucky to have such lovely teachers and patient tutors.

What are some valuable lessons or skills you have learnt during your time with AMEP?

I have learned many valuable language skills: speaking, listening, reading and writing. I've also learned practical communication skills that help me every day, like how to order food and drinks or how to make a doctor's appointment. We learn through real-life experiences too. For example, we visited a coffee shop to practise ordering. These activities help me understand more about life in Darwin and Australia.

What are your professional goals?

In the future, I hope to study childcare at university. That's my goal and I believe I can reach it once my English improves even more.

What are your personal goals?

I want to feel confident communicating in English and continue making new friends in my community.

What advice would you give to someone who is thinking about joining AMEP?

I would highly recommend STEPS AMEP to anyone who wants to learn English. You will gain language skills, confidence, new friendships, and a lot of joy during your learning journey.

The Travelling Suitcase visits Palmerston

The Australian Textile Arts & Surface Design Association (ATASDA) created the Travelling Suitcase to be a roaming exhibition of small textile artworks and technical guides, transported all around Australia.

Our AMEP clients in Palmerston recently got to check out the suitcase's contents and use them as inspiration for their own creations before sending the exhibition off to its next destination.

The Travelling Suitcase is used as a learning tool for many different textile techniques, from quilting and slow stitching to patchwork and machine embroidery and everything in between.

It is a great way to get the local community involved in the textile arts, which contribute to positive mental health and social connection.

Thank you to ATASDA for giving us the opportunity to see the Travelling Suitcase and enjoy the beauty of the textile arts.







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Learn English for free with STEPS AMEP

Are you new to Australia and want to improve your English language skills?

The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) at STEPS offers unlimited hours of free English lessons to eligible migrants and humanitarian entrants.

You'll learn how to use English in everyday situations, like going to the doctor, using public transport, or applying for jobs. You'll also learn about Australian culture, values and systems while connecting with your community and gaining confidence.

Topics include:

- Life skills, culture, family and friends
- Health and safety
- Managing money and banking
- Public transport and driving
- The childcare and education system
- Medical services
- Australian laws

With flexible class times and access to additional supports like free childcare and one-on-one home tutoring, STEPS AMEP is designed to fit your life and your goals.

Get started today! Contact us to check your eligibility and take the first step toward your future.

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