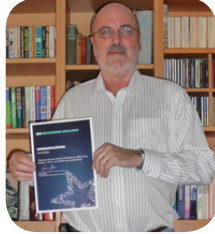


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Excellence Award

GCS takes great pleasure in announcing and congratulating our contractors when they receive recognition for their contributions to both corporations and Not-for-Profit organisations.

On 18 February, **Luke Webber** (left) was awarded with a '**Group Business Services Recognising Excellence Award**' for Quarter 1, 2010 on his efforts with the **Sacred Heart Mission** organisation.



Luke has enlightened us on the work he was recognised for this project.

"Sacred Heart Mission deals largely with the problems of the homeless, the poor and the elderly of the St Kilda area.

The project was initially to make some enhancements to a PHP-based charitable giving website but once we realised what we were dealing with, we decided to rewrite it from the ground up in C# and ASP.Net, using Subversion for source control and LINQ to a SQL Server 2008 database.



The site is www.santacause.com.au, and it is one of those sites where you give a charitable donation as a Christmas gift to friends or family. We have plans to enhance it for year-round donations in the future.

Last year the site earned just under \$5,000, but we hope to improve on that substantially in the coming years. It's impossible to assign a dollar value to the work, because it's not a NAB-internal project.

The four of us worked for over three months of weekend and evenings, as well as our volunteer days to get the job done. One of the great things about NAB is the encouragement they give to volunteer efforts such as this, and our project actually gained visibility right up to the CEO level."

Labour Day

Just a quick reminder to submit all timesheets to: timesheets@gcsgroup.com.au by **12 PM Tuesday 9 March** due to the Monday public holiday. We wish everyone a relaxing and safe long weekend.

Contracts, Renewal or Pay

If you have a query regarding your contract, renewal or pay, **Christine Hogan** is now back from leave and happy to take your call on (03) 9347 3055.



5 Minutes with Anastasia!

This month GCS would like to introduce Anastasia Karakostas. Anastasia has been with GCS for 18 months. Anastasia is a little shy and did not want her picture taken however was outgoing enough to allow us to interview her. Please read on for her responses.

Current project you are working on

"Currently I'm at EB-Services (previously Jemena) working on the MVRs Gas upgrade. This entails upgrading meter reading technology as the old technology is not supported anymore."

A snapshot of your background & skills?

"I have 10 years experience in the development of Natural, Adabas and mainframe technologies in companies including GE Money, Telstra Fleet Services, Coles Myer, SPLI and the Australian Wheat Board."

Key career highlight / achievement?

"My job at Telstra Fleet Services - Port Melbourne

- Worked closely with users who were in the same building as us
- We were trusted and respected with the users needs and requirements
- Not micromanaged
- Short walk to the beach at lunch
- Flexible working hours."

Your tips on cultivating a successful business culture?

"Honesty, trust and flexibility!"

Your thoughts on GCS?

"Wages are always paid on time - I've never had a problem with GCS!!!"

If you were stuck on a deserted island, what 3 things would you wish you had?

- " - Some friends;
- An endless supply of wine; Sauvignon Blanc from NZ.... Margaret River to be exact. hmmm!; and
- An endless supply of seafood.

Definitely no phones or ipods, just relaxing with great friends, food and wine."

GCS' Footy Tipping Competition

Yes it's FREE Footy Tipping time again...

We would like to remind you **GCS' Footy Tipping** Competition for 2010 has opened and it's FREE to join with over \$1000 in the prize pool.

- 1st Prize- **\$400**
- 2nd Prize - **\$200**
- 3rd Prize - **\$100**
- Last Place - **\$50**

* Additional weekly prizes awarded.

Please visit the [website](#) and follow the prompts to register.

To be eligible to win in the GCS competition, remember to connect to GCS' Footy Tipping by signing up to join an existing private competition with the Competition Key: **QGF2YUK4KY**