



Traineeship for Kandelka

PLAYING midnight basketball has provided Peel High student Kandelka Knox with a chance to set herself on a career path in the banking and finance industry as part of a program that has been recognised nationally for the opportunities it creates.

Kandelka is one of two young women from Tamworth who will begin a school-based traineeship, through the Aboriginal Employment Strategy

(AES), with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. It will involve up to 800 hours spent in the workplace and result in a Certificate IV in Financial Services. The other student is Monique Cook, from Oxley High School.

It was the involvement of volunteer staff from the bank, and its sponsorship at a national level, that created the point of contact for Kandelka and her potential career path.



CAREER BUILDING: CBA branch manager Sally Berg, left, Joblink Plus' Marg Hombsch, Kandelka Knox and CBA area manager Tom Eckersley.

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She played basketball in a team sponsored and supported by volunteers from the Tamworth branch of the bank and area manager Tom Eckersley recog-

nised her as a good candidate for a traineeship.

Kandelka will begin her traineeship next week with an induction course in Sydney for the week.