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CANADA AMBASSADOR

The Canadian Exchange Program is a joint venture with sister organisation, **SkillSource British Columbia** and includes four weeks studying the Canadian Apprenticeship system while experiencing life and work in Canada.

3rd Year Apprentice Carpenter, Robert Vidler has been selected to be our 2018 Canadian Exchange Ambassador!

Congratulations to Robert Vidler, a 3rd Year Carpentry Apprentice from Brisbane who commenced his apprenticeship as an Adult. Robert will head to Canada in June where he will swap a Greenslopes commercial construction site, for work on a million-dollar mansion in British Columbia, as part of a month-long work and study tour.

Robert was also the winner of our 1st or 2nd Year Carpenter Apprentice of the Year Award in 2017.

“Canada makes me want to push even harder to see what other opportunities are out there,” said Robert. “It won’t end here”.

Robert is also trying to encourage his younger brother to commence a carpentry apprenticeship as this is something Robert wishes he started when he was younger.

APPRENTICE & HOST PROFILE

Name: Benjamin Porter

Trade: Shopfitting

Current Host: Eurofurn

ECA Field Officer:
Craig Panter

Ben Porter is a 4th year Apprentice Shopfitter currently working at Eurofurn. Since commencing his apprenticeship in 2015, Ben has achieved some major accomplishments including being awarded 2017 Furnishing Apprentice of the Year.

Ben prides himself on getting the job done correctly and being able to produce quality product.

Ben has had a passion for woodwork from a young age and remembers working with his grandfather in his workshop under the family home.

Ben has loved working with his host Eurofurn over the past 2 years as there is so much variety and he is always learning something new. Eurofurn is supportive and has given Ben a fantastic opportunity to become a quality tradesman.

Host Name: Eurofurn

ECA Host Since: 2007

Current Apprentices: 3

ECA Field Officer:
Rob Grummitt

Eurofurn are one of Australia's leading custom furniture manufacturers and have been in business since 2000.

The company pride themselves on quality and have developed a reputation for this all over Australia.

Eurofurn are always keeping their equipment current and state of the art to ensure not only a quality product but also competent and trained staff.

Eurofurn have been a host employer with East Coast Apprenticeships for over 10 years and in that time they have hosted 63 apprentices.

Eurofurn is an excellent company for apprentices to learn the trade.

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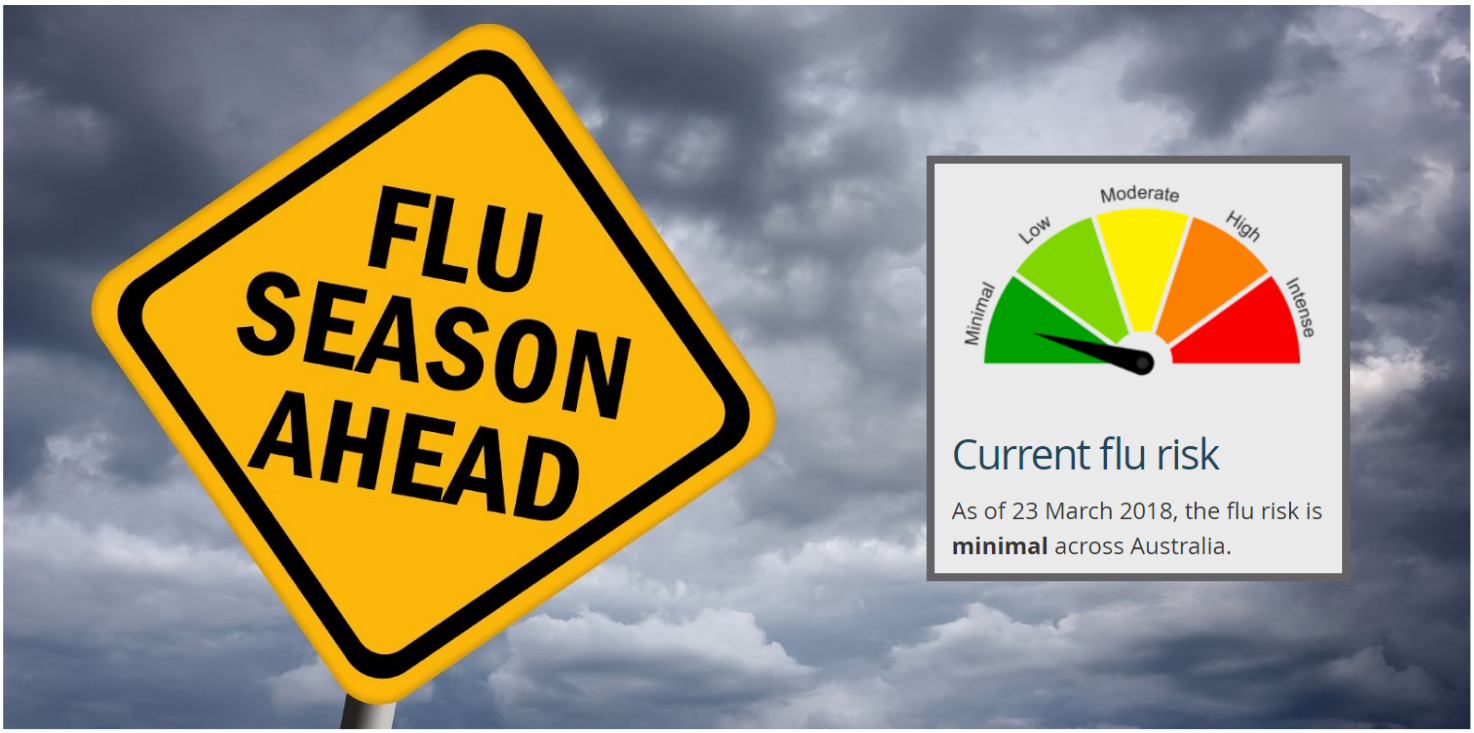

Cold or Flu?

	COLDS	FLU
Fatigue/weakness	Sometimes	Usual, can last up to 2 to 3 weeks
Body aches/pain	Slight	Usual, often severe
Extreme exhaustion	Never	Usual, at the beginning of the illness
Sore throat	Common	Sometimes
Fever	Rare	Usual, lasts 3 to 4 days
Headache	Rare	Common
Chest discomfort/cough	Mild to moderate, hacking cough	Common, can become severe
Sneezing	Usual	Sometimes

Do I have the Flu?

Try Symptom Checker:

Flu Smart - Flu Test (link)

How to Avoid the Flu

✓Follow good hygiene - wash hands regularly, clean surfaces, cover mouth / nose when coughing or sneezing

✓Consider getting the flu vaccination in early Autumn

Source: healthdirect.gov.au/flu-trends

Trade Outcome Program

Congratulations to all participants who completed this year's Trade Outcome Program.

March 2018
Apprentice / Trainee Completions

Congratulations to those who completed their Apprenticeship/Traineeship within March-

Brayden Arthur (Carpenter)
Tamara Castro (Business Administration)
Jacob Cripps (Cabinetmaker)
Natalie Curtis (Business Administration)
Alec Evans (Carpenter)
Liam Howden-Wilson (Carpenter)
Marco Mezzani (Business Administration)
Keegan Reeves (Carpenter)
Benjamin Splint (Cabinetmaker)

MONTHLY APPRENTICE DRAW

East Coast Apprenticeships conducts an apprentice/trainee draw for the first pay period of each month. East Coast will draw two names and they will each receive a $50 gift voucher and $25 fuel voucher.

Congratulations to the winners for March:

Charlie Foster and **Bryce Smith**

MONTHLY HOST DRAW

East Coast Apprenticeships conducts a host draw for the first pay period of each month. East Coast will draw two host names and they will each receive a $250.00 cheque.

Congratulations to the winners for March:

Stroud Homes Wide Bay and **Pacific Blue Developments Pty Ltd**

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