Career Change

How a jewellery industry worker became a Hire A Hubby

THE APPLICANT

Name: Andrew Monks  
Former position: Manufacturing manager for a precious metals manufacturer.  
After working for more than 55-plus hours a week in the precious metal industry, managing 52 staff in the same company for 32 years, it was time to try something different. As manufacturing manager, I was responsible for installing and maintaining machinery, and building maintenance.

I’ve always enjoyed fixing things and renovated the family home from front to back, painting, fixing floor boards, hanging doors, tiling, fencing, building our kitchen, our carport and veranda. Looking for a change, I researched and contacted several franchise organisations and found Hire A Hubby to be very professional and upfront. The corporate training was comprehensive and included practical skills, quoting and business management. It gave me the necessary accreditation to gain my basic Builders License and White Card.

I enjoy the flexibility, and especially enjoy jobs that clients have been meaning to do for many months, and assisting the aged and the disabled, helping to improve their quality of life.

THE EXPERT

Name: Stephen Haasoma  
Position: Partner, Haasoma Lawyers.  
Skills tips: If you’re thinking of a career change and possibly buying or starting a business, then a franchise is something you should seriously consider.

A good franchise provides you with a brand, a business model and systems which the franchisor has already spent considerable time and money developing (time and money which you then don’t have to spend).

A strong successful franchise brand with ongoing group advertising will be strongly recognisable by potential customers, so getting customers will generally be much easier.

Additionally, a good franchisor will provide initial and ongoing training and support for the franchise business, including training in technology, accounting and dealing with customers. Also you can tap into the franchise’s bulk purchasing power.

While you should obviously consider going into any business carefully and get expert advice, a franchise is much easier.

THE demand for skilled employees in the design and development of web and mobile applications and infrastructure continues to rise as technology drives the consumer lifestyle. SAE, a top educator in the creative industries field, is leading the education charge to meet the demand, offering three innovative and hands-on courses in Brisbane.

SAE offers practical industry-focused degrees and diplomas in the areas of audio, film, design, animation, games, and web and mobile. The Brisbane campus is conveniently located in West End, offering access to state-of-the-art studios and equipment, and a teaching and learning team committed to excellence in education and specialist training.

SAE Brisbane campus manager Jeremy Butts believes a hands-on approach is the strongest way to deliver job-ready graduates, with SAE Brisbane’s recent graduate showcase providing industry members the opportunity to mix with graduates.

"The graduate showcase enabled the graduates to show their best works from 2013 and we were delighted in two students securing positions in web and graphic design, with many more using the event to start building their brand,” Butts says. “We offer our students the opportunity to complete internships in industry, which can often result in full-time positions.”

This is testament to the high calibre of work from our students and the passion of our dedicated staff, most of whom are professionals in their chosen discipline.”

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ON SHOW: Industry members are able to see students’ work at SAE’s graduate showcase.

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Hands-on learning gets results at SAE

Focal Point

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Average Salary Selected Franchises offer a $100,000 income guarantee

Number of Franchise brands nationally 300

National Association Franchise Council of Australia

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