

# IT'S A DOG'S LIFE... Just ask Magnus the Guide Dog and Steven D'Elia from Campbellfield, Victoria.

Campbellfield's newest and youngest apprentice is showing potential, but he still has about a year of training left before he's fully qualified... as a Guide Dog.

From the age of eight weeks to about one year old, Guide Dog puppies like Magnus are raised by volunteers like Steven D'Elia from Worldwide Campbellfield.

Steve has had his 'apprentice' since Magnus was seven months old, and trains him how to behave like a Guide Dog in public and private places.

"Magnus is with me 24 hours a day. The longest I am allowed to leave him alone is three hours, or he has to be left with another person who can stay with him and who knows all the rules. He comes with me to work, shopping, everywhere."

Already a star pupil, Magnus is very well-behaved and sits quietly for most of the day, apart from some enthusiastic (and chew-toy ruining) games of tug-of-war with Steve, and playing chasey outside with Campbellfield's team members.

Steve is delighted that his team helps out. "I thought it would be really good for staff morale to give them a part to play and a little bit of the responsibility."

"I guess it helps show that just being a busy person is no excuse to not help out. Life is not all about making money and material gain!"

Even if you don't have room in your Centre for an 'apprentice' like Magnus, you can still contribute! Just contact your state or territory's Guide Dog association through [www.guidedogsaustralia.com](http://www.guidedogsaustralia.com) to volunteer or make a donation.



Still in training: Steven D'Elia and the team at Campbellfield in Vic foster Magnus, a Guide Dog puppy.

## Build a House in QLD for Less Than \$100! Spiralling house prices cause Queensland Centres to take drastic measures

You can get a house in Brisbane for less than \$100 – as long as you don't mind it being a just a tad perishable.

Staff from Fortitude Valley, George Street and Milton Centres (all owned by Peter and Fran O'Brien) and the QLD Digital Hub held a competition to see who could construct and decorate the best gingerbread house from a basic kit.

The judges – QLD State Manager Giselle Gabbani and Administration Manager Ian Milne – were kept informed of progress, but entries were



QLD's brand new hub has some unique, cutting-edge features, including cake printers, jelly-baby staff members and lots of creamy icing...

strictly secret until the official proceedings began.

"They were all spectacular," said Official Tasting Judge, Ian Milne. "The Digital Hub entry tried to be very personalised with miniatures of their machines included, but there could be only one winner and that was selected independently by the two judges as Milton."

"They were very tasty indeed," added Ian, "and I am happy to offer my services to this type of competition again." Sweet!

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