

Career is back on track

CASTLE HILL:

WHEN Thomas Rigby's foot was amputated after a crane driving accident in 2008, he thought his career was over.

Castle Hill RSL is helping Mr Rigby get his career back on track through a WorkTrial.

Mr Rigby had his accident at Kurnell in November 2008. The amputation meant he could no longer drive a crane but it would not keep him out of the workforce.

Mr Rigby is undertaking a WorkTrial in the club's employee relations department.

He has completed his occupational health and safety certificate and WorkTrial is giving the father of four the experience that is allowing him to get closer to his long term goal of becoming a WorkCover inspector.

Castle Hill RSL Group human resources manager Brent Williams was delighted with Mr Rigby's progress.

"Castle Hill RSL Group is committed to being a leading preferred employer in the Hills district," he said.

"With this comes a responsibility to all members of the community including those who have been dealt challenges that make it hard for them to find viable work opportunities.

"If potential employees have a burning desire to work and build a career for themselves, we want to give them every opportunity we can to help them on that quest."



Thomas Rigby and Mary Schoech from Castle Hill RSL.

● What is WorkTrial

A WorkTrial is a short period of work experience as part of an occupational rehabilitation program; it is a WorkCover initiative aimed at helping injured workers maintain or get employment; WorkTrials are only used when the employer responsible for the injury cannot provide suitable duties. In most cases the injured worker will have been terminated from their employment before a WorkTrial is sought.

● Injured workers benefit by:

Gaining practical work experience and training in a new job;

Having an opportunity to upgrade their physical fitness;

Demonstrating to a potential employer their ability to do the job.