



Your job: make your hair wild

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Bad hair days are not usually welcome on the average day at the office. No one really wants to sit behind a bird's nest or a matted mop of tresses. But on Friday, staff from JOBLINK Plus Maitland will be ditching their corporate attire and opting for outrageous hair as part of Dress Down Drug Free day. The aim of the annual event is to raise money for Hunter Life Education.

"Many of the people we assist are struggling with drug addiction and their road to recovery can be long, painful and heart-breaking," JOBLINK Plus Maitland manager Tina Dye said. "We fully support the work of the Hunter Life Education and strongly believe that proactive health messages are an effective prevention initiative."

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HAIR WE GO: (From back) Mel Power, Carly Moses, Jessica Ferrante, Deb Tweddie, Paul Budynek, Laura Hickey, Natasha Caldwell and Chris Wilkinson.
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"The flow-on effect of positive education can be quite powerful and lead to greater opportunities for younger generations in the Hunter." Ms Dye said 12 of the centre's staff will be perfecting their mohawks, afros and 1980s fringes for the event.

Hunter Life Education executive officer David Baker said bad hair, funny hats and footy fever have been popular themes this year for Dress Down Drug Free. "We are using Dress Down Drug Free to have fun while raising awareness of the issues of drug and substance misuse," he said.