



Australian Government



Non-Traditional Job Roles

In a survey of primary school age children, 95% of boys thought that car repairs should only be done by men and 85% of girls thought that washing and mending clothes should only be done by women. What do you think? Stereotypes pigeon hole males and females into fixed roles and behaviours that deny individual aspirations and dreams.

Look once again at the Occupations Tree activity that you did with your family members. Do you see a trend as to the types of jobs the male members and the female members of your family had?

How have jobs changed over the years

Look at the list of jobs below and indicate which gender is associated with that job and why:

	Male	Female	Either	Reason Why?
Ballet dancer				
Carpenter				
Park ranger				
Bus driver				
Cleaner				
Boat builder				
Florist				
Nurse				
Computer technician				
Armed forces				
Lollipop person				

Why do you think stereotyping males and females into traditional job roles limits work options?

Can you think of any jobs that you suit one gender better than the other? What are they?

Are there any jobs that you would not consider because you feel they are more suited to one gender than another?

What would be the advantage of matching your skills and abilities to a job that is often considered non-traditional to your gender?

What advice would you give to these people?

Luke is very creative and thinks that he would like to be a hairdresser. All his friends tease him and call him a 'sass'.
Now Luke is beginning to think that maybe he will do something else so the teasing will stop.

Shelly's dad is a truck driver and she often drives with him during the school holidays. When Shelly told her friends that she was going to drive trucks when she leaves school they laughed and call her 'butch' and 'half man'. Shelly is very hurt

