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MacKillop Catholic College Hosts Their First Try-a-Trade Roadshow

In cooperation with Capitol Skills Centre, MacKillop Catholic College at their Isabella Campus hosted the Try-a-Trade - 'Skills to School Roadshow' from 11 to 13 August 2008.

The Try-a-Trade Roadshow allowed students to have an interactive hands-on experience at various skill and trade areas. The event consisted of approximately 14 separate booths, each dedicated to a particular trade or occupation. Students in groups of 2 or 3 spent about 10 minutes in each booth with a total of 340 students participating in the various trade and occupation areas.

Sue Charnock, Manager, Capital Skills Centre said, "The Try-a-Trade Roadshow is a unique initiative to raise the profile of traditional and non-traditional trades, address skills shortages in the region and connect young people to their future careers."

The event is part of a wider program by Capitol Skills Centre which will assist school students in gaining valuable knowledge and 'hands-on' experience in trade areas. Capitol Skills Centre and the ACT Building & Construction Industry Training Fund Board were principle sponsors for the event.

TRY-A-TRADE Newington College

In Sydney, Try-A-Trade was held at Newington College at their Stanmore Campus over two days at the end of September. This event was attended by over 300 students predominantly from Newington but also from neighbouring schools including Christian Brothers, Lewisham and Casimir College, Marrickville.

Over the course of the two days, students were able to try their hand at a variety of trades on display including welding, automotive, painting and decorating, plumbing, electrical, cooking, horticulture, gyrocking and hairdressing.

Students were able to gain some hands on experience and interact with tradespeople and TAFE teachers from the various trades adding to the experience.

Special thanks goes to Newington College for hosting the two day event, Sydney LCP and the Try-A-Trade Truck from Skills West for their continued support in arranging and attending these events.

For further information on our Try-A-Trade events for next year please contact Greg Parish at STE 1300apprentice.

1300apprentice TIP FOR THIS ISSUE

Don't forget if you are a first or second year apprentice you are entitled to a \$100 rebate on your car registration. The rebate is paid directly to your bank account.

A rebate claim form can be downloaded from

<http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au/registration/otherinformation/apprentices/index.html>

Award Winning Michael Donovan

Sydney Training and Employment Ltd (STE) is proud to announce that their employee Michael Donovan, a fourth year Metal Fabrication apprentice is an award winner in the New South Wales State Training Awards.

Throughout the duration of his apprenticeship, Michael's achievements have been impressive. In 2006 he won the Apprentice of the Year TAFE Achievement Award for Stage II Metal Fabrication in the Illawarra region.

After completing school at Kanahooka High School, Michael enrolled in an intensive, two week Metal Fabrication course held in Cardiff near Newcastle in New South Wales and after that gained an apprenticeship with STE and host employer AGI (Wollongong).

Desmond Kisten, General Manager of AGI (Wollongong) said, "Michael is an exemplary employee, well liked and respected by his peers. Michael has achieved outstanding results at TAFE that has also been reflected in his trade by producing consistently high quality work."

Michael is a valued member of his community on the South Coast of New South Wales and comes from a spiritual and cultural family. He is a father of three children and together with his partner, Alexis, lives in Gerringong.

Dean Mortimer from STE said, "Michael has achieved a lot in the last four years. Not only has he raised a young family but also achieved excellent results in his chosen career in Metal Fabrication. We are very proud of his achievements and hope that Michael's story serves as a role model for other young Indigenous people seeking an apprenticeship."

Michael was nominated in this year's NSW State Training Awards for the category of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Apprentice of the Year by STE, AGI (Wollongong) and Michael Pitt, Head Teacher Metal Fabrication, Wollongong TAFE campus.

STE would also like to thank host employer AGI (Wollongong) and Michael Pitt for their support and encouragement towards Michael over the course of his apprenticeship.

Congratulations Michael for your hard work and outstanding achievements!



Dean Mortimer, WTE Manager & Michael Donovan



Phillip Moore, DET, Director Apprenticeships & Traineeships, Michael Donovan & Janet Stuart, DET, Director of Corporate Marketing

Congratulations goes to Craig Woodland and Gordon Parr who received merit awards at the recently held Construction Industry Training Committee Awards in Canberra along with Bradley Kol who received an encouragement award.

ACT Indigenous Employment Expo 2008

Representatives from CSC and STE 1300apprentice recently attended the ACT Indigenous Employment Expo for 2008 held in Canberra. This event was hosted by Habitat Personnel on behalf of the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) as an opportunity for 2008 Indigenous school leavers to meet with career advisors, employers and group training organisations. Over 300 people attended including high school students, perspective employers and CIT/TAFE students.

We are currently interviewing candidates for our 2009 apprentice and trainee intake. If you are looking for extra staff for 2009 please contact us on **1300apprentice.**