

‘Try A Trade’ expo showcases construction jobs at Tweed Valley Hospital project

Kingscliff, 7 November 2022: Hundreds of students across Northern New South Wales went behind-the-scenes at Tweed Valley Hospital this month, as part of a local construction careers expo.

A partnership between Lendlease, TAFE NSW and NSW Department of Education, the ‘Try a Trade’ careers expo showcased construction industry jobs and training opportunities to help young people make informed decisions about their careers.

Secondary students from schools across the region including Tweed, Mullumbimby and Woodlawn, were invited to sample a trade while having the opportunity to hear first-hand career advice from apprentices, trainers and construction employers.

This marks the second Try a Trade for Tweed Valley Hospital, with more than 100 students also visiting the project site back in June 2022.

The Tweed Valley Hospital project is being delivered by Lendlease for Health Infrastructure NSW and comprises a new state-of-the-art hospital for the Tweed-Byron region. The new hospital is on track to open to patients in 2023.

Quotes attributable to Jerome Johnson, General Manager of Construction, Lendlease

“The Try a Trade expo is a terrific initiative for students to try first-hand the different trades and roles available in the construction industry.

“At Lendlease, teaching the next generation is an important part of how we invest in the communities in which we operate.

“To complement the careers expo, our team also hosted tours of the project site to explain the different stages of construction and demonstrate how each trade or role contributes to the overall construction process.”

Quotes attributable to David Harris, Construction Head Teacher, TAFE NSW

“As New South Wales’ leading provider of vocational education and training, TAFE NSW is uniquely positioned to arm students with the hands-on, practical skills they need to develop successful careers.

“There are so many opportunities to make a difference in a rewarding construction career, and our skills-based Try A Trade programs allow students to get a taste of a variety of trades so they can hit the ground running in local industries.

“Many of the construction sectors across NSW are experiencing growth in jobs, so there is currently an opportunity to choose from a diverse range of careers.”

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Teaching the next generation is an important part of how we invest in the communities in which we operate. In Northern NSW we have partnered with @TAFENSW to host hundreds of local students on site at Tweed Valley Hospital to help them find their own pathway into the construction industry.

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