CLARENCE VALLEY INDUSTRY EDUCATION FORUM

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have you heard?

The results are in and Australia is the 9th happiest nation in the world and the 15th best place to do business.

No question about it, we live in a great country but things are changing fast in the regions. We want to ensure that the Clarence Valley connects with opportunities that will power our economic future. To do that we need to work together, and engineer cutting edge solutions to local issues. This can help you and your business.

WE KNOW YOU’RE BUSY BUT WE JUST HAD TO SAY HELLO.

The Clarence Valley Industry Education Forum is a partnership of regional organisations (that’s us listed on the left) working to develop new ways in education, connecting Clarence kids with employment pathways like never before and building the aspiration of our young people to achieve in higher learning.

HOW ARE WE DOING THIS?

Three things – CareerLink (school based traineeship and apprenticeship scheme), Fresh Start (Aboriginal student school to work transition program) and Stellar (building bridges to higher learning and the global economy).

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CLARENCE VALLEY?

Take a peek at the possibilities:

- more capable workforce
- young people achieving and benefiting from new possibilities
- local skills shortages addressed
- schools and local businesses are connected; and
- vibrant and sustainable community.
FORUM HAS A BIG JOB TO DO

It sure is a challenge, but the Forum has already got some serious runs on the board and we thought you’d like to know what’s happening.

We’re sharers, so every two months we’ll send out an e-news so you get the latest right from the source. It would be great to hear from you too, so please add us to your network list.

job ready kids

More than 100 local students currently in year 10 were put through their paces during May as part of a new take on developing student pre-employment skills.

Marcus Pedro – an Indigenous Australian and motivational speaker working nationally visited the Clarence to assist students prepare for work experience and connect with employers in positive ways by understanding workplace expectations.

This special opportunity comes as a result of funding support from the Clarence Valley Clubs Grant Scheme.

So if you are an employer who is locally based and keen to offer a young Aboriginal person a traineeship opportunity, please contact us. If your interest is in Financial Services look for more information in our next Forum news.

national awards x 2

It’s not often you get to go to Canberra for something as good as this.

The work of the Forum has been rewarded with not one but two wins in the 2012 National Local Government Awards.

Out of just under 400 submissions from councils across Australia we have taken out awards for Innovation in Regional Collaboration and Engagement with Indigenous Communities.

It’s a very big deal and other communities are keen to know how we are making things happen.

We say bravo to Grafton District Services Club, Maclean & District Bowling Club, Yamba Golf & Country Club and Yamba Bowling & Recreation Club for making this possible.

There’s a whole lot of thinking going on as new strategies are designed to build the aspirational capacity of Clarence kids. This program will provide students with a raft of experiences aiming to support thinking big and embracing new possibilities in higher education. These strategies will form the Stellar program and be introduced into local high schools later in 2012.

Businesses, we want to hear from you. It’s simple just complete the on-line survey and let us know what’s on your mind.

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