



A seven-week work experience program creates eight new community maintenance roles for Hope Vale.

A seven-week work experience program has boosted career prospects for 13 job seekers in Hope Vale. Participants were supported to prepare for employment, gain construction and maintenance experience and complete recognised training.

EMPLOYMENT PREPARATION

Access or obtain tax file number; set, consolidate and access superannuation; establish My Gov account; create email account.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Demolition; concreting; civil maintenance; fencing; construction; creating woomerars; preparation for community events.

TRAINING

Completed 5 units of civil training.

The intensive program has resulted in a strong success rate for securing ongoing employment. This includes eight new community maintenance roles that will service a variety of projects across the Hope Vale region.

HOPE VALE FOUNDATION CREATES 8 NEW ROLES

Hope Vale Foundation has implemented eight new community maintenance roles as a result of a intensive work experience program. My Pathway Regional Manager, Josie Flores said the program provided the chance for employers to trial workers and assess the potential value of new roles.

She said: "Our work experience program supports participants to enhance job readiness, build skills and achieve qualifications, all while earning an income.

"Employers who can provide safe work opportunities benefit from additional labour, the chance to trial potential employees and test the viability of new roles."





A key outcome of the program is building participant self-worth and motivation. Early in the journey, participants interacted with national rugby league greats as part of the Future Immortals Tour.

They were able to draw inspiration from national sports stars including Matt and Brenton Bowen, Petero Civoniceva, Willie Tonga and Preston Campbell.

The groups' achievements have been recognised at a community BBQ involving their supporters.

PROGRAM Cook region CDP JV partners (Gungarde, Hope Vale Foundation, My Pathway, Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council)

EMPLOYER Hope Vale Foundation

TRAINING Pro Lift

RESPECT AND MATESHIP

The new employees are currently clearing yards and maintaining gardens for local residents to improve safety and pride in community appearance.

Participant and community maintenance worker, Travis Bally said: "We've been able to go through this experience together. We're all good mates and work as a team."

"I've done labouring roles before, but this work allows me to give back to the community and help out people who don't have access to lawn mowers or tools. It's about making things safer and tidier and showing respect for our community."

"Now that I have this job I keep thinking about how we get in more equipment and more training for our young people. I've been talking to the boys and saying we need to do quality jobs that people would be happy to pay for. I think I could maybe even make my own little team one day."