

Skilling Queenslanders for work

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Segment – Hot Rods

Sam Heathwood:
Presenter

Welcome to *Skilling Queenslanders for Work*, an \$80 million State Government initiative that's helping the unemployed and the underemployed of all age groups and backgrounds achieve sustainable employment.

With the right mix of training, vocational skills and assistance, many Queenslanders can take advantage of the growing demand for workers, and help to build our state's prosperity.

Skilling the unemployed to meet the demands of local business and industry is the challenge for Hot Rods, an organisation with strong links to local employers in the Cooloola region. It's a region in demand for engineering and manufacturing skills, and whether you're 15 or 50 you can take advantage of the training on offer and become job ready.

Steve Cox:
Hot Rods Training
Facilitator

Well the Hot Rods program is funded by the Department of Employment and Industrial Relations and TAFE, and it's run through the Cooloola Human Services Network.

We run a Cert I Engineering Certificate course here, and it's designed for disadvantaged people that could not get through the mainstream TAFE system. It gives them the skills to get out there and get work.

Hayden Burgess:
Project Participant

I'm learning how to use MIG welders, stick welders, oxy welding, workplace health and safety.

Ashley Leis:
Project Participant

I'm currently doing year 11, and I'm learning how to cut and weld and grind. I'm doing a Cert I in Engineering. Hopefully I'll get into the workplace when I finish my course.

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The Hot Rods project has a very high success rate, and that's good news for graduating participants and local employers.

For more about *Skilling Queenslanders for Work* call this number (1300 369 925), or visit the website (www.deir.qld.gov.au). Presented by the Queensland Department of Employment and Industrial Relations and WIN Television.

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