

DGT Media Release – Certificate I Construction Graduation

On Friday August 2nd 2019, DGT Employment & Training and Toowoomba & Lockyer Kart Club celebrated the graduation of ten trainees who have just completed their Certificate I in Construction as part of the Queensland Government’s Skilling Queenslanders for Work Program.

During the graduation, some of the trainees reflected on their experiences in completing this certificate.

Abdu Mohammed, 20, is based in Toowoomba, and is looking to find an apprenticeship as an electrician. He said “I was born in Sudan and came to Australia in 2013. This certificate has really shown me, as a tradesperson, what working in construction looks like in real life.”

Jayde Mitchell, 16, said that one of the best parts of doing the certificate was taking ownership of the tools and equipment in the construction trailer and providing leadership to the other trainees in her group.

“This course has helped me so much, not only with work but with finding a community of mates. I recommend it highly to anyone looking to get into the workforce,” said 20-year-old Jake Mackay.

Jake lives in Gatton; after this course, he hopes to find an apprenticeship in carpentry or cabinet-making.

“It was great working with Cameron Willmott from DGT Employment & Training. The amount of experience and knowledge he has, and the way he mentored us and passed that knowledge on to us – it’s not something you get very often”, said 21-year-old Ayden Taylor.

Graduates and their parents enjoyed a barbecue lunch, and were provided with certificates to celebrate their outstanding achievements.

“What really highlights the success of DGT’s approach to these programs is that after the ceremony concluded, the trainees presented Cameron with a heartfelt card and a mug that read “World’s Best Boss”. Our trainers and supervisors are critical and the mentoring and support they provide to participants is the key success factor in achieving such positive outcomes for our trainees and community, ” said DGT Employment and Training CEO, Kris McCue.

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