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Community Development Program Sees Strong Participation from Local Job Seekers

Roper Gulf Regional Council is celebrating a great outcome of its Community Development Program in Borroloola, seeing strong participation in local training opportunities by job seekers to prepare for local employment.

The goal of the Community Development Program (CDP) is to support, assist and service CDP job seekers by providing a 'Package of Support' that includes a combination of vocational and non-vocational training, essential skills training, assistance to overcome personal barriers to employment, job search assistance, ongoing support and more.

Recently, CDP job seekers in Borroloola completed training to receive their White Card; Prepare to Work Safely in the Construction Industry. The training was delivered by Senior Lecturer Alvin Tan from the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education, with a total of 26 participants in the training made up of CDP job seekers, Mabunji staff and Council Municipal staff.

Of these 26 participants, 19 CDP job seekers went on to begin a Certificate III in Civil Construction Plant Operations, also delivered by Alvin Tan, to further develop their skills and expertise to operate and work on a civil construction plant.

Roper Gulf Regional Council would like to congratulate all participants involved in this course for investing time into their professional development and into their future. We are proud of the commitment shown by job seekers and encourage all participants to keep persevering with the training, everyone is doing an awesome job.

The high level of participation in this course is a terrific result for the Community Development Program and for the Borroloola Community, with a number of local construction projects set to commence in Borroloola soon that will require qualified employees, aligning entirely with the training that CDP job seekers have undertaken and providing potential for employment.

Some of these upcoming projects include:

- Construction of new toilet block at the airport, estimated cost \$448,000
- Upgrades of the Power and Water at the Borroloola Sports and Showgrounds, estimated cost \$486,000
- Road construction and upgrades in Borroloola township, estimated cost \$547,000
- Construction of Shelter and Cyclone Shelter at Basketball Courts, estimated cost \$6.9 million

This is a great example of how the Community Development Program can assist local job seekers to complete training that can provide an opportunity to be employed on local jobs.

Council would like to remind job seekers in the Roper Gulf region to trust in the CDP process. Make sure you use the time at your monthly scheduled appointment with your consultant to draw down on your employment opportunities and barriers.

By ensuring that your job plan is reflective of your current circumstances and your employment goals, Council's CDP staff can assist with creating your personalised path to future employment.

Council would like to recognise the incredible job that all CDP staff members have done in assisting and supporting local job seekers across the Roper Gulf region.

Council congratulates all CDP participants, staff and local stakeholders involved in this training and looks forward to seeing the opportunities that surface as a result of everyone's hard work.

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Attachment 1

Participants of the Certificate III Civil Construction Plant Operations Course. Photo taken Friday 13 August 2021. Second from left is Senior Lecturer Alvin Tan from the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education



Attachment 2

Participants of the Certificate III Civil Construction Plant Operations Course. Photo taken Thursday 12 August 2021.