



## **Minutes from our HRATA General Meeting Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

### **Discussion Points**

**Opening by Liana who after her welcome to country did a handover of the Chairperson role to Michael Murray.**

**Due process for the transfer of the position was acknowledged and accepted by members of HRATA.**

**Stan Rippon explained the administrative matters that need to be addressed as well as acknowledging the efforts of Liana in her role as chairperson and as a long standing member of HRATA.**

**Liana in her new role as TS Manger provided an update from Training Services detailed below:**

**Awards 2020 – new format. Encouraged to get applications in.**

**Merran to put out an EOI for the training awards interview panel.**

**Need to have a TS representative on the interview committee.**

**Liana explained to members her role as TS manager.**

**Liana will work in Business development supporting various groups running in the Hunter i.e. Wiman (women in manufacturing – headed up by Janet Dobie).**

**Lots of these groups happening in the Hunter attracting Government grants**

**Amber Bibby (Regional Manager of TS Newcastle) has a strategic plan now in place for her region.**

**Encouragement to HRATA members to come forward with any plans you may be working on that support employable outcomes in the Hunter. TS maybe in a position to support and work with you.**

**Liana explained that Jodie (from TS) supports SBATS.**

**Stephanie Screen (TS advisor) gave TS update**

**Main priorities 1) increasing SBATS, 2) Transition Pathways, 3) A & T (apprenticeship and Traineeship numbers).**

**TNIs – partial qualification funding: Focussing on Disaster relief and Job seekers**

**Currently there is 48 RTOS accessing the partial qualification for both regions (Hunter and Central Coast).**

**3312 students participating in these programs.**

**283 Aboriginal students.**

**Training Awards – Currently received 17 applications**

**Central Coast Event – 17<sup>th</sup> June**

**Hunter Event 19<sup>th</sup> June**

**Targeting quality applicants for 2020**

**Training Services Teams**

- 1) Proactive – “Proactive Guardians” - aim is to make sure the region knows what support and opportunities are out there. – i.e. Bert Evans Scholarship**
- 2) Reactive – “Conquerors” – look after 1) Variations – processed, Incoming disputes, Resolving Disputes**
- 3) Business Development Team (Ambassadors) role is to increase SBATS, look after stakeholder engagement and communication (e.g. Supervisor workshops), REIP Program, NSW Regional skills – Relocation Grant targeting businesses affected by bushfires. – Relocating.**

**Employment Pathways forum – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Liana explained to the forum the updated focus of the forum for 2020. Employers to be clustered around the room.**

**Keynote speaker to open the forum and address the panel –**

**Once Panel discussion (20-30 minutes is complete) the parents and students can engage with employers around the room.**

**TAFE NSW – Nathan Boyd provided an update**

**Stephanie Ferby – New CEO currently touring the bush fire disaster affected areas.**

**Rolling out several Enterprise trainer and assessor skillsets under scholarships as an employment strategy for future Tafe teachers.**

**Tafe head teachers busy – individual profiles tracks what they do in industry – maintains their currency.**

**Tafe NSW – New Student online system aligning access to all resources in Moodle.**

**Woman in Business – current government grant for existing and start up women in business programs.**

**Jenny Lee Pye – gave a report on the “Trade Task Force”**

**Training services will engage with each of the parties promoting a better relationship between RTO- Student- Employer. This will be reported on.**

**Rick Evans gave an update on behalf of Geoff Cooke – Regional manager Hunter and North Coast – Apprenticeship/traineeship support – major focus on Quality.**

**Meeting concluded at 9.30am.**