

Opportunity for trainees to hone skill

NINE job seekers have been given a chance to get down and dirty, thanks to a Tweed Shire Council donation.

The Tweed Training and Enterprise Company (TTEC) approached the council with an idea which would improve the building they leased from the council and give the construction and horticulture students a big project to complete.

Tweed Shire Council agreed and also donated \$2000 towards the cost of materials.

The Horticulture and Construction course was led by one of TTEC's experienced trainers, Steve Dyer, a carpenter by trade.

Nine participants, all funded through the Department of Em-

ployment and Workplace Relations Job Network Services, enrolled in the course, eager to learn more in the field while gaining industry accreditation.

They then built a pergola and landscaped the extensive gardens at the rear of the building.

Steve said: "Even in the pouring rain we had for a week, the guys all worked well together in great team spirit and got the job done."

The participants are now placed in businesses throughout the community to gain further industry experience in the field, armed with their recent accreditation and a focused career direction.