

Age no barrier for willing employment trainees

YOU'RE never too old to take up a new career - just ask James Lees.

The 55-year-old is the newest staff member at the Sheoak Shack Cafe and Gallery at Fingal, and he couldn't be happier.

Situated in an ideal location on the Tweed Coast overlooking the river, business owner Andrea McKay and her staff truly enjoy their work.

When Tweed Recruitment approached Andrea in regards to a hospitality traineeship for James Lees, she was excited and supportive.

With an opportunity to take up a new role within the hospitality industry, James took to the job like a duck to water, so much so that on his recent completion of the traineeship, he was offered a permanent position on staff.

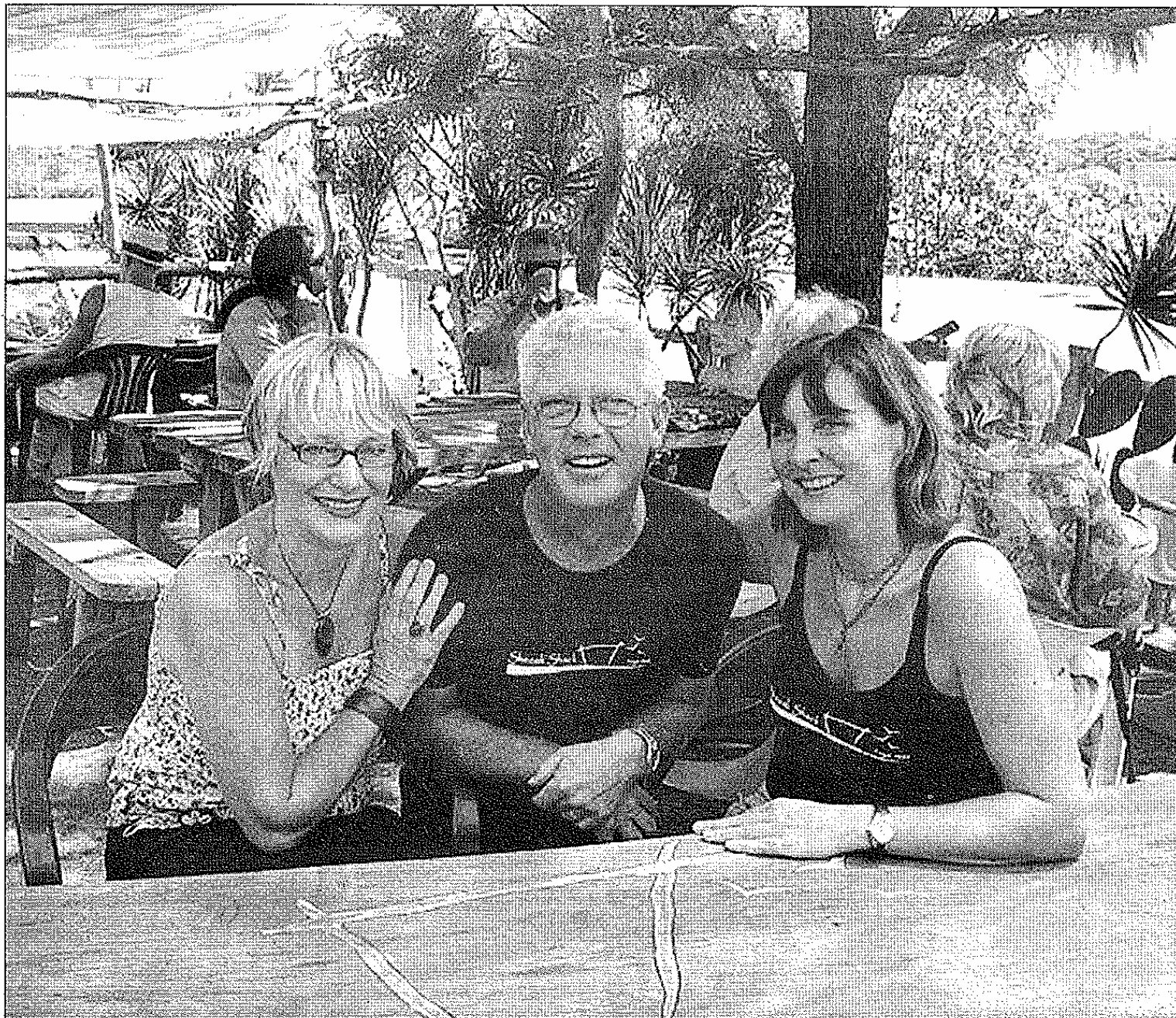
Such was the success of the placement, that Tweed Recruitment has approached the Sheoak Shack to take on another (albeit slightly younger) trainee, 23-year-old Crystal Spencer, who is undergoing a Small Business traineeship at the Shack.

The program provides a win-win situation for both the business and Tweed Recruitment, with the business gaining through the value-adding of the accredited training each trainee undergoes, as well as the employment incentives offered by Tweed Recruitment and the trainee gains real life experience in their industry of choice and a qualification upon completing the traineeship.

It would seem that the Sheoak Shack Cafe and Gallery is going to need the extra staff, having recently acquired a liquor licence for the premises and now open until 10pm.

Tweed Recruitment is the Tweed's local recruitment specialist offering temporary and permanent staffing and training solutions for local businesses.

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□ SHEOAK Shack business owner Andrea McKay joins staff members James Lees and Jo Braas outside the cafe/gallery at Fingal. For James, the Sheoak has provided him with not only a new career but a new lease on life.

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