

Nambucca

Pride Cafe



Around 60 Local business and community members were treated to a night of hospitality, fabulous food and great service when trainees from the recent Hospitality Essentials course, run by NORTEC Employment and Training, undertook a function for their graduation night at the Jaaning Tree in Nambucca Heads.

The training was the first course as part of NORTEC's recent success in gaining a grant under the Australian Government's Jobs Fund Initiative. The funding was granted for a working training cafe in Nambucca which will train local jobseekers in hospitality and retail - students receive hands on training in a working cafe which provides them accredited training and practical skills to assist them to step into employment.

The first hospitality graduates completed ten weeks work experience and training under the watchful eye of Clayton Donovan , Chef and Owner of the Jaaning Tree and developed good knife skills, cleaning and food preparation experience, along with team work and a passion for the industry! Some of the students said they were inspired by the TV phenomena Masterchef and all were observed to be passionate about working in the hospitality industry!

The positive feedback was plenty from business and community members who attended on the graduation night and all were impressed with the level of professionalism and quality of food and service that the Trainees provided. "A thoroughly enjoyable night - was the response from a number of the attendees and all offered their praise for the students' professionalism", stated Janine Culnane, NORTEC Employment and Training's Branch Manager for Nambucca.

The students were the first group to successfully complete the training and have now gained Aussie Host – Customer Service certificate, Responsible Service of Alcohol, Responsible Conduct of Gaming and Safe Work Place Hygiene Certificates as well as a Statement of Attainment in Hospitality – "they are trained and motivated to gain work within the local hospitality field and have a solid understanding of the appropriate requirements for the busy "people focused" industry", Janine further stated.

The Nambucca Pride cafe is located at 4 Pacific Highway Nambucca and offers healthy meals at very affordable prices (from \$5), as well as great coffee and cakes .

If the first course is anything to go by, where a number of the graduated trainees have already been successful in gaining employment within the area, it is envisaged that this training and employment success for local Nambucca jobseekers is set to continue! Participants in the course will be able to undertake free driving lessons as a reward for participating in the course.

Interested jobseekers in the Nambucca region who are keen to participate in future courses should contact their local Job Services Provider or call Sharyn Konrad Project Coordinator at the Nambucca Pride Cafe on 6568 5566.