

# One final challenge on the menu for graduates



*Graduates from NORTEC Youth Services' Links To Learning hospitality course ... (from left) Adam Epapara, Brett Connelly, Links To Learning co-ordinator Rachel Horsfall, Ayla Schepisi and Erin O'Reilly.*

GRADUATES OF a Tweed hospitality training program faced one more challenge as they celebrated their achievement in Fingal Heads last week.

Participants in the NORTEC Youth Services group's recent Links To Learning program had to prepare their own graduation barbecue lunch, staged at the Fingal Rovers Surf Lifesaving Club on April 11.

They were assisted by qualified chef and course trainer Jo Kydd.

After gaining a statement of attainment for units completed from Certificate II in Hospitality, the students are confident in the kitchen and gained valuable skills for home cooking or in a commercial kitchen.

NORTEC representative Michelle Dowding said gaining access to the Fingal surf club's spacious kitchen for hospitality training was a major asset to the training scheme.

NORTEC Youth Services run the nine-week Links To Learning program for people aged 15-24 who are disengaged from school and not working. The courses aim to encourage healthier lifestyle choices, career or study direction, referral to community services where needed and, most of all, support and friendship.

The next Links To Learning course starts on May 30 and will include jewellery making and hospitality skills, as well as career direction and personal support.

To discuss eligibility for enrolment into the program contact NORTEC Youth Services on (02) 6672 8001 or email at [rachel.horsfall@nortecld.com.au](mailto:rachel.horsfall@nortecld.com.au)

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