

Caring at a high level just the thing for a graduate



TOP LEVEL: Carla King, Fiona Daley and Justine Elliot.

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FIONA Daley was one of seven graduates who celebrated completing a course in aged care at an intimate ceremony in Coolangatta yesterday.

Aged care service Feros Care and local training provider, Nortec Employment and Training, teamed up earlier in the year to provide a group of willing students the chance to work in aged care.

Ms Daley said she was excited and relieved to graduate from the pilot project, which consisted of a two-part course.

The first part of the course was called the Corporate Partners for Change Regional Project where students completed eight units of course

work before moving on to the second part of the course that qualified graduates for a Certificate III in Aged Care.

Ms Daley was registered with Nortec Employment and Training as a jobseeker and when she was notified of the course she decided to enrol.

"It was a personal decision to do the course because I had seen my own family need aged care services," Ms Daley said.

"It's not just a job or a task for me."

Of the seven graduates, Ms Daley was the only one to go into high-level aged care and has begun working at the Feros Care facility at Bangalow.

"We all did a day of work ex-

perience down at the Bangalow facility and I instantly knew that was where I wanted to work," Ms Daley said.

Business development officer for training services at Nortec, Carla King, said the other graduates all decided to go into community level care.

"It takes a very special person to fall in love with high-level care. I was with her all day on work experience there and she kept saying 'this is for me' so I knew she was passionate about it."

Mrs King liaises with businesses and tailors training programs for students depending on the employment needs of the business.