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Political Support

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Rebecca White MP Tasmanian Labor leader, and Guy Barnett MP Liberal Minister for Resources have recently visited the Arbre training facility. We appreciate their support and thank them both for generously making the time available.



Training & Skills Development Service (TSDS)

Reminder to all that the TSDS is now around the halfway mark of the roll out. Due to all TSDS funding needing to be completed by December 2018 it also marks the deadline for all Cert III and IV enrolments. From now on the approvals process for the full qualifications will be met with an expected explanation as to how the training can be completed within the allowed timeframe.

For existing employees this level of training may potentially be achieved by assessment only, or recognition of prior learning pathways, but that will depend on many factors and your Recognised Training Organisation (RTO) would be best to provide advice on this prior to any applications being submitted.

“Strength doesn’t come from what you can do...It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn’t ”

All other short courses, or nationally accredited unit of competency should still be a simple process of application. We strongly advise all members to take advantage of this funding while it is still available!

Don’t hesitate to contact Arbre if you have any questions regarding TSDS.

FIVE+5

Our signature entry level training program Forest Industry Vocational Education + 5 (FIVE+5) is continuing to fulfil industries expectations. So far this calendar year we have facilitated four of these programs, two for sawmilling, one for harvesting and haulage and one for the timber manufactured products sector.

From these courses learners have gained skills ranging from first aid and timber product knowledge through to specialised plywood manufacturing skills.

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There are also employers using this program as the sole recruitment source for their sites, which is a testament to the efforts of all involved in the creation of the content, and the professional approach to it's delivery.

Simulator Training

It's great to see more contractors using our simulator programs for both pre-employment training, and upskilling of existing workers. Although we are now seeing more demand, there is still plenty of scope to utilise this world class training facility. If your business has a need to train new, or existing staff, then we are here to assist. Training programs can be tailored to suit Forwarder, Harvester (Wheeled or Tracked) and Feller Buncher.

Fire Weather Training

We still have a couple of places left for the Fire Weather Training session at the Arbre Hub on the 12th & 13th October for Level 1, 2 & 3. Book in quick so we can apply for TSDS funding on your behalf. Call Denise on 0419 130 557 or email hub@arbre.net.au

State Government Funding for Apprenticeships & Traineeships

The State Government announced in their 2017/18 Budget that from 1 July this year:

- * \$4000 grants will be available to small businesses to take on a new employee as an apprentice or trainee. Total budget of \$2mil - get in fast!
- * If a business that pays payroll tax employs a new apprentice or trainee, payroll tax relief will be available on that new position for two years.
- * If a business employs a young Tasmanian aged between 15 and 24 who isn't a trainee or an apprentice, the employer will be eligible for payroll tax relief for up to 12 months.

For more information contact Cam Lawrence, TCCI Apprenticeship Adviser on 0437 894 175 or email apprenticeships@tcci.com.au