

Backing good jobs

Mackay – Isaac – Whitsunday

- \$623 million Big Build investment creating 2,100 jobs
- New Resource Centre of Excellence – Future Industries Delivery Hub
- Mackay Biofutures Precinct
- New renewable energy projects
- Developing hydrogen industries
- Pioneer-Burdekin pumped hydro
- Mackay Base Hospital expansion
- Mackay Port Access Road

Big Build figures: Mackay-Whitsunday Regional Action Plan, Queensland Budget 2023-24.

More than
114,000
employed
by 2025-26

Jobs Queensland (2023), *Anticipating Future Skills (AFS) Series 4.*



BACK TO WORK* **2,797** job seekers
1,232 local businesses
supported by \$31.54 million

SKILLING QUEENSLANDERS FOR WORK*

1,243 employed
\$13.02 million
in community programs

*As at 30 April 2024

Top 5 largest employing industries



19,242 employed

Mining

Drillers, miners and shot firers, metal fitters and machinists, other building and engineering technicians, electricians



13,312 employed

Health care and social assistance

Aged and disability carers, registered nurses, child carers, nursing support and personal care workers



9,991 employed

Retail trade

Sales assistants (general), retail managers, checkout operators and office cashiers, shelf fillers



9,444 employed

Accommodation and food services

Waiters, kitchenhands, bar attendants and baristas



8,221 employed

Construction

Electricians, carpenters and joiners, construction managers, plumbers

Mackay – Isaac – Whitsunday region projected workforce sizes by 2025-26. Source: Jobs Queensland (2023), *Anticipating Future Skills (AFS) Series 4.*

V1.3 (25 June 2024)

Good Jobs, Great Training

Queensland Skills Strategy 2024 – 2028 delivering for Mackay – Isaac – Whitsunday

3,675

Free TAFE students and apprentices

Commencements from 2023 (as at 30 April 2024)

Popular free courses Mackay – Isaac – Whitsunday	Aligned jobs	Average salaries seek.com.au
Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician	Electricians	\$90,000 - \$110,000
Diploma of Project Management	Project administrators	\$70,000 - \$80,000
Certificate III in Engineering - Mechanical Trade	Metal fitters and machinists	\$70,000 - \$90,000
Certificate III in Individual Support	Aged and disability carers	\$60,000 - \$70,000
Certificate III in Engineering - Fixed and Mobile Plant Mechanic (Diesel Fitter/Mechanic)	Diesel mechanic	\$80,000 - \$100,000



More Free TAFE
upskilling Queenslanders while driving costs down



More local training
delivering for local communities



More TAFE Trade Tasters
plus skills for school students aligned to good, local jobs



Apprentices and trainees
supported across traditional and emerging industries, plus more pre-apprenticeships and Work Skills Traineeships



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expanded industry input on workforce needs and priorities



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Annette Wano, Mackay | Nursing student

Free TAFE helps Annette make a difference

Proud Meriam-Samsep woman Annette Wano is destined to make a difference for Mackay's Torres Strait Islander community.

Annette is completing her Diploma of Nursing with CQUniversity TAFE – a dream she said wouldn't have been possible without the Queensland Governments' Free Nursing initiative.

"The opportunity of having fee-free nursing courses has been a true blessing, making this endeavour possible for me," she said.

"When I discovered nursing was among the available courses,

I wasted no time in enrolling, driven by a sense of purpose and eagerness to contribute."

Annette said she believed strongly that more First Nations representation was needed in the health sector.

"I embarked on this journey to upskill and pursue nursing to make a difference within my community.

"I [feel strongly about] the need for more representation in the healthcare sector.

"This, I believe, is crucial in bridging the gap and ensuring better outcomes for our people."