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Grants to skill Queenslanders for work in Keppel

Some 45 Yeppoon locals will benefit from the Palaszczuk Government's \$141,900 investment in Keppel to fund a further Skilling Queenslanders for Work project.

Member for Keppel and Assistant Education Minister Brittany Lauga said Skilling Queenslanders for Work invested in local projects and local people to support local employers, local jobs and the state's economy.

"Each project aims to develop the skills and understanding people need to find jobs in their communities.

"Most also offer an opportunity to study for a nationally recognised qualification, up to certificate III level that open doors to new career paths for participants," Mrs Lauga said.

"They include young job seekers just starting out, older people retraining for new career opportunities, as well as parents looking to get back into the workforce, refugees or migrants looking for Australian jobs and other jobseekers who can improve their employment prospects with some tailored support and training."

The funded project on the Capricorn Coast is in Yeppoon with the Community Solutions Group whose project supports 45 disadvantaged job seekers including mature aged and women.

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Mrs Lauga said Skilling Queenslanders for Work funds skills development, training and job opportunities for unemployed, disengaged or disadvantaged Queenslanders through a suite of targeted skills and training programs.

“Seventy-three per cent of participants found work or took on further training around 12 months after exiting a Skilling Queenslanders for Work project.”

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