

Local apprentices set sail

Building a career as an apprentice

FOUR local apprentices are setting sail on a new career after being hired by local Bundaberg ship builder Coral Coast Marine Constructions according to Mr Chris Kettle from Industry Consultant Sarina Russo Apprenticeship Services.

Mr Kettle said an Australian Apprenticeship is a first-rate career option which will deliver professional, financial and personal rewards.

Robert Goode, owner of Coral Coast Marine Constructions, said it is all about attitude and any apprentice needs the right attitude to succeed in this industry.

“Local businesses are starting to realise that to ensure the quality and quantity of tradespeople you need to employ an Australian Apprentice and grow your own,” Mr Goode said.

New apprentice Hayden Goode is

starting his marine craft construction apprenticeship and says he loves what he does and it is wonderful to follow in his father’s footsteps as a boat builder.

“I love a challenge and I’m determined to prove that I’m the best marine craft construction apprentice that I can be,” Hayden said.

Mr Kettle said the immediate demand, plus the expected long-term demand for skills provides tradespeople with employment sustainability and fantastic career opportunities.

“These days of 4% unemployment will not last forever and an apprenticeship gives you the options to branch out into other areas.

“We must persuade young people, their parents and teachers that an apprenticeship is a first rate career option and can be a stepping stone to owning your own business

or progressing through to senior management positions.

“Employers like Coral Coast Marine Constructions must be commended because they understand the benefits of investing in training.

“Sarina Russo Apprenticeship Services is a free service to employers, apprentices and those wanting to undertake a trade.

“We help sign up new Australian Apprentices, pay employer incentives and Australian Apprenticeship allowances, assist with workplace training to completion and lodge of all the necessary paperwork,” Mr Kettle said.

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