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## Get Work Ready Expo showcases jobs for locals

Over 60 locals, ranging from school students interested in taking the first steps in their careers through to experienced tradespeople, visited the Get Work Ready Expo on Tuesday 2 December.

The expo, hosted by Lendlease, showcased the hundreds of job opportunities that will be available to local job seekers during the construction phase of the NSW Government's \$582 million Tweed Valley Hospital Development.

Lendlease Senior Construction Manager, Luis Biaggini attended the expo and said it was a great way to encourage local job seekers to start thinking about a career in construction.

"The Get Work Ready Expo provided an opportunity for local jobseekers to find out more about the types of employment opportunities available on the project and what the requirements are to work on a construction site.

"We encourage all job seekers to get work ready and reach out to their local job recruiter or training organisation to ensure that when the main construction works begin in mid-2020 they are ready to apply."

The Tweed Valley Hospital project team, together with local employment and training organisations including TAFE NSW, Enterprise and Training Company (ETC) and New Careers for Aboriginal People, were on hand to assist job seekers with information about job opportunities.

TAFE NSW Head of Skills for Infrastructure, Energy and Construction Jason Herbohn said TAFE NSW has specifically customised training programs to meet the new demands for skilled employees on the Far North Coast.

"TAFE NSW is working with Health Infrastructure and its building contractors to customise the training that we offer to local people who want to get the skills they need to pursue new employment opportunities."

Ceharnie Martin, Aboriginal Employment Advisor from ETC and New Careers for Aboriginal People, commented on the fantastic event that the Tweed Valley Hospital project team put on.

"The event provided the local community with exposure to the project, the industry and how to apply for employment opportunities," Ms Martin said.

"It was great to see all the service providers that attended the expo working in collaboration to support the local community. ETC and New Careers for Aboriginal People would like to thank the Tweed Valley Hospital project team for organising this event."

Job seekers were encouraged to register their interest and leave copies of their resumes. For those who were unable to attend, you can register your interest in working on the project by emailing your resume to [tweedvallyhospital@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tweedvallyhospital@health.nsw.gov.au).

The Get Work Ready Expo was hosted by Lendlease as part of its role supporting the planning phase of the project and undertaking early works to prepare the site for the hospital buildings.