



2010 Northern Try A Trade Evaluation (DRAFT)

The **Northern Try A Trade** event was held at the Broadmeadows Town Hall on 18th and 19th May 2010.

The Northern Try A Trade event attracted 1397 students from 36 secondary schools in the Northern region schools of Hume, Whittlesea, Banyule, Darebin, Moreland and Nillumbik.

The event conducted over 2 days had 821 Year 10-12 students attending on the first day and 576 Year 7-9 students participating on the second day.

There were 21 different stalls over the 2 days and activities were supervised by qualified tradespeople and trainers from TAFE Colleges, along with representatives from a number of Australian Apprenticeship Centres. Students got to experience a wide range of industry areas such as bricklaying, tiling, plumbing, automotive, hairdressing and beauty, manufacturing and aviation, electrical, air conditioning and refrigeration, furnishing, horticulture, health, information communication and technology, children's services, visual merchandising, fashion and printing. The activities were delivered by Kangan Institute, Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE and RMIT.

For this event we received generous support both financial and in kind from a range of people and agencies which include Kangan Institute, Northern Melbourne Institute of TAFE, RMIT, City of Hume, City of Moreland, City of Darebin, City of Banyule, Shire of Nillumbik, Apprenticeships Plus, Apprenticeships Melbourne, MEGT, Apprenticeship Groups Australia.

The event was launched by Mayor Cr Stella Kariofyllidis of the Moreland City Council.

EVALUATION

Questionnaires were received from 217 (Year 7 -9) students, 190 (Year 10 – 12) students, 36 teachers, **6 out of 21 booth-holders.**

Results

Q.1 : How would you rate the Try a Trade event overall ?

Year 7 to 9: **95%** of students rated it **good - excellent.**

Year 10 to 12: **95%** of students rated it **good – excellent.**

97% of teachers rated it **good – excellent.**

All of our booth-holders rated it **good – excellent.**

Q. 2 : How would you rate the range of activities ?

Year 7 to 9: **98%** of students rated it **good - excellent.**

Year 10 to 12: **91%** of students rated it **good – excellent.**

88% of teachers rated it **good – excellent.**

Q.3 : Range and quality of the Activities ?

Year 7 to 9: **93%** of students rated it **good - excellent**.

Year 10 to 12: **90%** of students rated it **good – excellent**.

91% of teachers rated it **good – excellent**.

Q.4 : Try A Trade Curriculum Unit ?

54% of teachers worked through it.

Q.5: Venue for booth-holders ?

100% of booth-holders were happy with the venue and the value of the event to their industry.

Quotes from Teachers

“Great – more exhibitors than past years.”

“2 days a good idea. Good to have age appropriate.”

“Very well done and informative.”

“Good range of exhibitors – some could have been a little more interesting. Maybe add hospitality?”

“Important to only give stamps when activity completed.”

“Great event – will be back next year.”

“It’s just wonderful for the kids.”

“Thanks for a great experience for our boys – we enjoyed the exhibits.”

“Some students disappointed not more of a range of trades represented.”

“An excellent event – well worth repeating on yearly basis.”

Quotes from Students

“Bricklaying is fun, interactive and messy.”

“Making aeroplanes was fun.”

“Planting was fun because I got my hands dirty.”

“The hand-massaging was relaxing”.

“Electrical was good – he had heaps of info.”

“Apprenticeships Centre was good – I got info and they helped me get somewhere.”

“Plumbing was cool”.

“Automotive was boring – didn’t do anything.”

“This event has opened me up to more options.”

“I liked everything – it was fun and interesting.”

“Automotive was good because it gave me an understanding of how engines work.”

“Computers was weird.”

Quotes / Comments from Boothholders

“Had a very enjoyable time.”

“Facilities were very good.”

“Considering the volume of traffic there is a very small probability that, we attracted anyone to the tiling profession who would not have been attracted otherwise.”

“Benefits are face to face contact with inquiring students and getting NMIT’s name out there – exposure to tiling profession.”

“Tiling department need to improve our own hands on activity to encompass more aspects of tiling, otherwise facilities and organisation on behalf of Try A Trade was more than adequate.”

“Excellent 2 day activity. It was wonderful to see so many young people that seem to enjoy their day outing.”

“A great way of exposing Aviation to the up and coming students.”

The organisation of this event was organised, planned, the 2 days were also well catered for – job well done.”

“Ample notice was given and spelt out very clearly.”

“No improvements but I need to entice additional staff to take an active role in this event next year. Keep up the good work and ensure you include Kangan in next year’s event.”

“Health – need more time to prepare for the event and if you could tell us the type of students participating that would be good.”

“Parking for booth-holders.”

“Great way of exposing apprenticeship opportunities in the print industry.”

“More space to run activity.”

“Year 7 – 9 students too young to decide on a career in printing but at least they have an understanding of what to expect.”

“Aviation and Manufacturing – we were inundated and couldn’t cope with the high-volume of students at our booth”.

“Great exposure for bricklaying industry and NMIT”.

“Bricklaying is a messy activity and we’re thinking of strategies to minimise the mess.”

“Bricklaying is popular and as such we’re thinking of ways to get more students trialling bricklaying. At the moment we can only have 6 students on the board doing bricklaying.”

Year 7 – 9 students

Activities students enjoyed best

Bricklaying (59)
Hair-dressing and Beauty (39)
Aeroplane Making (29)
Tiling (24)
Visual Merchandising (13)
Plumbing (11)
Locksmithing (10)
Horticulture (8)

Activities students did not like

Plumbing (12)
Visual Merchandising (11)
Bricklaying (8)
Hairdressing (8)

Year 10 - 12 students

Activities students enjoyed best

Bricklaying (31)
Hair-dressing and Beauty (28)
Aeroplane Making (18)
Plumbing (16)
Horticulture (14)
Electrical (12)
Tiling (9)
Locksmithing (9)
Automotive (8)

Activities students did not like

Bricklaying (9)
Hair-dressing and Beauty (9)
Fashion (9)
Childcare (8)
Horticulture (6)
Electronics (4)
Hands on Health (4)
Locksmithing (4)
Printing (3)

Activities students would like to see at future events

- Coffee-making
- Ice-cream making
- Something with instruments
- Hospitality
- Building and construction
- Painting
- Airbrushing
- Plastering
- Engraving