

Right training transforms careers

YOUNG people can “future proof” their careers by accessing the right training options, says Tony Thomas, chief operating officer for Sarina Russo Job Access.

Mr Thomas said the right training would ensure they entered the workforce with the right skills and attitude.

Sarina Russo Job Access specialises in helping under 25s without a Year 12 or equivalent qualification access government-funded education or training courses, he said.

“Our approach is to engage registered training organisations which provide flexible on-site training to minimise the impact on and disruption to employers.” Mr Thomas said funding for the youth training was available through the Australian and Queensland Government Productivity Places Program.

“With the right training we have seen amazing transformation in so many young jobseekers, particularly those who overcome tremendous personal difficulties,” he said.

Young people are undertaking training and development courses through Sarina Russo Job Access and planning their future careers.

Some of them wanted to start their own business under the New Enterprise Incentive Scheme, Mr Thomas said.

However, it is important young jobseekers get the facts about available training options.

“It can affect their eligibility for income support, including Youth Allowance,” Mr Thomas said.

Since 2003, Sarina Russo Job Access has placed more than 135,000 jobseekers with more than 75,000 employers

Anything of value did not come easily.

Rewards however would follow if young jobseekers built the foundations for a future career through further education and training, Mr Thomas said.



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PLANNING STAGE: Kiama Butterworth and Jason Murray (right) discuss job-ready training options with Sarina Russo Job Access COO Tony Thomas.