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TAFE RESPONSE UNIT ACTS LOCALLY

Demonstrating the ethos of the recently launched TAFE Response Unit (TRU) the South West Regional College of TAFE has rendered assistance to Harvey Beef and Pinetec workers through the provision of information on training, job search and career development options to assist employees and industries affected by workplace redundancies.

Staff from the College were able to rapidly respond to some of the needs of displaced employees from these organizations and, through their knowledge of the training system, were able to promote training opportunities available via the College and to bring together a range of specialist service providers to assist with employment options, job seeking and skills recognition. The South West Regional College of TAFE provides recognition of employees' current skills and knowledge, to assist them in gaining qualifications or fast tracking their training to ensure that they are more competitive in seeking alternative employment.

Commenting on the services delivered by the College Darryl Albert, Site Manager for Pinetec said in a recent interview, "The information day hosted by the South West Regional College of TAFE gave our staff hope for a new future and peace of mind, especially those who had been doing the same job at Pinetec for many years. The focus on the day was not just on the workers but also on their families and the effects of redundancy on the whole family unit."

"The College gave us information about how the workers could get a formal qualification based on their existing skills and experience, and told us about other training and career options including how to update resumes and apply for jobs. Of our 30-plus employees, all but two went along to the information session and the response was extremely positive," he said.

In accordance with the articulated purpose of the TRU, and responding to the needs of local industry and communities, the South West Regional College of TAFE will continue to offer this service.

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Information to employers and employees involved in workplace redundancies can call the help line which is 1800 303 319 and callers will be referred to the local TAFE college for more specific assistance on a case by case basis.

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