



Friday 18 May 2018

Creating careers on the Coast

Almost 500 high school students will be exploring a number of careers during an interactive learning event taking place in Burnie **TODAY, Friday, 18 May**.

Creating My Career is a partnership between the University of Tasmania, the Department of Education and TasTAFE, with the support of Rotary Tasmania.

The annual expo exposes Year 9 students to real-world professional learning opportunities while providing advice on how to pursue their career of choice.

Students select a 'career cluster' to experience, and then participate in practical activities throughout the day that provide insight into several professions.

This year's clusters include Agri-business, Automotive, Community and Children Services, Digital Technologies, Engineering, Fashion, Hospitality, Law, Medicine and Nursing/Allied Health and Sport and Fitness.

Brett Williams, Project Manager for the University's Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Academic Quality and Schools Engagement), said the event was a unique way to get students thinking about future career paths.

"Creating my Career encourages students to explore a cluster reflecting their interests, providing them with an in-depth look at a number of relevant occupations which will assist them in choosing the right future study options," Mr Williams said.

"Students engage with University, TasTAFE and industry representatives, giving them a well-rounded education experience and solid understanding about jobs of the future.

"The event also helps prepare them for future employment, while sharing information and advice about furthering their education and training."

TasTAFE CEO Jenny Dodd said Creating My Career was a great way to get students thinking about their future careers and highlight all of the pathways open to them after college.

"We're excited to host Creating My Career at our Burnie campus, partnering with the University of Tasmania, the Department of Education and Rotary to give

students a hands-on experience relating to their career area of interest," Ms Dodd said.

"Students will hear from industry and participate in practical activities, which fits with our priority at TasTAFE to provide our students with practical skills that meet the needs of industry and employers.

"TasTAFE will showcase training with hands-on activities led by industry-trained teachers across a number of areas, including agriculture, automotive, building and construction, electrotechnology, hospitality, fashion, sport and fitness and engineering."

Industry representatives include Hydro Tasmania, the Australian Defence Force, North Melbourne Football Club and the Tasmanian Hospitality Association.

Creating My Career will also take place in Launceston (8 June) and Hobart (3 August).

Media opportunity:

What: Creating My Career (Burnie);

When: **TODAY**, Friday, 18 May 2018, 9.45 am – 1.45 pm;

Where: TasTAFE Burnie campus, C Block, 41 – 43 Mooreville Road, Burnie.

**The most visual photo/filming opportunities will be between 9.45 am – 12.30 pm.*

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