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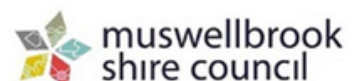
What an exciting and inspiring month it has been for our community!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the 14 remarkable women who have recently completed their Statement of Attainment in Civil Construction. Each graduate is now stepping confidently into a new chapter—whether pursuing employment opportunities, stepping into well-earned promotions, or continuing into further study. Their commitment, resilience, and achievements are a powerful reflection of what can be accomplished when women are supported to thrive in trade pathways.

This month we also had the pleasure of visiting WesTrac, an organisation that plays a vital role in supporting the construction industry with machinery, equipment, and innovative solutions that make operations safer, simpler, and more efficient. A big thanks to Sam Bower and the entire team for their generosity in hosting us and for delivering such a wonderful experience. And of course, the highlight for many was the unforgettable opportunity to visit the dig pit and hop into the excavator!

Adding to the momentum, our very first 'Women in Trade' evening was a huge success. Over 20 women attended all with various backgrounds. It was wonderful to see so many meaningful connections being made, conversations sparked and a strong sense of community continuing to grow.

We're so excited to keep building on this energy—creating opportunities and supporting women every step of the way to find meaningful careers. We have some exciting plans in the pipeline for future events.

the BWC team
**JOHN
HOLLAND**


Our impact so far...from program launch to June 2026



- 14 women completed the Statement of Attainment in Civil Construction and have now progressed to further training and or are now searching for work opportunities.
- 3 women extended their training with the AMWU and completed a 5 week Advanced Manufacturing course.
- After our successful LiftHER Up information session, 3 women have commenced training in Dogging with Hunter Plant Training Operations School (HPTOS) and in the coming months will commence training in Rigging.
- 1 program participant from our Civil in Construction course will commence an electrical apprenticeship in 2027.
- 1 program participant has commenced fulltime work with 3ME Technology as a Trade Assistant and will start her electrical apprenticeship journey next year.
- 2 program participants commenced their electrical apprenticeship in February 2026.
- Over 170 female students in Year 9-12 participated in Careers in Renewable Energy workshops learning about careers in the renewable sector through hands on activities and career talks. These workshops were facilitated by Regional Development Australia.
- 7 Industry Immersion days held, collectively attracting over 120 women who were interested in careers in construction, engineering, manufacturing and plant operating.
- Career links staff attended 10 Career/Expo days showcasing our program and promoting careers in our 4 priority sectors to approximately over 300 female students.
- 6 women attended a 'Build a PC' workshop showcasing potential entry level careers with managed service providers.
- Met individually with numerous industry partners, attended local business events, championing greater workforce representation of women in male-dominated industries.
- 76 women have registered in our program so far with a number exiting due to a range of reasons, currently 44 active participants.

A massive thank you to our industry partners and supporters

- John Holland Gamuda
- Regional Development Australia
- Multiplex
- WesTrac
- TAFE NSW
- AMP Control
- Hunter Plant Operator Training School
- 3ME Technology
- Thiess Mining
- AGL Macquarie Pty Ltd - Bayswater Power Station
- Hunter Local Jobs Network
- Singleton Council
- Muswellbrook Council
- Education Pathways Head Career Teachers



TAFE Graduation Day - Friday 12 June 2026

After 13 weeks of training, attending three days a week, 14 women graduated from TAFE on Friday 12 June with a Statement of Attainment in Civil Construction (Earthworks). The ceremony was well attended by the Hon. Yasmin Catley, MP Tim Crakanthorp, and the participants' family and friends, alongside a cohort of women who also graduated from the AMWU five-week Advanced Manufacturing course funded by Department of Employment and Workplace Relations.

It was a fantastic event that brought together industry, funders, education, and the community to celebrate the achievements of these women, who stepped outside their comfort zones and gained newfound confidence.

Three of the women have now gone on to train as a Dogger with HTPOS, 1 woman has successfully obtained an electrical apprenticeship commencing in 2027, 2 women have continued to work in Traffic Control whilst looking for their next steps.



The women made a picnic table which was donated to the refuge, Jenny's Place

Women in Trade night - 19 June 2026

A Recap ✨

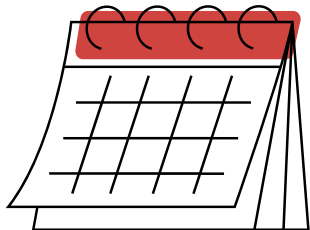
We held our first informal networking night for 'Women in Trades' and or for those interested in entering the trade on 12 June at Lambton Park Hotel.

With over 20 incredible women in the room, it was a night full of great energy, meaningful conversations and some fantastic new connections 💬👉

A big thank you to Kim Liddell, author of Dirt Boss, for generously donating two books for our lucky door prizes. Congratulations to our winners: 👉 Shristy Prajapati 👉 Leisl Kennedy from LK Launch, and Nikki Nobilo, who took home a box of chocolates 🍫

It was inspiring to see so many women coming together to support each other in trades and industry—we're building something really special 💪

👉 Want to join us next time? Email bwc@careerlinks.nsw.edu.au to be added to our distribution list.



Coming up next month- our 2nd network event!

Women in Trades Night -Lambton Park Hotel

Tuesday 28 July from 5.30pm

Guest speaker: Kathy Clarkson from Key Consultations

Registrations opening soon

WesTrac Immersion Day - 11 June 2026



We had an incredible day with the team at WesTrac, where our EmpowerHER Pathways participants gained valuable insight into the WesTrac operations. The business plays a key role in supporting industries like mining and construction—providing the big machines, and expertise to maintain equipment that help build and shape our communities. The group heard inspiring career journeys from women in the field, and experienced operating an excavator. A huge thank you to the WesTrac team for a wonderful day—we left inspired, confident, and excited to continue building pathways for women together. 💜🚜