

Baseline takes on 2 Koori apprentices

Sydney construction company Baseline has taken on two Koori apprentices after they completed the Job Ready Course in Construction.

'One of the most important things the Job Ready Course does is to raise the participants' level of awareness about safety issues and qualify them for an induction card, one of the prerequisites for working in construction.' – **Wayne Misdale, Human Resources Manager, Baseline.**



Baseline's James Delaney, site foreman Karl Glaesel and Wayne Misdale at the North Eveleigh Railyards.



Alana Varga, St Hilliers first female carpentry apprentice, at work on the North Eveleigh site.

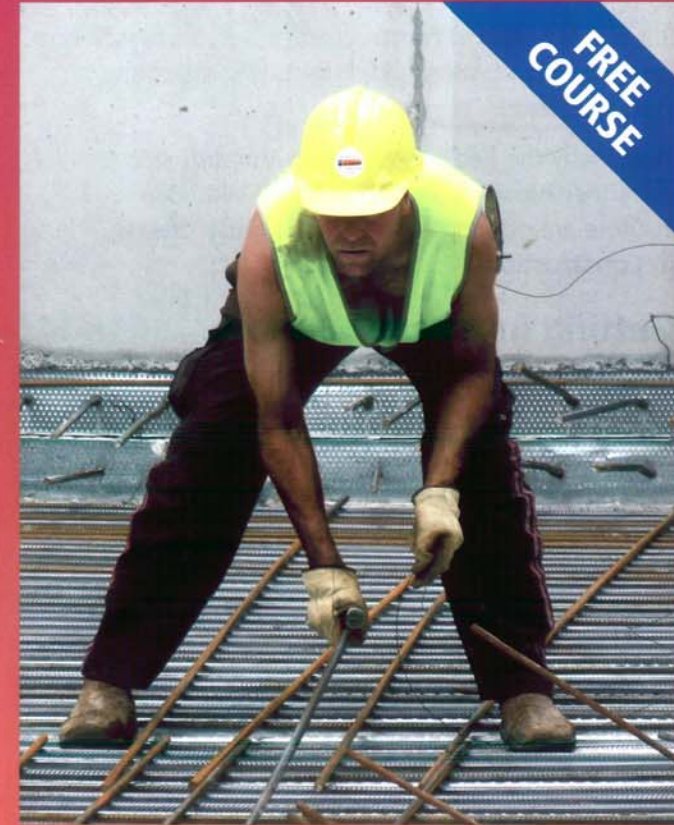


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For more information

For more information about course content and the dates of future information sessions and courses please contact Terry Kelly at the RWA on **9202 9100** or by email terry.kelly@rwa.nsw.gov.au

Koori Job Ready Course in Construction



First step to getting a construction job



Koori Job Ready Course: First step to construction job

Jobs available in construction

With a building boom imminent in Redfern and Waterloo there will be lots of local jobs in construction.

But to get a start in construction one of the first things you need is an understanding of safety issues and an induction card.

That's why the Redfern-Waterloo Authority (RWA) in partnership with TAFE NSW South West Sydney Institute are offering a **Koori Job Ready Course in Construction**.

Getting into the industry

Over the past 12 months, a number of people who completed the first Job Ready Courses have found apprenticeships in the construction industry.

They have filled some of the 100 plus construction jobs that have been created as part of the RWA's massive rejuvenation of Redfern and Waterloo.

And there are many more construction jobs to come.

600 construction jobs will be created as part of Channel 7 and Pacific Magazines' \$120 million relocation to the Australian Technology Park at North Eveleigh.

60 jobs are allocated specifically for Aboriginal people.



Aaron Marr civil construction carpenter working at the Australian Technology Park.

Course contents

The Koori Job Ready Course in Construction

is run over 8 weeks and operates Monday to Friday between 8am and 2.30pm.

Subjects include:

- Construction OH&S (Induction Card);
- Hand and Power Tool Operations;
- Restricted Height Scaffolds;
- Concreting;
- Traffic Control;
- First Aid.
- Forklift Operations;
- Basic Carpentry; and



Rabbitohs Jamie signs up

Souths under 20s player Jamie Ingram, has signed up for the Course. Jamie is keen to start an apprenticeship at the end of the Course and is hopeful that doing the Course will demonstrate his commitment and initiative to possible employers. Football is important to Jamie but he knows he needs other skills as well.



Jamie Ingram.

Course then apprenticeship

'The Koori Job Ready Course is the starting point for a career in the construction trades after successful completion of an apprenticeship. The current course is full but we will be running a number of courses annually so there are still plenty of opportunities for interested people to pre-register for future courses.'

– Terry Kelly, Builder and RWA Project Manager



Terry Kelly.

'Changed my life forever'



James got an apprenticeship after doing the Course.

James Delaney is one of 2 apprentices employed recently at Baseline. James is working on the refurbishment of the former Canteen and Carpenters Workshop Building at the North Eveleigh Railyards.

Prior to enrolling in the Job Ready course, James was unemployed for a couple of years.

'The course and this apprenticeship have changed my life forever and for the better.' – James Delaney.

INFORMATION SESSIONS HELD

An information session will be held before each course commences.

These sessions allow participants to fully understand the requirements of the Koori Job Ready Course and the opportunities for work in the construction industry.

To sign up for the information sessions complete the card and mail – post free – to the RWA.

