**The Regional Tourism Career Roadshow is Coming to Brisbane**25/05/2021

The Regional Tourism Career Roadshow, a project to promote job opportunities and careers in the tourism and hospitality industry will be held in Brisbane on the 25 and 26 May this year.

Being rolled out to the thirteen tourism regions throughout Queensland, the Roadshow events aim to encourage school leavers, mature age, and people from all backgrounds to consider taking on some of the diverse roles in the tourism and hospitality industry. There are many career paths in the industry and thousands of job opportunities currently in Queensland, especially as domestic tourism is showing strong signs of recovery. The two-day events will feature hands-on activities, such as cooking, events planning and tourism tasks, allowing participants to gain a first-hand insight into different career pathways.

QTIC Chief Executive, Daniel Gschwind said that it is exciting to see people engaging with what the tourism industry has to offer and being inspired by the diversity of roles and opportunities.

“With the surge in domestic tourism, we need motivated people who want to be part of an industry that not only drives economic benefits for the community but also is directly involved in creating a better and more engaged world, bringing people together,” said Mr Gschwind.

“The Regional Tourism Career Roadshow provides a fantastic opportunity for us to respond to the current workforce issues that have been identified as some of the biggest challenges for the tourism sector's recovery.

“Supporting emerging professionals and equipping them with the skills to face a challenging economic environment is now more important than ever. Not only their future depends on it but the future of our industry.”

Minister for Training and Skills Development Di Farmer said the Palaszczuk Government had committed $900,000 for QTIC to organise a Regional Tourism Careers Roadshow.

“Supporting Queensland’s tourism industry to rebuild and recover from the pandemic is an important part of the Palaszczuk Government’s economic recovery plan,” Ms Farmer said.

“We’ve already provided vouchers to attract tourists to the regions hardest hit by the pandemic, and this week we announced a $1500 incentive and free travel for workers who take a tourism job in regional Queensland.

The Regional Tourism Careers Roadshow is another important tool to help attract people to work in the tourism and hospitality industry which is just so important to the Queensland economy.

The Star Entertainment Group Chief Casino Officer Queensland Geoff Hogg said he was pleased to support QTIC’s Regional Tourism Careers Roadshow with the company attending to showcase its wide variety of career opportunities across the two-day event.

“Along with our consortium partners, we are gearing up for the highly anticipated opening of the Dorsett hotel and apartment tower at The Star Gold Coast early next year, and our game-changing Queen’s Wharf Brisbane integrated resort from late next year.

“Together, these high-end developments – an investment of nearly $4.5 billion – are going to create thousands of rewarding roles in tourism and hospitality across South East Queensland (SEQ).

“It’s why we’re proud to support initiatives like this as they enable us to interact directly with the next generation of workers and current jobseekers and deliver hands-on demonstrations and personal insights to showcase the exciting opportunities on offer.

“Meanwhile, today we currently have more than 250 roles available in SEQ across a variety of departments and along with the rest of the hospitality industry, we are finding it difficult to fill these vacancies as a result of the ongoing skills shortage.

“We look forward to continuing to work with QTIC and government to ensure a sustainable and thriving sector in Queensland and deliver jobs for Queenslanders.”

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