



Queanbeyan Business Council acknowledges that the Queanbeyan region, along with the rest of the Country, faces critical shortages in apprenticeships and that employers experience significant difficulties in finding staff with appropriate trade skills.

This has been partially due to past student perceptions of more glamorous and lucrative career opportunities in new technologies.

Whilst this has become a head-ache for employers, this very lack of skilled workers creates an opportunity for both students and mature age workers to re-consider trades as a very rewarding option.

Queanbeyan Business Council is to provide scholarships for four Queanbeyan based trades students in 2008. This is intended to be an on-going program in future years.

This year's programs are with the new Queanbeyan Trade School at Queanbeyan High School and at CIT Faculty of Tourism and Hotel Management in Reid. Scholarships are aimed at students undertaking trade certificates and apprenticeships, and will help cover the cost of materials, books and tools.

Successful students, who must reside in Queanbeyan LGA, will be selected through an interview process conducted by Queanbeyan Business Council and the School/Faculty following the 2008 enrolment process.

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