

# Queensland Train Manufacturing Program

## Quarterly First Nations Business Newsletter Quarter 3 (2025)

Welcome to the seventh edition of our First Nations Business Newsletter, created to help First Nations-owned businesses and individuals connect with the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program (QTMP).

This update provides information about employment on QTMP. It identifies upcoming events, First Nations business success stories and more.



| Attendees at the Fraser Coast Industry and Careers Showcase.

### Events

#### Fraser Coast Showcase - 4 June 2025

The Fraser Coast Industry and Careers Showcase was held in June at the Maryborough Showgrounds. An initiative of the Fraser Coast Regional Jobs Committee, the showcase is proudly supported and funded by the Queensland Government. Considered a one-stop shop for anyone looking to kickstart, change or grow their career, attendees had the chance to connect with real opportunities and inspiring industry leaders. Downer attended the event and spoke with attendees about QTMP, particularly regarding training and employment opportunities.

#### Dorrie Day - 28 August 2025

Dorrie Day is back! Coordinated by the Port Curtis Coral Coast Trust, Dorrie Day is being held in Bundaberg at the CQ University campus between 10am and 3pm. Jobseekers, students and employers can have a yarn with inspiring businesses and explore new career paths. In 2024, more than 50 elders shared traditional insights and more than 100 organisations and businesses attended to connect with the community. For more information visit Dorrie Day [here](#). The event is also being held in Gladstone on the 31 July 2025.



## Success stories

### New First Nations business at Ormeau rail facility



100 percent First Nations-owned and operated LKG Cleaning Service has been engaged to provide cleaning services for the site offices at the Ormeau maintenance facility during construction.

They are dedicated to keeping workplaces, facilities, and communities clean, safe and hygienic.

LKG Cleaning Services provides high-quality commercial cleaning solutions tailored to the needs of businesses, industries and more. They are deeply committed to empowering Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities through employment, training, and career development.

Learn more at - [lkgcleaningservice.com.au](http://lkgcleaningservice.com.au)

### Yakka Training students gain career insights during rail construction site tour

Students from Yakka Training gained hands-on experience when they attended a site tour at QTMP's Torbanlea train manufacturing facility site in May.

The 11 First Nations students recently completed the Rail, Civil and Construction Skillset course, which gives them a range of skills to prepare for entry level jobs across industries, including in rail. The QTMP visit showed students what it's like to work on a major rail project firsthand, inspiring them to explore career opportunities in rail manufacturing and develop their own career pathways.



| Yakka Training attendees out on site at Torbanlea

Students got to observe the progress of the rail track under construction, which will connect the future train manufacturing facility to the existing rail network.

Yakka Training is a 100 percent Indigenous-owned business and Certified Supply Nation Supplier. It is a Queensland-based registered training authority recognised for its dedication to mentoring and supporting students as they transition into the workforce.

Yakka Training Managing Director Joel Thompson said the students really enjoyed the tour.

“It's great to have the opportunity to attend a major project like QTMP. It really helps our students plan their next steps and see themselves on site in the future.”

For more information about Yakka Training and their range of courses, visit [yakkatraining.com.au](http://yakkatraining.com.au)

## Culturally Significant Dates

### National Reconciliation Week - May 2025

The theme of Reconciliation Week 2025 *Bridging Now to Next*, was reflected upon at all QTMP site locations. 25 years ago, [Corroboree 2000](#) brought together Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous leaders in a historic call for reconciliation. In Brisbane, First Nations owned Bowie Solutions provided a powerful presentation for QTMP staff. Figjam and Co provided a delicious Indigenous morning tea to team members.

### NAIDOC WEEK - July 2025

QTMP employees were invited to a morning tea featuring food from a First Nations supplier and heard from a guest speaker who highlighted the significance of this important date across all project locations. On the Fraser Coast, QTMP staff attended events hosted by Butchulla Native Title Aboriginal Corporation (BNTAC). At Ormeau, subcontractor DTI were involved in local performance events in collaboration with the local Yugambah language speaking people.



## Come work with us! Complete your EOI now

Expressions of Interest for roles working on the Queensland Train Manufacturing Program at the new train manufacturing facility at Torbanlea are now open. There will be approximately 200 frontline workers and approximately 100 professional workers required.

To complete an EOI, you will be required to submit a resume and a list of qualifications based on the role you are applying for.

Please note, interviews are planned to take place from October 2025, with roles starting on site from early 2026 when manufacturing begins.

In the meantime, come along to one of our job seeker sessions at the QTMP Project Information Centre, 229 Adelaide Street, Maryborough:

- 2pm - 5pm, Monday, 21 July, 2025.
- 9am - 12pm, Tuesday, 22 July 2025.
- 2pm - 5pm, Monday, 4 August, 2025.
- 9am - 12pm, Tuesday, 5 August, 2025.
- 2pm - 5pm, Monday, 18 August, 2025.
- 9am - 12pm, Tuesday, 19 August 2025.

You do not need to make an appointment. If you have questions and can't make the sessions, please contact us on 1800 464 512 or email us at [qtmp@downergroup.com](mailto:qtmp@downergroup.com) to arrange a call back.

From mechanical, fabrication, electrical and trades assistant roles through to supervisors, management, administration and more there is something for everyone. From mid-2026 Downer will create opportunities for approximately seven apprentices per year, in electrical, mechanical and fabrication roles. We will also have ongoing recruiting opportunities for roles across the wider project. Visit our [People and Careers](#) page to find out more.

## Want to supply to QTMP?

If you would like to supply goods and services to QTMP, register on the Supply TMR portal: [supplytmr.benchon.com](https://supplytmr.benchon.com)

Once you have registered, you can request a call to help you set up your account and show you how to use the portal. Once your account is set up, you will receive updates about relevant work packages available for tender. Make sure your business capabilities are kept up to date.

As packages are released, the portal will search for required capabilities and notify all relevant businesses. You can view current supply packages on the Downer Corporate website at: [QTMP supplier opportunities \(downergroup.com\)](https://www.downergroup.com/QTMP-supplier-opportunities)

## Support, advice, resources

### Upcoming training

Supply Nation will provide events for [registered businesses](#) for the remainder of 2025. Visit their website [here](#) for the latest events.

The Jobs Pathways Program aims to boost confidence and job readiness in a supportive learning environment. It is FREE and runs regularly all year for four weeks (Tues-Thurs from 9am - 2pm). See [Fraser Coast Regional Council's Jobs Ready Program](#) for program start dates and more information about their Business Managers Program.

### Enabling competitive contract bidding

Downer and its subcontractors are engaging First Nations specialists to support subcontractors and suppliers to engage with First Nations-owned businesses. QTMP takes its responsibility to provide equitable opportunities seriously. With regards to the tender submission process, QTMP is committed to ensuring this support is provided. For example once a tender is awarded, First Nations bidders who were unsuccessful can be provided with specific feedback on their tender. This is provided in order to assist them to develop their capabilities for planned and future work.

## Contact us

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