



# Hosting an apprentice helps businesses prepare for the future

## Cash incentive for taking on trainee

HOSTING an apprentice or trainee will ensure your business has the staff to take advantage of future business opportunities in Central Queensland. Apprenticeships and traineeships are vital to the nation's productivity.

Hosts who take on an additional apprentice or trainee before June 30 will be in the draw for a major prize of a 22-inch LCD television set during the Capricornia Training Company Employ Your Future Today promotion, or one of the monthly host prizes.

The May winner of the Host Employer prize is Capricornia Family Day Care, which has taken on Shelley Green as a mature-age trainee undertaking Certificate III in Business Administration. Shelley is enjoying the challenges of her traineeship and learning all about the home-based child care industry.

Family Day Care offers a personalised, high-quality, flexible childcare service, provided in a safe and secure home environ-

ment. Family Day Care caters for babies to school-age children, embracing diversity of language, culture and ability to ensure the right fit for children, carers and their respective families.

Family Day Care has serviced the district since 1985. The scheme currently supports 88 carers and 360 families and plays a significant industry leadership and education role, providing support to local services, service users and carers by strengthening networks, providing resources, advice, representation and advocacy,

delivering programs and sponsoring services.

On Wednesday, May 12, the Federal Government announced the introduction of the Apprentice Kickstart Extension to encourage businesses to employ young Australian apprentices.

The Federal Government will contribute an additional \$3350 to employers for each eligible new first-year apprentice signed up before November 12.

The \$3350 extension applies to employers who take on a person aged 19 years and un-

der into a traditional trade Australian Apprenticeship. These traditional trades form part of the National Skills Needs list.

Capricornia Training Company will pass on the \$3350 incentive to hosts who commence an eligible first-year apprentice between May 12 and November 12. The total cash benefit returned to host employers is \$3350.

For details, call or email CTC on info@captrain.com.au or contact your apprentice services officer on 4922 2008.



**HOST WINNERS:** Family Day Care senior administration officer Leanne Palfrey, Family Day Care receptionist Shelley Green and Capricornia Training Company apprentice services officer Gayle Walduck. The May winner of the Host Employer prize is Capricornia Family Day Care, which has taken on Shelley as a mature-age trainee undertaking Certificate III in Business Administration.

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