We are thrilled to announce that in May, the Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre was awarded winner of the:

“Regional Award Showcase 2014
- Excellence in the Senior years”

Our submission named “Partnerships—The Pathway to Success” showcased the significant partnerships that we hold across our community that enables us to achieve up to 94% successful outcomes for completing students.

It is a tremendous accolade to be acknowledged as the regional leader in providing real pathways and career outcomes for students.

The SCTTTC would not be as successful without the strategic partnership between our four partner schools:

- Beerwah State High School
- Caloundra State High School
- Kawana Waters State College
- Meridan State College

In July we take our application to the State level to showcase the great things happening in our centre.

Tracie accepting Regional Award Showcase 2014 from Acting Regional Director Bevan Brennan

Your other favourite tradie.

The Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre has a vital role in teaching and guiding our region’s tradespeople of tomorrow. Garry Crick Volkswagen is proud to be a sponsorship partner of the centre and its exciting future.

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Our students have been hard at work performing Structured Work Placement in areas of civil, general construction trades, surveying and electrotechnology.

Currently over close to 100 placements have occurred with more than 3,000 hours completed by students taking advantage of the school holidays to complete or add to their compulsory placement hours. All students complete log books to record their skill development while ‘on-the-job’.

**Check out our new “Pergolas”... perfect for lunch**

Our Cert II Resources & Infrastructure Students (Civil) have enjoyed a special construction project here at SCTTTC this term. Both Tuesday and Wednesday’s Civil Students have been involved in the construction of three new Pergolas in our grounds/recreational area at the front of our building.

Under the direct supervision of their teacher, Rob Reid, they have undertaken the complete construction of the pergolas from site preparation to the boxing and pouring of the concrete slabs, installing upright posts, beams, rafters and finishing with the installation of corrugated roofing iron.

Our students now have additional shaded areas to enjoy their lunch breaks and should all be very proud of their achievement. The pergolas are certainly an added bonus to our Trade Training Centre and give our grounds that added feeling of relaxation and calm! Well done to all.....

**Surveying—Information Breakfast**

In May SCTTTC hosted an Information Session for local Employers & Businesses in the Surveying & Geo Spatial Industry. The purpose of this session was to brief industry on initiatives to introduce Traineeships and Vocational Education & Training (VET) Certificate Courses into Queensland and the Sunshine Coast. The morning was a huge success with 25 local companies attending and a number of business committing to take our students for work placements.

Thanks to Dr Ken Lyons, SSSI Qld and Construction Skills Qld for assisting with the co-ordination of this event.

**Structured Work Placements (SWL)**

Students have had the opportunity to work with local construction trades, electricians, civil contractors and Sunshine Coast Council. These placements give students an invaluable insight into the trade they have chosen and inspire them to achieve employment in industry.

SWL is a great way for employers to ‘try their next tradie’ as a recruitment tool for their future.

Rob Reid supervising the roof installation.

Wednesday’s Civil class (above) and Tuesday Civil Class (below) on construction on one of three new Pergolas.

Kyle, Aiden, Brock and Miriam getting work ready!
Milly’s Story — Perseverance Pays Off

Milly Robertson’s interest in the Construction industry came very early when she was one of the very first girls to participate in our “Creating Constructive Young Women’s” Initiative in 2010. At that time Milly was in year 10 and it was a natural progression for her to enroll at SCTTTC. In years 11 and 12, Milly completed Construction Skills Queensland (CSQ) Doorways to Construction Program completing a Cert I in Construction and a Cert II in Resources and Infrastructure in 2011/12.

Milly’s long term goal was to become a Carpenter and she was very excited when it was her time to undertake industry work placement with various employers.

All reports from Employers & Trainers were that Milly was a great worker and always the first to pitch in and put her hand up to ask for a job. In year 12 Milly was one of the female leaders & mentors for other girls attending the Girls Day Out Try A Trade Day and other industry focused days.

In 2014 Milly, still determined to achieve her goal of becoming an Apprentice Carpenter, completed a pre - employment program with Eastcoast Apprenticeships and BIGA Training in Maroochydore.

After completing that program and undertaking further work placement, Milly was offered a full time Carpentry Apprenticeship with Eastcoast Apprenticeships earlier this year.

Congratulations Milly …….. hard work and perseverance does pay off !!!

Employer Showcase — Eastcoast Apprenticeships

Eastcoast Apprenticeships have employed 5 previous SCTTTC students:

- Angus Kennedy—Electrical
- Ryan McPherson—Electrical
- Tim Crew—Painting
- Jaak Jessup—Carpentry
- Milly Robertson—Carpentry

Maroochydore Branch Manager Craig Harrison said:-

‘The quality of young people produced by the SCTTTC is exceptional. They have a solid skills base and great work ethic. Eastcoast Apprenticeships look forward to recruiting more of these great young people in the future.’

Further information regarding Eastcoast Apprenticeships can be gained from their website: www.ecapprenticeships.com.au.
Employer Showcase—Thompson Building Group

Thompson Building Group of Minyama recently employed three of our past students who completed courses at SCTTTC in 2013. All three were employed as Apprentice Carpenters and joined Jack Balmanno who commenced employment with Thompsons upon completion of CSQ Doorways to Construction Program at SCTTTC in 2012.

Apprentice Mentor Leigh Cartwright contacted the SCTTTC during the Easter Break and the positions were promoted to graduates from the previous year who were actively seeking apprenticeships. Our goal at SCTTTC is to continue to monitor our past students and to assist those who have not gained employment where possible.

Leigh Cartwright had this to say about SCTTTC and our students....

“It is a massive obligation for a company or business to employ apprentices, and it’s also one that’s inadvertently time consuming to ensure you find the best suited candidates. From advertising for positions, the long interviewing and shortlisting process, to employment and registering training contracts all which can prove very overwhelming while trying to manage day-to-day business. Add to this the time and costs associated in training New Start apprentices to be able to contribute efficiently and profitably to your organization and the whole idea of training resources can become jaded. To be able to maintain Thompson Building Group’s commitment and dedication to offer training to the local industry in our recent recruitment drive we contacted Tracie Warry and the wonderful staff at the Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre (SCTTTC) in an effort to find students that had completed a pre-apprenticeship ‘Certificate I in Construction’ course. We have been very impressed in the way in which these students from the SCTTTC have performed and how they have seamlessly transitioned into apprentices. All successful candidates from the SCTTTC have hit the ground running onsite with an impressive array of skills and knowledge that they have derived directly from their involvement in the programs delivered by the centre. Thompson Building Group are in full support of the Sunshine Coast Technical Trade Training Centre and their staff. Simply providing a great service and initiatives to local industry by providing work and site ready apprentices....”

Creating Constructive Young Women in 2014

Creating Constructive Young Women is an initiative of the SCTTTC in partnership with great organisations supporting young women entering into non-traditional career pathways. In 2014 we are launching Creating Constructive Young Women with a “Girls Day Out—Explore Your Options Try A Trade Day” on 18th August 2014.

This day will see up to 60 young women, from Year 10 across schools from the Sunshine Coast, participate in a range of practical hands on activities that introduce them to careers in industry. They will also engage with exciting female mentors who have a range of careers within the industry in trades, para-professional and professional career pathways.

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Seeking Sponsorship…….

Sponsorship is required to cover all aspects of coordinating, facilitating & hosting our “Girls Day Out—Try A Trade 2014”.

Your business now has the opportunity to get involved and support this wonderful initiative that has seen previous participants launch into careers in the Construction Industry. We are seeking sponsorship from across our community as we engage with schools and young women to promote great career opportunities for their futures. We expect this event to attract local media attention as it showcases our enthusiastic young women exploring careers in industry. If you are interested in sponsoring this initiative, please contact Tracie Warry at the Trade Training Centre.
The Integrated Learning in Engineering (ILE) program is in its fourth year of delivery at SCTTTC.

SCTTTC is proud to partner with University of the Sunshine Coast for the delivery of this great opportunity for students at school.

ILE students complete two first year core subjects undertaken by all USC Civil & Mechanical Engineering students. ILE provides students with the opportunity to experience University while at school and helps students to explore further careers in Engineering.

Past students from 2013 Dylan Asmus (Kawana Waters SC) and Landon Bloesh (Caloundra SHS) are both currently studying Civil Engineering at USC and Daniel Catteral (Beerwah SHS) is studying Mechanical Engineering at QUT.

All have identified that the ILE program provided them with a lot of knowledge that helped them to make good decisions about further study.

### SCTTTC supporting our community — STEPS

The SCTTTC is proud to support STEPS George Street Community Garden with our students completing a site preparation project to construct a Pizza Oven. Students demolished the original slab, set out and concreted the new slab, bricked the oven base and then participated in a workshop with Bob Cameron from Rockcote to construct the Pizza Oven.

Steps volunteer Leigh Jensen worked with the students and said “the SCTTTC students were great to work with. I was impressed with their work ethic and found them well mannered, polite and had a great sense of humour”. All students involved have received a Certificate of Appreciation for inclusion in their portfolios.

STEPS received a grant from Australia Post Neighborhood Community Grant to complete the area as a resource for all who access the community garden.

We are proud to be able to give back to our local community through our students great work.

### SCTTTC Open Evening—Wednesday 27 August 2014

Planning for 2015 is well underway with the SCTTTC working with partners to provide programs to provide pathways for young people.

SCTTTC is taking expressions of interest in:

- Cert I Plumbing
- Cert II Electrotechnology
- Cert II Conservation & Land Management
- Cert II/III Surveying & Geospatial Information Services
- Integrated Learning in Engineering

SCTTTC programs are open to year 11 or 12 students enrolled in local high schools, however year 12 students are unable to enrol in courses longer than 12 month duration.

For more information contact SCTTTC on 5437 1037.
Term 2 ……..

SCTTTC New Building

Construction Work is well underway on our new building which commenced in May.

This new building will accommodate another classroom and extend our outdoor covered space. The new classroom will enable us to take on additional courses/classes as we are planning to in 2015.

Students out on work experience ……. 