

Backing good jobs

Ipswich region

- \$1.4 billion Big Build investment creating 4,100 jobs
- South West Industrial Corridor
- Substantial defence industry
- Advanced manufacturing
- Growing food and beverage production industry

More than
157,600
employed
by 2025-26

Jobs Queensland (2023), *Anticipating Future Skills (AFS) Series 4.*



BACK TO WORK* **867** job seekers
464 local businesses supported by \$10.02 million

SKILLING QUEENSLANDERS FOR WORK*

5,019 employed
\$76.11 million in community programs

Big Build figures: *Ipswich Regional Action Plan, Queensland Budget 2023-24.*

*As at 30 April 2024

Top 5 largest employing industries



26,019 employed

Health care and social assistance

Aged and disability carers, registered nurses, child carers, nursing support and personal care workers



20,386 employed

Manufacturing

Structural steel and welding trades, workers and packers, meat poultry and seafood process workers, machinists



15,033 employed

Retail trade

Sales assistants (general), retail managers, checkout operators and office cashiers, shelf fillers



14,319 employed

Construction

Electricians, carpenters and joiners, construction managers, plumbers



14,206 employed

Education and training

Primary school teachers, secondary school teachers, education aides, child carers

Ipswich region projected workforce sizes by 2025-26. Source: Jobs Queensland (2023), *Anticipating Future Skills (AFS) Series 4.*

Good Jobs, Great Training Queensland Skills Strategy 2024 – 2028 delivering for the Ipswich region

6,839

Free TAFE students and apprentices

Commencements from 2023 (as at 30 April 2024)

Popular free courses Ipswich region	Aligned jobs	Average salaries seek.com.au
Diploma of Nursing	Enrolled nurses	\$65,000 - \$75,000
Certificate III in Engineering - Mechanical Trade	Metal fitters and mechanists	\$70,000 - \$90,000
Certificate III in Individual Support	Aged and disability carers	\$60,000 - \$70,000
Certificate III in Electrotechnology Electrician	Electricians	\$90,000 - \$110,000
Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care	Early childhood educator	\$60,000 - \$65,000



More Free TAFE
upskilling Queenslanders
while driving costs down



More local training
delivering for local communities



More TAFE Trade Tasters
plus skills for school students
aligned to good, local jobs



Apprentices and trainees
supported across traditional and emerging
industries, plus more pre-apprenticeships
and Work Skills Traineeships



Skills employers need
expanded industry input on workforce
needs and priorities



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Mattia Uusimaki | Sheetmetal apprentice

Mattia continues family tradition in trades

Mattia Uusimaki is continuing her family tradition and choosing a career in skilled trades.

Raised in Ipswich, Mattia chose a Certificate III in Engineering – Fabrication Trade, following in the footsteps of her father and grandfather, who were fitters and turners, and another grandfather, who was a blacksmith.

Mattia is drawing from her own positive experiences and the supportive environment provided by TAFE to inspire other women.

“I’m a big advocate for women, especially [for women] starting an apprenticeship,” she said.

Now based in Gladstone, Mattia is excited about the prospects of job flexibility and says obtaining her certificate will advance her career while setting an example for other mothers striving for work-life balance.

“Once I get my certificate, I’ll be able to go anywhere, work anywhere, and have a flexible roster,” she said.

Mattia’s story exemplifies the transformative impact of programs like Free TAFE in empowering individuals to pursue their career aspirations, while promoting inclusivity and diversity in the workforce.



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