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RESTAURANT & CATERING AUSTRALIA ANNOUNCES LAUNCH OF DISCOVER HOSPITALITY APPRENTICES PROGRAM IN QUEENSLAND

Restaurant & Catering Australia (R&CA) has been announced as a recipient of a \$236,000 grant from the Queensland Government for the Advancing Apprentices Fund for its *Discover Hospitality Apprenticeships* program.

As part of the program, R&CA will be launching a 12-month promotional campaign to promote the various opportunities associated with apprenticeship pathways in the hospitality sector and improve existing job training models.

The aim of the program will be to engage 2,000 potential apprentices through the hosting of 100 events and activities including school visits, seminars, various media opportunities and about 20 presentations to industry and trade events.

R&CA Deputy CEO Sally Neville said that the Association's project will help to significantly improve current retention and completion rates of apprentices in Queensland's burgeoning hospitality industry.

"The Association is delighted to be directly partnering with the Queensland Government to promote the benefits of a long-term career pathway in the hospitality sector through pursuing an apprenticeship.

"Through the awarding of this grant, the Queensland Government has recognised the exceptional opportunity that exists to capitalise on the significant jobs growth within the state's café, restaurant and catering sector.

"The Association, through its *Discover Hospitality Apprentices* program, will provide employers with assistance by introducing an improved on and off job training model enabling apprentices to learn and practice job-ready skills.

"As a result, the program will contribute to improved outcomes during apprenticeships, including boosting productivity and morale, leading to increased rates of retention and completion.



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“Through the completion of the *Discover Hospitality Apprenticeships* program, the Association will be able help deliver significant improvements to the apprenticeship landscape throughout Queensland,” Ms Neville said.

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