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Newsflash **From the CEO's desk**



RDA NEWSFLASH – Tec-NQ Accommodation Facility

RDA Committee Member David Kippin and I were pleased to attend the official opening of the new Tec-NQ Accommodation Facility today, after RDA worked since 2012, to help secure funding for the multi-million dollar project. The college received \$2 million through Round 4 of the Regional Development Fund in 2014, to put towards the \$3 million dollar facility. This project was one of three we highly recommended to the Australian Government for the Regional Development Fund, as we could see the vital role this facility would play in boosting tradespeople in regional areas.

Tec-NQ in Townsville transformed the Motel Palms on Bowen Road into the Regional Training Accommodation Facility for North Queensland. Many current students were involved in the renovations, including carpentry and plumbing work.

This is truly a regional facility, that will provide accommodation to regional students to encourage them to study a trade. The 44 bed facility will allow students to access education and trades training at Tec-NQ in Townsville and then return back to work in their communities. Already 13 regional students have utilised the accommodation, coming from towns such as Richmond, Cloncurry, Mount Isa and Mornington Island. Tec-NQ is doing a great job in promoting this amazing facility across Northern Queensland, with the college already receiving 22 applications for boarding in 2016.

This is yet another project that is about delivering in our regions, for our regions, and building our regions for the future.

I would also like to congratulate Tec-NQ Board Directors, CEO Tom Petterson and his staff for the tireless work and dedication they have put into making this project come to fruition. Anyone requiring further information on what academic and trade programs are available at Tec-NQ can go to tecng.com.au.

Also a quick reminder - National Stronger Regions Fund Round Three is opening 15 January 2016. For further information please visit <http://investment.infrastructure.gov.au/funding/NSRF/>

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