

Focus on jobs - Adults into work



Participants from the Yarn'n VTEC Trainee Assistants in Nursing programme, run through the Sydney Vocational Training and Employment Centre.

Getting more adults into work will mean a better future for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Participation in employment increases wellbeing and living standards for individuals, families and communities. Jobs give people financial independence, control over their lives and the ability to provide for their families' futures.

That is why the Government commissioned Mr Andrew Forrest to review Indigenous training and employment programmes. In his report, *Creating Parity - the Forrest Review*, he recommended a range of new ways to significantly boost Indigenous employment.

A good education, and vocational training that relates to real jobs, are key to improving employment outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Helping adults and young people to move successfully from school, higher education and training, into stable and meaningful work has been the focus of the Government's reforms in employment.

Under the Indigenous Advancement Strategy Jobs, Land and Economy programme, there were 8,271 Indigenous job seeker commencements into employment in the six months from July to December 2014. In the 2013-14 financial year, under the Commonwealth's previous Indigenous-focused employment programmes, there were 14,538 Indigenous job seeker commencements into employment and 10,721 commencements into education and training.