



ABBTF

AUSTRALIAN BRICK & BLOCKLAYING TRAINING FOUNDATION LIMITED

Supported by the Brick & Block Manufacturers of Australia

OPERATING RESULTS FOR 2006/2007

During the year to June 2007 Australian Brick & Blocklaying Training Foundation (ABBTF) achieved the following:

- The ABBTF scheme to address the skills shortage in bricklaying was introduced in Tasmania, Western Australia and South Australia.
- ABBTF commenced subsidies to bricklayers directly employing new apprentices of up to \$6,000 over the apprenticeship term in all six States and Australian Capital Territory.
- ABBTF commenced subsidies to Group Training Companies to reduce charge out rates for apprentices to host employers in Queensland, Australian Capital Territory, Western Australia and South Australia. Subsidies through Group Training Companies have continued in New South Wales and Victoria. Sixty-one Group Training Companies have signed agreements to participate in the scheme nationally.
- ABBTF now support the employment of 637 apprentices either directly or through group schemes. Supported apprentices at June 2006 were 343.
- The number of apprentices enrolled in bricklayer training nationally is 2,713 compared with 2,521 at June 2006.
- Enrolments in pre-apprenticeship training were lower at 543 compared with 571 in the previous year.
- ABBTF have partnerships with 39 TAFE colleges and private registered training organisations delivering bricklayer training to apprentices. ABBTF have supported the introduction of apprentice training for the first time at six TAFE colleges during the past 12 months.
- Step Out Programs provided by ABBTF gave 2,407 secondary school students a hands on experience in bricklaying. This is an increase over the 1,010 students who participated in the program in 2006.
- A large number of careers events and promotions were attended to raise the image of bricklaying and promote training and career paths offered by the trade.
- ABBTF promoted bricklaying employment opportunities in Australia to bricklayers in the United Kingdom under the Independent Skilled Migration program. The promotion at migration expos and ABBTF information sessions in the United Kingdom generated over 100 expressions of interest. Intending migrants are being assisted with advice and visa cost reimbursement.

Financial Results	2006/07 \$000's	2005/06 \$000's
Revenue	5,610	2,482
Total Expenditure	4,566	1,932
Operating Surplus	1,044	550
Equity	2,917	1,873
Apprentice Subsidies Provided	2,756	1,015
Mature Age Allowance	46	30
Pre-Apprenticeship Support	65	64
Step Out Programs (for school students)	495	161
Promotion	397	207
Development	538	259
Administration	269	196

The full Statutory Annual Report will be available for distribution and provided on request.

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