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IPROWD STUDENTS GRADUATE AND START ON THEIR WAY TO A POLICE CAREER

Eight Aboriginal men and women will graduate from the Indigenous Police Recruitment Our Way Delivery (IPROWD) program at TAFE Illawarra’s Nowra Campus on Monday 18 June 2012.

These IPROWD students can now progress their applications to join the NSW Police Force with many graduates aiming for acceptance into the January 2013 intake at the NSW Police College at Goulburn. The Nowra IPROWD program is one of seven IPROWD sites that has students graduating in June 2012. Over 80 students have successfully gained the national Certificate III qualification which provides academic entry to Charles Sturt University and enables the students to progress applications to join the NSW Police Force.

The IPROWD program is funded by the Australian Government and Minister Julie Collins said, “IPROWD is a fantastic initiative between the Australian Government, TAFE NSW and the NSW Police Force.

“For many Indigenous Australians, the chance to train and secure a job with the NSW Police Force seems out of reach,” Minister Julie Collins said.

“IPROWD will help participants develop the skills and academic qualifications needed for a career in the NSW Police Force. The Australian Government through the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations is providing $2.9m in funding to support the IPROWD state wide initiative and the results that this project is achieving is outstanding.

Dianne Murray, TAFE Illawarra’s Institute Director said, “IPROWD is an excellent example of the value partnerships like this can bring to people. It is a life-changing experience for the people who have taken part.

“I congratulate the students who have taken up this opportunity that will open doors to employment and further education,” she said.

The Nowra course has five students from the Illawarra region as well as two students who have travelled from the Riverina region and one student from Sydney. All of the students have worked hard to achieve the course outcomes and have demonstrated they have the right attributes to join the NSW Police Force.

Deputy Commissioner, Catherine Burn said, “As an organisation the NSW Police Force aims to reflect the community we represent and the IPROWD program is a way to assist potential Indigenous recruits to reach their goal of joining the Force.”

The IPROWD training program includes a Certificate III in Vocation and Study Pathways to meet the entry requirements of the Associate Degree in Policing Practice offered by Charles Sturt University at the NSW Police College. The program is tailored to give Aboriginal people the confidence, skills and
knowledge to join the Police. To achieve this members of the NSW Police from the Local Area Police Commands work collaboratively with TAFE teachers to provide assistance and mentoring to the students.

Media Opportunity

Representatives of the media are invited to attend the graduation of the Nowra IPROWD 2012 program to be held at:

Venue:  Nowra Campus,
        Destiny’s Training Restaurant
        Building A,
        60 Beinda Street, Bomaderry
Date:    Monday 18 June 2012
Time:    11:00am – 12:00pm

Senior TAFE and NSW Police staff will be available with two students, 20 minutes prior to the graduation start time for media interviews.

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