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As we move into another year of challenges I would like to flash across some of the success stories for the year past.

In March we had one of our automotive apprentices gain an award from Ford Australia as their apprentice of the year.

In August we had one of our hospitality apprentices nominated by the Supervising Registered Training Organisation as their apprentice of the month.

A Smart Employment Solutions (SES) apprentice participated in the annual World Skills competition.

The long awaited Young Care project on the Gold Coast commenced, seeing various Smart Employment Solutions apprentices placed and managed by Tracy. The project was to complete numerous units for disabled young people. The Young Care project has kept a number of our apprentices in work and has also given us the opportunity to graduate a number of new apprentices that were at risk of not completing their trade. Young Care has acknowledged the invaluable assistance that Smart Employment Solutions and our apprentices have given to the project publicly by manner of statements and press releases. Our name has also gone onto their web site as a contributor and partner in the project. I hope that after many talks with their project management team, SES will continue to assist Young Care in the future.

(On our web site) We also ran a project in conjunction with the YMCA to rebuild a couple of their facilities at Redland Bay and Jamboree Heights. These projects were made possible by the funding contributed by the Federal and State Governments administered by the State Group Training Association.

Through the year we made a few donations to some inspiring people. They were; Tarita a young indigenous girl who is sight impaired that represented QLD at the national cross country finals in Canberra, who also went on to represent Australia on the world stage and was successful in her age events coming home with gold, silver and bronze. We also assisted a young single mother that was ripped off by an unscrupulous repair company. Her autistic son's wheelchair needed replacing and we donated towards the replacement in fact it was our donation that was able to secure the chair. We also donated four large hams to the Inala Meals on Wheels for their Christmas dinner - a letter of thanks is displayed on our website.

Through the end of last year we continued with our assistance in promoting SES and the trades as an alternate pathway at our local schools. We sponsored through quarterly \$300 tool donations for the most outstanding student in a vocational education program. This culminates at the end of the year with a \$500 tool donation for the winner.

We also sponsored the bus that brings the workers from the race track at Bundall to Yatala. The bus is sign-written with similar designs to our fleet cars. We pay for the fuel on a monthly basis to a nominated value.

Last of all we supported two staff members in need of assistance, Lee was crushed by a car and my family was displaced by the tornado. On behalf of Lee and my family, thank you.

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