



Project Update

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Girls Can Too

Blayney High has run the 6-week Girls Can Too program since 2022, giving young women the chance to explore opportunities in trades and connecting them with local employers.

The program helps high-school-aged women understand exactly what it would be like to work in different trades. This year, participants had the added advantage of being able to learn in Blayney High's new Construction Cottage.



Above: Regis' Stacey McFawn, with Girls Can Too participants in Construction Cottage.

Delivered by TAFE NSW and supported by Skillset, over 6 weeks, 12 students from years 9 and 10 tried their hand at a range of different trades including carpentry, joinery, plastering and painting.

This year, Regis team member Stacey McFawn was invited to share her pathway into mining with the group. After starting off in the accounts department at Cadia, Stacey switched to driving equipment in the pit and operating the open pit dispatch system. Her career in mining has taken her to remote parts of Australia as well as New Guinea and South America. "If you're willing to learn and work hard, mining will let you go as far as you want to," Stacey said.

Tree Giveaway

Each year, Regis runs a free tree giveaway for the neighbours around the McPhillamys Project site. This year, the offer was extended to local schools as well. Our 2024 total was over 850 trees given to 33 neighbours and 5 schools.

The trees are grown from seed collected on site before being sent to the non-for-profit Landcare Nursery in Bathurst, who propagate the seeds and grow to tube stock size.

Selling large numbers of trees to businesses like McPhillamys offsets the cost of running the nursery as well as keeping the cost of seedlings as low as possible for the Landcare community.

Regards

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Above: Sue Wakefield, Landcare Nursery Manager with tube stock.

Bottom: Margaret Struthers with her trees.