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Skilling & Employment reaches 2000th job

Ropes Crossing resident Ramon Ortiz has reason for a double celebration. Mr Ortiz has secured a new job within walking distance of his home and is the 2,000th successful job seeker to be placed by the Ropes Crossing and Jordan Springs Skilling & Employment centre.

After celebrating its 5th Birthday in March, Skilling & Employment has continued its record rate of finding local job seekers almost one job a day, with Mr Ortiz the latest to benefit since the Western Sydney centre was established as a community initiative of developer Delfin Lend Lease in 2005.

Mr Ortiz approached Skilling & Employment to find a position closer to home to cut down on the lengthy two-hour commute to his previous occupation.

“Skilling & Employment staff reviewed my resume and provided me with tips and hints to help with my job search,” Mr Ortiz said.

The centre, located at 51 Phillip Street in St Marys, provides computers for internet job searching, advice on writing resumes and job applications, training for handling job interviews, and information on local training courses, apprenticeships and traineeships.

Ropes Crossing Project Director Lorraine Sarayeldin said the centre acted as an intermediary between job seekers and employers.

“Since opening in 2005, Skilling & Employment has worked with local businesses, builder partners, TAFE and other local training and employment service providers to ensure the needs of employers and jobseekers are met,” Ms Sarayeldin said.

“Skilling & Employment - Ropes Crossing & Jordan Springs, is assisting jobseekers to access over 8,000 construction jobs and more than 5,000 ongoing jobs as a result of the development of the Ropes Crossing and Jordan Springs communities.”

Mr Ortiz is the latest to access one of these opportunities and now works for Karelle Life Enrichment Service Inc, a local not-for-profit organisation helping people with intellectual disabilities.

“I can now walk to my new job as a Sales & Business Development Officer. I have an improved work-life balance with more time to relax with family and friends, and have progressed my career at the same time. Skilling & Employment is an extremely helpful local service – the centre has even helped my son find employment.”

Skilling & Employment is a local community initiative funded by Delfin Lend Lease to assist job seekers in Ropes Crossing, Jordan Springs and the surrounding areas. Employers and jobseekers interested in finding out more about the centre and its services should phone Jan or Kim on 02 9673 1225

Ropes Crossing encompasses the entire Eastern Precinct of the St Marys site, an area which covers 132ha and is expected to contain up to 1,800 homes. Jordan Springs encompasses the entire Western Precinct of the St Marys site, an area which covers 230ha and is expected to contain up to 2,450 homes. Delfin Lend Lease is Australia's leading developer of masterplanned communities with 25 projects across the country.