

Hi Vis Army Working Group
Meeting 6 – Communiqué, 23 July 2024

Attendees: Skills Tasmania: Peta Sugden, Andrew Harris, Ingrid Andersen
Civil Contractors Federation (CCF): Andrew Winch – CEO
Housing Industry Association (HIA): Stuart Collins – Executive Director
Keystone Tasmania: Martin Blake – CEO
Master Builders Association Tasmania (MBT): David Clerk – Executive Director, and Amy Ransley
National Communications and Electrical Association (NECA): Ben Shaw – State Manager
Master Plumbers Australia, Tasmania (MPAT): Angela Bennett – Executive Officer (apology due to technical difficulty)
Guests: BUSY GROUP (Lyndsay Pheiffer-Samuels, Holly Mair, Tenille Reilly) DEWR: Tracey Marriott

The meeting was opened by the Chair, Peta Sugden.

The Busy Group gave an overview of their work as a service provider supporting females in male dominated non-traditional trades.

Participants gave a brief overview of where their projects were at:

- Keystone gave the group an update of their 2024-25 Training Plan.
- CCF reported progress towards all milestones is on track. Noted there has been continued progress on the Your Speed is Our Safety campaign, the purchase of two simulators to facilitate training in the sector, continued delivery of pre-employment programs and gave an overview of the Tasmanian Building and Construction Careers Expo to be held on 8th August 2024, at MAC 2, at 18 Hunter St, Hobart.
- HIA reported progress towards all milestones is on track, with 33 apprentices now employed. The project diversity target is on track with approximately 40% engagement of target groups. An overview of all project activity was given, including an overview of their Financial Literacy module, which will be made available to all industry at no cost.
- Master Builders Tasmania reported progress towards all milestones is on track. Work continues on supporting the set-up of the training facility in Cambridge and enhancing the operations of the GTO.
- NECA – Acknowledged joining the High-Vis Army membership and provided a summary of current and potential activity to be undertaken.
- MPAT – An Apology.

There was discussion around further promotion of the work being done under High-Vis Army banner.

A broad discussion around future workforce development mapping for the Macquarie Point Stadium and potential opportunities for an Energy and Sustainability Centre of Excellence on the Northwest Coast was had by members.

All members discussed interaction with the Department for Education, Children and Young People (DECYP) and outreach and engagement of Building & Construction activity in schools.

The next meeting is scheduled for the 15th of October 2024