



Future Footprints Indigenous Careers Expo, 9th August 2006

- The Careers Expo was kindly opened in the Drama Centre at Presbyterian Ladies' College by Mr. Kim Collard who performed a traditional welcome to country in language and shared with everybody the history of the land that the expo was held on.
- This was followed by the 'Queen of the Kimberley, Mary-G' as the key note presenter for the evening, who with great humour reinforced the importance for secondary students to explore, learn and think about the transition into post school destinations such as apprenticeships, traineeships, tertiary study or employment.
- This was followed young Indigenous guest speakers from Woodside Energy Ltd, University of Western Australia, and Pilbara Iron, who shared with the students their own personal stories of transition from school into employment, tertiary study, traineeships and apprenticeships.
- This part of the evening was then concluded with Mary-G reinforcing and encouraged the great opportunity that was available to young people on the night and to take time to look at available career opportunities after school.
- The Careers expo then moved from the Drama Centre to the Canteen area where 28 different organizations participated in an exhibition of career options specifically for Indigenous secondary students.
- On the night there were just under 300 students, parents or school representatives in attendance of the careers expo, from over 30 different schools, from across the Independent, Catholic and State School sectors.
- Some schools and families had commuted students from Esperance in the South-West, Merredin and Northam in the Wheatbelt, as well as those many students from the Kimberley and Pilbara regions who attend residential schools in Perth.

We would like to thank the following organizations who provided young role models as guest speakers to talk about their transition from school into employment, further training, and tertiary education at the careers expo;

- Woodside Energy Ltd
- University of Western Australia, School of Indigenous Studies
- Pilbara Iron

Lastly, we would also like to sincerely thank and highlight the following organizations for supporting, participating and their commitment to the Future Footprints Indigenous Careers Expo 2006. Without the support of these organizations this evening would not be possible;

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