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Project Booyah participants continue to impress

Mount Isa's keen, young Project Booyah participants tested their hospitality skills on Saturday night at the 2016 Casa Grande Ball and made their mark at the premier event.

Mid-way through their Certificate I in Hospitality, six of the participants had the opportunity to assist Terrace Gardens Function Centre with the hospitality and catering for the 2016 Casa Grande Ball.

The Project Booyah initiative, funded by Glencore through its Glencore Community Program North Queensland (GCPNQ) program, provides a 20-week youth support and vocational training program to at-risk teenagers to influence their behaviour and attitude, reduce their involvement in the criminal justice system and engage them in further education and employment.

Bianca Carloss, Project Booyah Coordinator said the young ladies could not wipe the smiles off their faces after participating at this premier event.

"To say that they enjoyed the experience would be an understatement, this opportunity to work with Chefs and Caterers in a live work environment is a memory that they will be able to reflect on for the rest of their lives," Constable Carloss said.

"The young ladies assisted the wait staff with hors d'oeuvres and entrée service, not only did this allow them to hone the skills they're currently learning through their TAFE studies but it also highlighted an extremely important component of Project Booyah – that they can succeed if they have the right attitude."

Mike Westerman, Chief Operating Officer for Glencore's North Queensland Copper Assets said he was pleased the participants could get involved with the Casa Grande Ball and enhance their restaurant service skills in an authentic situation.

"It was lovely to meet the girls and hear their excitement for their work and the Project Booyah initiative," Mike said.

"We're passionate about supporting projects like Booyah that can make a real difference in people's lives."

"Our GCPNQ funding is directed towards projects and initiatives that support the priorities and needs of our communities, with an emphasis on capacity building and sustainable outcomes."

Sonja Wessels from Terrace Gardens said the program was very relevant, with its training and real prospects of a job, while building self-esteem, confidence and a sense of hope.

"It's a brilliant project and I'm enjoying watching the young participants blossom," Sonja said.

The Project Booyah participants will graduate from their TAFE course in November and will celebrate their achievements with a three day camp. The group are seeking the community's support to fundraise for this trip.

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L to R: Walter Box and Sonja Wessels from Terrace Gardens with the Project Booyah participants and Catherine Hoggood from TAFE, Serena Daniels Police Liaison Officer and Allison Wolfe Spinifex Senior Teacher.

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