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Arms around the Outback: Well-travelled CSU Port Macquarie Campus Director lends support to regional capacity-building program.

Ever had the need for a short, sharp, project to be completed quickly while not wanting to load existing staff up with extra work?

It was that need, and her desire to further support the Mid North Coast Tertiary Work Placement Program (MNC TWPP) which she'd been chairing, which saw Charles Sturt University's Port Macquarie Campus Director, Dr Muyesser Durur offer a short term placement to Brisbane-based QUT Bachelor of Fine Arts (Honours) (First Class) graduate Kelsey Bricknell.

Dr Durur needed an online e-newsletter and template completed quickly and through her involvement with the MNC TWPP knew there were many skilled young professionals looking for short-term projects.

"Having Kelsey here for a week has been wonderful," said Dr Durur.

"She has fresh ideas and although the task I gave her didn't give her much of a lead time for preparation, she has delivered what I asked for in terms of a very engaging online template and initial e-newsletter."

Kelsey raised the point that it was good to be working in the administration side of a university, after having been a student.

"It's definitely different, you get to see all the work that goes into the teaching you receive and it's good to know where it all comes from.

"Working here was wonderful;" she added, "it was a really great experience to see what's going on in a regional community, and getting a sense of how integration works between a university and young people.

"Trying to capture that in such a small format as a newsletter was tough, but I feel good because I completed the newsletter.

Dr Durur mirrored Kelsey's satisfaction.

"It's been great to offer Kelsey this placement which has benefited her and CSU, and helps highlight the types of quality students available to regional Australia.

"I'm very happy with what she's done and would like to see more of her around the place!" she concluded.

That may well be on the cards, with Kelsey keen to attend the Luminosity Youth Summit from the 24th to 26th of July.



As part of the Building Australia's Future Workforce initiative, the Mid North Coast Work Placement Program was funded by the Australia Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations through the Local Employment Coordinator Flexible Funding Pool. It had Port Macquarie-Hastings Council as the Lead Agency and was managed by The Brolga Project.

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Suggested Photo Caption: Dust on her boots and arms around the Outback: CSU's Dr Durur, (left) having returned from a trip through regional Australia, stops for a photo with QUT graduate Kelsey Bricknell (centre) and CSU's Port Macquarie Campus School Outreach Coordinator Sandra Wallace.

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