



Gold stars for Trenayr TAFE

TAFE NSW-North Coast Institute's Aquaculture section located at Trenayr has received recognition for excellence in skills training.

The aquaculture section was given a Three Gold Star Rating for their Primary Industries courses, which is the top rating in a new scheme to recognise training achievement in areas of skill shortage.

Brian Wexham, CEO of The Institute for Trade Skills Excellence presented the plaque to North Coast TAFE at a ceremony at the North Coast Institute's National Fishing Industry Education Centre (known nationally as Natfish) at Trenayr TAFE campus, just north of Grafton, NSW.

Mr Wexham said that the North Coast Institute had been recognised as being amongst the very best primary industry training bodies in the country.

North Coast TAFE Institute Director,

Elizabeth McGregor said she was delighted by the news.

"The Institute was awarded the highest possible ranking by The Institute for Trade Skills Excellence in January this year and we are delighted to officially receive the plaque from the CEO of the Institute at today's ceremony."

The Star Rating Scheme is administered by The Institute for Trade Skills Excellence and recognises excellence in trade skills training among TAFE and Registered Training Organisations.

Ms McGregor said that receiving the Three Gold Star Rating was recognition of the high quality of industry-focussed teaching delivered at the Trenayr campus.

"The recognition we have received confirms North Coast TAFE as a leading choice in training for the aquaculture industry both in NSW and nationally," said Ms McGregor.



Natfish's Head Teacher of Aquaculture Lisa Terry (extreme right) taking the official party on a tour (l-r) Brian Wexham, CEO of the Institute for Trade Skill Excellence; Kate Chamberlain, Educational Development Officer, North Coast TAFE; Elizabeth McGregor, Director of North Coast TAFE and (partially obscured) Frank Hay, Regional Manager, NSW Department of State and Regional Development. Pic: submitted.