

## **AGTECH** Connections

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2019 has been a successful year. Celebrations at the graduation

was attended by five students and their parents. The accomplishments of the hard-working students were very rewarding to them. They now have better opportunities to find jobs and new careers for a brighter future. With a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE), Certificate II in Business and another Trade Certificate in their hand, they have a wide range of opportunities to explore, including higher education via TAFE and later University. There is no better feeling than having the college community supporting the staff at ATAC. ATAC Board and staff greatly appreciate the parents and grand parents' support during the year.

The Queensland Bushfoods Association (QBA) supported a successful 7<sup>th</sup> Queensland Bushfoods Conference held at ATAC on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019. It was jointly organized by our Board members, staff and passionate QBA members. Sponsorships by Fernland Nurseries has been greatly appreciated. Natasha Roebig and her husband Jason of Bee All Natural are excited to provide training to support local bee-keepers at ATAC. They intend to introduce some new and innovative products including bushfood infusions with honey to diversify their product range for healthier options.

ATAC has now been approved as a Registered Training Organisation (RTO No. 45556) by QCAA.



Certificate II Courses in FSK and Business in 2020. We hope to gradually add other courses at certificate II level.

ATAC will continue its partnership with ONESTOP Training (RTO) to provide short term training programs for upskilling young people who can find employment upon completion. People of all ages interested in upskilling or receiving training to improve employment opportunities to contact ATAC.

North Maclean Community Garden (NMCG) members have found the changes in weather more favorable and have planted a longer-term crop. ATAC has bought a small machinery which our neighbor, Mr Brian Howard attaches to his tractor to assist in tilling the new garden spaces for Mr Lal Fanai and his community group. We are grateful to Mr Howard for his continued support.

The upgrade of Mount Lindesay Highway, with the provision of north and south bound bus stops in front of ATAC on the service road, has made entry and exit to ATAC much safer for our students, parents and other visitors. Buses run from Browns Plains and Beaudesert on a regular basis as per Translink timetable. Please visit Translink website or contact the College for further details.

Our deepest sympathy to all the families who have lost loved ones in the Australian fires and for the massive losses of property and wild-life. May Gods' blessings be upon everyone affected.

## <u>ATAC GRADUATES</u>

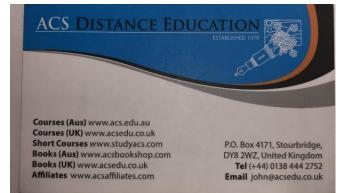


2019 graduates who spent two to three years from Years 10 to 12 at ATAC. Each student completed QCE, Business Certificate II from AQI and a Trade Certificate from TAFE spending one or two days week in work per experience/apprenticeship. They gained hands-on experience and earned a small income as they persevered to obtain their trade certificate in readiness for jobs. It is a great achievement for these students and great pride for the parents and their grandparents. (L-R) Javier, Drew, Xander, Andrew, Oliver and Dr Nand.



## Well-Wishers supporting ATAC and our students. They can be contacted on their websites.







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