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Member for Shortland

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Maitland Jobs Expo – 593 jobs created

Thanks to the Keep Australia Working Jobs Expo held in the Hunter yesterday, 593 previously unemployed people will have a job.

Parliamentary Secretary for Employment Jason Clare and Hunter MPs Joel Fitzgibbon, Greg Comet, Jill Hall and Sharon Grierson congratulated all the jobseekers who found employment at the Expo.

“This is a terrific result. The action we have taken means 593 people who were out of work will start work in the next few weeks,” Mr Clare said.

“That means that 9,166 jobs have been created from the 22 Jobs Expos we’ve held across the country so far.

“The idea is pretty simple, we put local employers with jobs and local people looking for work in the same place – and it worked.”

Hunter MP Joel Fitzgibbon commended local employers for getting behind the Expo and delivering jobs for local people.

“More than 70 businesses and organisations set up stalls at the Maitland Showground, offering around 1200 jobs,” Mr Fitzgibbon said.

Shortland MP Jill Hall pointed out the important impact the Jobs Expo will have on the local economy.

“Nearly 600 people walked away with a job which is an incredible result. This will filter through into our local economy.

Newcastle MP Sharon Grierson said the Jobs Expo was a practical initiative to help local jobseekers find work.

“The Jobs Expo is part of the Government’s action plan to help people get a job and get back on their feet,” Ms Grierson said.

Some of the businesses and organisations who filled positions as a result of the Jobs Expo are:

- Energy Australia filing 65 positions;
- Novaskill filling 25 positions;
- Big W filing 20 positions;
- Crowne Plaza filling 20 positions; and
- Commonwealth Bank filling 5 positions.

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