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## Council and My Pathway opening avenues to local employment

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A successful partnership between Cook Shire Council and employment agency My Pathway has resulted in employment opportunities for three local jobseekers.

Lakeland's Smokey Heaney and Cooktown's Helena Karvinen looking for work through the My Pathways' Cooktown office, and found it as labourers with Council's Infrastructure Services team. Wujal Wujal's Robert Walker was also looking for work, and landed a spot with Council's workshop crew. Mr Heaney and Ms Karvinen have been working with Cook Shire Council for six months and Mr Walker started in January.

"It has been a win-win situation – their search for work is over and we have gained three hard working people with a range of experience that has quickly made them valued members of our workforce," Cook Shire Council Infrastructure Services Director Robert Uebergang said.

My Pathway Acting Regional Manager Josie Flores said it was always a proud moment when their jobseekers secured work and were valued by their employers. "Smokey, Helena and Robert showed dedication and enthusiasm for getting into the workforce and I'm very happy to see them rewarded for their efforts," Ms Flores said. "We look forward to continuing our relationship with Cook Shire Council, who share our goals to get more locals into sustainable employment."

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