



Media Release

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TAFE North's Wheelie Good Donation.

Thanks to students at TAFE Queensland North, bike enthusiasts will now have a place to rest after shredding the local trails.

The training and education provider is supplying the Townsville Rockwheelers Mountain Bike Club with three picnic tables and chairs.

TAFE Queensland North Construction Teacher, Dean Jones said it was a project undertaken by students involved in the TAFE at School program.

"The program sees senior high school students come to TAFE once a week. These particular students are studying for a Certificate I in Construction.

"I like to hand the students a project that has a purpose, because when they complete it, it gives them a real sense of achievement," Mr Jones said.

Tim Hughes from Townsville Rockwheelers is a carpenter by trade and he did his TAFE training with Mr Jones seven years ago.

"We have kept in contact and he knows I coordinate junior development at the mountain bike club which attracts about 70 people every Thursday.

"The kids have nowhere to sit and relax after training and their families have nowhere to plonk down either, so everyone is over the moon about this donation," Mr Hughes said.

TAFE Queensland North General Manager, Joann Pyne said the training and education provider takes great pride in coordinating projects that help the community.

"TAFE Queensland North has strong links within the community and it is great that our students get to test out their new skills working on projects that will benefit the public, it's a win-win situation," she said.

The media is invited for filming, photographic and interview opportunities

Where: Mountain bike reserve, Angus Smith Drive, Douglas.

When: Thursday, June 23 at 4:30pm

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