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Yee-Haa employees blaze trail to success

TWO Kununurra teenagers will continue to gain qualifications in their chosen field thanks to additional funding support from MG Corporation's Aboriginal Development Package (ADP).

Jason Reid and Jason Woodman have spent last year undertaking school-based traineeships with Yee-Haa Trail Rides and the new ADP funding will allow them to continue working in the job they love for another year.

The boys gained their certificates 2 in agriculture and conservation and land management last year and are undertaking their certificate 3 in agriculture in 2014.

News of the injection of ADP funds was welcomed with tears of joy.

"It was the best news ever," Jason Reid, 16, said.

"We've both learnt so much working with Yee-Haa and now we can spend 2014 building up our skills and qualifications even further."

Yee-Haa Trail Rides owner Kris Thomas said the trainees had become an integral part of his business.

"They've learnt the ropes from the ground up and they're always trying to pick up new things on the job," he said.

The work at Yee-Haa is diverse, ranging from horse riding and animal husbandry, fencing and property management to providing a tourist experience for the hundreds of visitors who step into the saddle for guided trail rides.

"It's the best job in the world," said 18 year-old Jason Woodman.

"We're earning our own money while we learn work skills which will help us get employment, either here in Kununurra or somewhere else, for the rest of our lives."

MG Corporation deputy chairperson Helen Gerrard said she was proud to see ADP funding attached to such a worthwhile program.

"These two young men are setting a shining example for the Aboriginal youth of this area and all of the directors who sit on the MG board look forward to watching their careers develop further in the months and years ahead."



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