

The Marlborough Youth Trust, Youth Employability Programme (YEP) is all about teaching youth the importance of having a positive attitude, being able to communicate, teamwork, willingness to learn, thinking skills (problem solving and decision making), self-management and resilience. These are the values, skills and behaviours that employers have said they would like a young person to have when they start working for them.

The Marlborough Youth Trust has successfully run six MSD funded YEPs as well as supported Marlborough Girls' and Boys' Colleges to implement the programme. The MYT Staff are trained to facilitate this program via Comet, and youth are endorsed on their achievements during their program- Reap Marlborough has been a great support of this program in Marlborough

For the last 12 months Marlborough Lines has been very closely involved with supporting this programme. Under its recent sponsorship strategy, Marlborough Lines, with the guidance of Chief Executive Officer, Tim Cosgrove, has shown a real commitment towards helping YEP youth find their way in the world of work.

Marlborough Lines has offered one YEP youth a six-month paid work placement. This will roll over for another six months for another YEP participant.

Tim said it's like "backing a winning horse" to support this programme and all that the Marlborough Youth Trust does for the youth of Marlborough. It definitely aligns with Marlborough Lines' sponsorship strategy.

As well as offering this six month work placement, Marlborough Lines also offers YEP youth two days work experience.

For some youth having the opportunity to work for Marlborough Lines for six months means that this will be their first pay cheque. They learn to do a variety of jobs eg working in stores, stock taking, running errands, putting together job packs. They are mentored by a Marlborough Lines staff member who is absolutely onboard, supporting the youth.

Tim was delighted at the recent Youth Employability Programme graduation, when a young man came up to him and asked about the six month work placement at Marlborough Lines, "Can I do that?"

Marlborough Lines is definitely backing a winning horse. Supporting youth to make their own way in life is a wonderful way to give back to the Marlborough community.