

# CASE STUDY

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## Woorabinda Jobs Expo

In September 2010 the Aboriginal community of Woorabinda held it's inagural Jobs Expo with the aim being to bring together the community, employment agencies, government department and local employers in an effort to improve the employment opportunities for the people of Woorabinda.

Woorabinda is 135km's south-east of Blackwater and has an unemployment rate of 88%!

As one of the largest employers in the region Curragh mine was well represented at the Expo with the assistance of the Brisbane HR team.

Throughout the day the Curragh team fielded numerous questions about traineeships, apprenticeships and permanent employment at the mine and it is hoped that our presence will have provided an insight into working at Curragh and how the people of Woorabinda can gain experience, qualifications or full time employment in the mining industry.

The Wesfarmers Reconciliation Action Plan calls upon divisions to actively seek out and support employment initiatives that will assist in closing the gap between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians, the Woorabinda Jobs Expo was a tangible and meaningful contribution to this effort.

