

## SOURCING APPRENTICES

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**Our NSW/ACT Region team working on the Holsworthy Special Operations Working Accommodation has enabled local school kids to experience life in the construction industry.**

EACH week during construction operations, a work experience student from the Liverpool area joined the team on site to gain some insight into pursuing a career in construction. Carol Dooley, Placements Officer at Liverpool Workplace

Learning Partnership Inc and responsible for placing the students says, "the time the students spend on site is invaluable. It's a great opportunity for them to try their hand at a number of different trades."

"We benefit just as much as the students", points out Paul Cassel, Project Manager.

"Not only is it a great way of encouraging students into a construction career, but it gives us the opportunity to identify future apprentices.

It also gives our own up-and-coming leaders the opportunity to work with and provide direction to younger people, thereby enhancing our skill base."

Robert Gavan first came to Holsworthy in 2008 as a work experience student through the program and enjoyed his experience so much he decided to make construction his career.

He's now a member of John Holland's apprenticeship program, starting at Holsworthy this year before moving to the Sydney Opera House Western Foyers project.

"It's not easy for these students to find companies willing to take them on," Carol says.

"It's really wonderful that John Holland is dedicated to giving these students such a good opportunity to start out in a career."



**NEW HORIZONS** John Holland apprentice Robert Gavan at his worksite which boasts a global architectural icon, the Sydney Opera House Western Foyers project