

Opportunity creates Success



Jake Morris and Hollie Taggart at the Tamworth UNE Centre

Gamilaroi woman, Hollie Taggart is looking forward to enrolling in her Bachelor of Social Work at UNE soon. Nearing the end of her studies in the TRACKS Program, an enabling course for First Nations people at UNE, Hollie says the TRACKS course has “really improved my academic writing”.

Hailing from Tamworth, Hollie explains that “At first I did the course to improve my skills but the more I got into it I believed I could do the degree I really want. I want to be a Social Worker. Since I was a little kid I have wanted to help my community – to advocate for them. As a qualified social worker, I will have that opportunity.”

Just three weeks after talking with Jake Morris, Tamworth local and Stakeholder Engagement Coordinator at UNE Tamworth, Hollie decided to sign up for TRACKS. “I already knew Jake and he encouraged me to believe that I could do this. He talked about what the TRACKS course could do for me and wow, now I have nearly finished the program.” Jake Morris says “Hollie has shown great resilience and her effort has been the bench mark for our Tamworth cohort. Hollie is a pleasure to be around and always has a smile on her face and a willingness to have a yarn. She has given me more drive to work harder to get more of our

people in to be a part of the TRACKS program.”

As an online student Hollie quickly learnt new ways of learning. “My use of technology and computers has improved out of sight. I have classes online yet we can also attend a group study session at the UNE Centre, once or twice a week. I feel like I can just walk into the Tamworth Centre and get help when I need it. I was shaky at the start but I kept going and learnt how to put my thoughts on paper and my current marks prove that I can do this”. Hybrid learning opportunities are an important aspect of the TRACKS course. Hollie is seen as a real leader in the study group showing all how to get in and get the job done, with a great attitude and impeccable time management.

Being able to stay on country and work in her community has made the whole journey more comfortable and relaxed. Hollie says “I have help and support from my partner, and this helps me focus a lot more. I dropped out of school at Year 10 and this course has built my confidence.”

As part of the program Hollie is currently completing a university degree level unit in social work and is working at the Dept of Community Justice as a case worker.

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At UNE we understand not everybody has the academic background to dive head-first into a uni course. So we've developed TRACKS, specifically to help Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people prepare for university study.

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