

Media Release

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Put your career on track

Sydney Trains is encouraging people of all ages and background to consider a job in the rail industry as the first ever national Rail Careers Week kicks off today, Acting Chief Executive Tony Eid said today.

Rail Careers Week runs from September 8 -14 and aims to highlight the range of roles on offer in an industry that employs 110,000 people across Australia.

“The rail industry offers a surprising range of roles and Sydney Trains is always on the look-out for talented and committed people who are keen to provide our customers with a great service,” Mr Eid said.

“The rail industry offers a huge variety of diverse careers, including ‘visible’ frontline roles like train drivers and customer service staff. Sydney Trains also has a large maintenance directorate staffed by highly skilled engineers and infrastructure maintainers to look after the trains and tracks.”

The industry is becoming increasingly high tech, with digital communications now widely used by the workforce, including train simulators and high-tech security and surveillance equipment.

As part of Rail Careers Week Sydney Trains will be hosting school tours of its driver training school in Petersham.

“Sydney Trains is investing in its people and has recently announced recruitment for an additional 65 Transport Officers to help tackle fare evasion. We will also take in more than 50 apprentices next year,” Mr Eid said.

“I encourage anyone who is considering their job options, whether straight from school or exploring a career change, to look into a career at Sydney Trains. I am living proof of the amazing opportunities that the railways offer.

“Having begun my career 35 years ago as a ‘phone boy’ working in signal boxes straight out of school, I have progressed through to my current role as Director of Operations of the country’s largest passenger rail operator.”

Careers Week was launched at Central Station today (Monday 8 September) by Assistant Federal Minister for Employment Luke Hartsuyker, Mr Eid and other rail industry representatives.

Rails Career Week is organised by the Australasian Railway Association. More information is available at www.railcareers.net.au

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