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## TAFE CELEBRATES JOB-READY, SKILLED GRADUATES

One-hundred-and-fourteen of the Ipswich region's future graphic designers, nurses, business professionals, community workers, tradies, beauty therapists and more were celebrated this past weekend at TAFE Queensland South West's lively graduation ceremony, held at the Ipswich Civic Centre on Saturday, 27 February 2016.

Family members, friends, and the graduates themselves enjoyed live music and professional photography, as well as the traditional presentation which saw Certificate III to Graduate Diplomalevel students awarded their certificates and course award prizes onstage.

TAFE Queensland South West Executive Director Studies, Jenni Butler, said the day was not just about celebrating how far graduates had come, their dedication and achievements, it was also about acknowledging their new skills, knowledge, and employability.

"The Ipswich region now has new highly employable graduates ready to put their skills and knowledge into practice – they've been trained by the most passionate and experienced teachers and supported by always encouraging family and friends, we can't wait to hear about their future successes," said Mrs Butler.

"This was the first year we invited our Certificate III graduates to this ceremony, who have previously celebrated separately, because we believe learning is a life-long journey and all levels of education should be celebrated – it was exciting to see the progression of study available to everyone."

For more information about TAFE Queensland South West, visit <a href="www.tafesouthwest.edu.au">www.tafesouthwest.edu.au</a> or call 1300 914 754.

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