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Jobfind Centres Australia sails the high seas for Indigenous training

31 March 2009 – A unique maritime training scheme is providing Indigenous Australians with new employment opportunities.

In an effort to boost employment for Indigenous Australians, the Tribal Warrior project provides rewarding career opportunities in the maritime services industry. The innovative scheme combines the resources of Jobfind Centres Australia and the Tribal Warrior Association. The inaugural project was undertaken in 2007.

“This is a great opportunity for Indigenous Australians to build a new career in an exciting industry” Angus Knight CEO, Mr Con Kittos, said.

Indigenous job seekers spend 5 days at sea, receiving a Certificate I in Maritime Services via theoretical and practical training in seamanship, navigation, anchorage, deck handing, safety at sea and other maritime skills. Following their training, participants work with Jobfind to gain employment in the maritime industry.

The current Tribal Warrior project is sailing in the waters around Kippa Ring and Redcliffe with 28 participants from Logan Central, Kippa Ring, Caboolture, Palm Island and surrounding areas. Previous projects have sailed around the Sydney region and up the east coast of Australia.

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“This is a unique way of linking skills development with industry employment needs and has given people a sustainable career path” Mr Kittos said.

Jobfind’s Tribal Warrior training program is a Structured Training and Employment Project, funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

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Photographs attached.

Jobfind_Photo1.jpg caption: Jobfind participants setting sail on the Tribal Warrior.

Jobfind_Photo2.jpg caption: Jobfind participants preparing to board the Tribal Warrior.

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About Jobfind Centres Australia Pty Ltd

Jobfind is a division of the Angus Knight group of companies, an Australian-owned organisation with a proven track record of providing quality employment and training services. A member of the Federal Government’s Job Network®, Jobfind places over 2,500 job seekers into work each month.

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