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BOWEN RAIL LAYS THE TRACK FOR MORE HOME-GROWN CAREERS

Bowen Rail Company is putting regional students on the fast-track to real rail careers and industry recognised qualifications through new internship programs and school-based traineeships.

Three Bowen State High School students have just started school-based traineeship with Bowen Rail Company that will see them complete either a Certificate II in Engineering or Certificate III in Business at the company's William Street offices and Kali Provisioning Yard north of town.

Bowen Rail Company General Manager Brendan Lane said building a stronger local workforce started with connecting local students to on-the-job training and long-term career opportunities.

"Investing time and energy into nurturing and developing home-grown talent has always been fundamental to how we operate," Mr Lane said.

"Our programs are all about giving local students the best possible start to their career in Queensland's world-class resources sector.

"Roles in the rail and resources industry are often lifelong careers full of rewarding work, and we're excited about the journey these programs will begin for young people in our community."

Third-year civil engineering student Henry Williamson from Mackay knows the value of the opportunity better than most after recently completing Bowen Rail Company's internship program.

"I didn't know much about the rail industry at all before coming into BRC's internship program," Henry said.

"I applied because Bowen is close to home, and I thought it would be interesting to try something different, but it turned out to be a great decision.

"The people have been the highlight for me, everyone is incredibly friendly and always willing to answer questions, and their knowledge is second-to-none."

Henry said being able to connect the theory learnt at university with real, hands-on training had been hugely rewarding.

"You learn theory at university, but you don't always get the chance to see how it is applied," he said.

"Being a part of the internship program has helped me connect what I've studied to how things actually work on the track.

"I'd really encourage other students to apply to any of the learning opportunities BRC provides.

"It's a great way to be introduced to the industry, even if you've never considered it before, and I can't thank the team enough for opening my eyes to the rail industry and the opportunities within it."

For more information about a career with Bowen Rail Company, visit www.bowenrail.com.au.

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EDITORS' NOTES:

Photo caption: Bowen Rail Company intern Henry Williamson at the Bowen Rail Company's Kaili provisioning yard, 25km north of Bowen in North Queensland.

About Bowen Rail Company

- The [Bowen Rail Company](http://www.bowenrail.com.au) (BRC) is a Queensland rail freight business launched in August 2020.
- Headquartered in Bowen, North Queensland, BRC combines world-leading technology with clever solutions to transport Queensland's high-quality resources for export to the world.
- BRC's GT46C-ACe Gen III locomotives help its local workforce work more efficiently, safely, and with a smaller environmental footprint.
- BRC's first customer was [Bravus Mining and Resources](http://www.bravus.com.au)' Carmichael mine.
- BRC operates on the Carmichael Rail Network, a 200km railway connecting the Carmichael mine 160km northwest of Clermont in central Queensland to the Newlands Rail System.
- BRC transports high quality coal from Carmichael to the [North Queensland Export Terminal](http://www.nqet.com.au) north of Bowen. Here, Carmichael coal is exported to nations around the world where it is used alongside renewables to help lift people out of energy poverty while at the same time reducing emissions intensity as the world transitions over coming decades to a low carbon future.
- The Carmichael Rail Network was built as part of the Carmichael mine and rail Project, through which more than A\$2 billion was paid to regional Queensland contractors and businesses.
- Both Bowen Rail Company and Bravus Mining and Resources are part of the Bravus group of Australian businesses delivering integrated energy and infrastructure services.

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