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PRISONERS GAIN EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS IN CONSTRUCTION

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A group of inmates at the Alice Springs Correctional Centre (ASCC) have gained important trade qualifications while contributing to the well-being of their community.

Minister for Correctional Services John Elferink said the group of four inmates have today been presented with VET qualifications at an event hosted by the ASCC and the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education.

Mr Elferink said the inmates had earned their Certificate II in Construction after working on a construction project at the Central Australian Aboriginal Alcohol Programmes Unit (CAAAPU) in Alice Springs.

“Qualifications like the Certificate II in Construction changes lives,” Mr Elferink said.

“The additional qualifications give inmates the best chance of gaining meaningful employment while they are still in prison under the Sentenced to a Job program and also on the release when they return to their communities.

“I was particularly impressed with the work ethic displayed by the graduates and wished them every success for the future.

“Our partnership with the Batchelor Institute pays real dividends for indigenous inmates throughout the Territory and I look forward to many more graduation ceremonies.”

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