



NATIONAL 2021 SKILLS WEEK

August 23rd - August 29th

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Woolworths Group partners with SkillsOne to support National Skills Week to help next generation grow rewarding careers

23 August 2021 – One of Australia’s largest youth employers, Woolworths Group has partnered with SkillsOne to sponsor National Skills Week 2021 and celebrate the wide array of skills-based apprenticeships and practical learning pathways available in retail.

An initiative of SkillsOne, the eleventh National Skills Week takes place this week from 23-29 August, providing an opportunity for school leavers, their parents and careers advisors to explore career pathways, and the value of apprenticeships and trainee programs, particularly in key growth industries.

Woolworths Group offers a range of apprenticeship and trainee programs to foster the skills and talent that support it to deliver quality food and essential needs to millions of Australians each week. With a regional footprint comprising 400 Woolworths Supermarkets and BIG W stores, and employing more than 43,700 regional Australians, its network provides career opportunities across communities of all sizes.

From refrigeration technicians and engineers to bakers and skilled meat team members, Woolworths Group is continuing to create opportunities for job seekers to join its skilled workforce and gain the training to pave the way for a rewarding career.

Woolworths Group prides itself on the development opportunities afforded across the business, helping team members in frontline positions progress into store leadership roles, or pursue areas of interest in other parts of the business.

As the business develops the critical skills for its operations today, it’s also investing in the jobs of the future through the **\$50 million Woolworths Future of Work Fund**. The fund will help team members play a role in the changing face of retail, upskilling across areas including digital, data analytics, machine learning and robotics.

National Skills Week Chair, Brian Wexham said: “It’s very significant that we have Australia’s largest retailer and one of Australia’s largest employers, Woolworths Group on board for the first time as a key sponsor of National Skills Week 2021.

“Woolworths’ has a strong commitment to preparing their team members with the skills and training they need for the jobs that help serve communities across the country every day, as well as the jobs of the future.”

Woolworths Director of Format & Network Development Rob McCartney said:
“As a business, we’re committed to creating better experiences together for our team and customers.

“Many young Australians get their first jobs with Woolworths Group and we want to help them grow and build meaningful careers with the business.

“Providing apprenticeships and training opportunities for Australians of all ages and backgrounds, particularly in our regional communities, is crucial to develop the next generation of skilled professionals.”

National Skills Week works with stakeholders across Australia to ensure employment outcomes, career pathways and skilling solutions for jobs of the future are shared among the widest possible audience encouraging Australians to explore the exciting options through vocational education.

National Skills Week 2021 will be officially launched virtually tomorrow, Tuesday August 24 by the Minister for Employment, Workforce, Skills, Small and Family Business, The Hon. Stuart Robert MP.

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