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Regional Employment Trials (RET) Initiative - Tech Micro-credentials and 'Code-a-Job' Hackathons across the Illawarra.

Announcing a programme of events targeting job-seekers which includes 5 Online Tech Micro-credentials training short courses in Coding, Cloud, Web Development, AgTech (Agriculture) and Artificial Intelligence, and additionally, 3 Hackathons at the population centres of Bega, Batemans Bay and Nowra.

Building on a successful rollout of the Regional Employment Trials programme in 2019, 2pi Software is introducing a new approach to employability skills acquisition for job-seekers in Bega, Bateman's Bay, Nowra and outlying rural/remote areas. Focussing on online delivery of high value digital skills, unemployed people facing transport and other challenges, can take advantage of learning opportunities tailored to their needs that would previously be difficult to access.

Thanks to grant funding from the Australian Government as part of its **Regional Employment Trials (RET)** initiative, the 2pi Software programme will kick off on the 28th March with the **Code-a-job Hackathon** at the University of Wollongong Campus in Batemans Bay - an exciting day of creativity and learning designed to stimulate an interest in digital technology that may lead to future career opportunities. While the event will primarily encourage those currently not in a job to join in, all members of the public wishing to learn more about code, the cloud, the web and even apps for mobile devices, should register to take part.

Those wishing to attend this event, or other events in the RET programme, should book through Eventbrite – links provided at this website page :-

https://2pisoftware.com/community/

2pi Software gratefully acknowledges the support of the University of Wollongong and TAFE NSW Nowra as gracious hosts of upcoming Hackathon events.

Hopefully inspired by the energy and dynamism of the Hackathon environment, a number of those participating in these fun and creative events will be encouraged to participate in the 5 upcoming online Micro-credential training courses to be delivered by 2pi Software-nominated professionals.

The online Micro-credential course material will place a strong emphasis on employability skills in industry sectors that have a strong footprint in remote areas such as local government organisations, agriculture and tourism, with a view to improving opportunities to secure enjoyable long-running locally-based employment.

2pi Software has a commendable 8 year history of involvement in building a tech community in the Bega Valley and this journey has represented a singularly unique success story within NSW and Australia more broadly. Through the RET programme, 2pi Software now seeks to take an active role in upskilling local job-seekers in digital disciplines.

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