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## **Rare opportunity for hospitality jobs in new development**

People keen on working in Greymouth's new \$5 million hospitality precinct are being encouraged to consider a four month training programme at Tai Poutini Polytechnic.

The planned redevelopment will renovate the Railway and Royal hotels and includes a nightclub, café, Mexican restaurant and outdoor seating with a fireplace. It is due to begin a staged opening from Labour weekend 2013.

Grant Olsen, who has owned the Railway Hotel for 13-years is managing the project for its Dunedin developers. He says the development will be looking to employ at least 25 staff and he is already talking to TPP about providing trained graduates to work in the complex.

"We will have high standards, it is going to be Greymouth's newest and most polished dining and café experience. We will need five chefs, four bar managers, 15 wait staff and two barista's," he says.

"I did the chef programme at TPP so see the merits of working with the polytechnic. We will be looking for trained staff who are passionate and honest, with good standards and etiquette," says Mr Olsen.

TPP's Hospitality tutor Ian Johnson says while the hospitality industry is always looking for good staff it is rare to see so many jobs available in a range of new establishments.

"This is an amazing opportunity for people who want to get into the hospitality industry. If you show integrity and a good work ethic it is an industry you can move forward in very quickly," he says.

TPP's National Certificate in Hospitality (Cafes) begins in Greymouth and Westport on 22 July 2013. The 14-week programme teaches skills like communication, presentation and customer service as well as how to make a great coffee.

"The programme teaches you really good all round skills to work in hospitality and tourism. We will be liaising closely with the developers of the new hospitality complex to ensure our graduates have opportunities to move straight into employment if they have the right attitude and skill-set," says Mr Johnson.

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