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BCITO's annual conference in Taupo gave staff the opportunity to network, share ideas and add some new tools to their tool belt this year! The conference was the largest ever held with around 115 staff in attendance, reflecting the success and growth of BCITO this year.



Success of 2006

2006 has been a busy year for BCITO and a number of milestones were reached and positive outcomes achieved including:

- Apprentice numbers – the number of apprentices in training increased from 8150 in 2005 to 8923 (at 30 November 2006).
- Trainee completions – more than 1000 apprentices completed their qualifications this year an increase on 823 trainee completions in 2005.
- BCITO field staff – the BCITO team expanded to include over 80 field staff in our regional offices around the country. A new Training and Development team was also introduced to deliver 4098 Workplace Assessor training courses to BCITO workplace assessors in 2007 and beyond.
- Carpentry Qualification Review – 15 industry consultation forums were held across the country to seek stakeholder's feedback in preparation for the formal review of the National Certificate in Carpentry in 2007.
- Building Careers Week – the second successful Building Careers Week was held in September, involving a school challenge, information evenings, a radio competition and billboard advertising!
- BCITO was out and about in all the regions supporting over 18 industry graduations ceremonies, nine regional Registered Master Builders Carters Apprentice of the Year competitions, and over 30 careers expos to name a few!

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