



Media Release

Success! \$18.4 million for Trade Training Centres in Melbourne's West

LeadWest welcomes the announcement by Federal Minister for Schools, Peter Garrett, of the inclusion of Wyndham and Hobsons Bay amongst the successful applicants for Round 3 Trade Training Centre Program. It delivers a further investment of \$18.4 million in skills development in Melbourne's west.

Funding of \$9,420,000 has been provided to construct a Trade Training Centre at Victoria University's Werribee Campus. The centre will address skills shortages in the traditional trades of Bricklayer, Cabinetmaker, Carpenter, Carpenter and Joiner, Painter and Decorator, Plumber, A-Grade Wood Machinist, Electrical Instrument Tradesperson, Electronic Equipment Tradesperson, General Electrician, Metal Fabricator, and Metal Fitter.

Funding of \$8,990,000 will be used to provide a multi-hub, school-based delivery model in Hobsons Bay, comprising a major trades hub at Point Cook Senior College, a complementary trades hub located at Bayside P-12 College, an engineering and hospitality Hub at Laverton P-12 College and an electrotechnology hub at Emmanuel College.

The Hobsons Bay Region Trade Training Centre model will provide new industry standard facilities.

The WynBay Local Learning and Employment Network (LLEN) brokered and facilitated the bids for Trade Training Centres in Wyndham and Hobsons Bay.

LeadWest CEO Anton Mayer is pleased with the announcement.

"This is a great outcome for the young people of Wyndham and Hobsons Bay. It is also a big win for local business and industry," Mr Mayer said.

"This investment in skills development is very important for Melbourne's west. Skills shortages result in many firms here having to draw employees from outside the region, with consequent added demand on the transport system and economic leakage."

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About LeadWest

LeadWest Ltd was formed by the metropolitan western region councils. Its board members are representatives from the councils, businesses and educational institutions of Melbourne's West. LeadWest was formed to foster and undertake actions that support the sustainable growth and development of the region. It builds on the existing social, economic and environmental capacity of the region, to ensure a sustainable future for communities and businesses of the West.