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NEW BROADMEADOWS TRADES AND SKILLS CENTRE OPEN

Plumbing training will be offered for the first time at Broadmeadows at the Andrews Labor Government's new Kangan TAFE Trades and Skills Centre, which officially opened today.

Minister for Training and Skills Gayle Tierney today launched the \$6.8 million centre which will help create a pipeline of highly skilled trades workers to support the growing community in Melbourne's north.

The facility accommodates 3500 students each year and brings together Kangan Institute's trades students and 300 new plumbing students, who can now complete Certificate II, III and IV courses, under one roof.

The centre features a 'plumbing tower', that simulates plumbing and sewer systems to give students of different disciplines the chance to apply their skills in a real-life situation, and a supersized sandpit for domestic and commercial drainage and pipework training.

There are also refurbished learning spaces, new workshop spaces and classrooms, pneumatics and hydraulics facilities and specialist gas equipment fitting training room.

Since 2014, the Labor Government has made a record \$3.2 billion investment to rebuild TAFE and support universities and higher education to ensure Victorians have access to high quality education and rewarding career pathways.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Training and Skills Gayle Tierney

"The new Broadmeadows Trades and Skills Centre is an exciting milestone for Melbourne's north – giving locals access to great training opportunities and also creating a pipeline of skilled workers for the growing community."

"The centre gives students a unique real-life experience – not just through the world-class equipment they will have the chance to use, but also the highly collaborative multi-discipline learning environment."

Quote attributable to Member for Broadmeadows Frank McGuire

"This new centre will be an exciting gateway for local jobseekers to get the training they need for jobs in trades and construction, right here in Broadmeadows."

Quote attributable to Kangan Institute Chief Executive Sally Curtain

"The new Trades and Skills Centre enables Kangan Institute to strengthen its course offerings to support Melbourne's growing northern corridor – particularly across the plumbing trade which is experiencing a national skills shortage."