

Media Release

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NEW CARPENTRY FACILITY FOR BROADMEADOWS APPRENTICES

The Andrews Labor Government has delivered a new carpentry trade facility at Kangan TAFE – the final piece in the TAFE’s multi-million dollar Trades and Skills Centre for Broadmeadows jobseekers.

Minister for Training and Skills Gayle Tierney today launched the \$1.2 million investment for the carpentry facility as part of the \$6.8 million Trades and Skills Centre at the Broadmeadows campus – addressing skills demands in Melbourne’s growing north.

The new facility is within a repurposed building, with equipment and training areas for up to 400 apprentices as well as an indoor simulated work site where trades teachers can assess students from a mezzanine level.

Importantly, it brings all trades training under one roof at Broadmeadows, increasing collaboration between students and providing a real-world environment where apprentices from different trades work on large projects.

The Trades and Skills Centre was opened in December and accommodates 3,500 students each year. It features a ‘plumbing tower’ that simulates plumbing and sewer systems 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.

Quote attributable to Minister for Training and Skills Gayle Tierney

“This is another feather in the cap for the fantastic new Trades and Skills Centre in Broadmeadows – giving locals access to great training opportunities and also addressing skills demands in Melbourne’s growing north.”

Quote attributable to Member for Broadmeadows Frank McGuire

“We know how in-demand trades workers are in Melbourne’s north – which is why we’ve delivered a world-class Trades and Skills Centre in the heart of Broadmeadows to provide a local pipeline of expert workers.”

Quote attributable to Kangan Institute Acting CEO Graham Fryer

“Kangan Institute’s new Trades and Skills Centre is already supporting thousands of Victorians to gain a nationally recognised qualification through high quality resources and industry-standard technology.”