

Media Release

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NEW HUB HELPING JOBSEEKERS IN FRANKSTON

A new hub in Melbourne's southeast will provide jobseekers with tailored support and advice to find long-term employment in in demand industries – thanks to a new pilot initiative backed by the Allan Labor Government.

Minister for Employment Vicki Ward today visited the Brotherhood of St. Laurence in Frankston to officially open the Thrive Hub, which will run a localised employment service for people in the Frankston and Mornington Peninsula regions.

Delivered in partnership with Jobs Victoria, the Thrive Hub will connect people with other services they may need to find the job they want – including training, referrals to health and wellbeing services, mental health support and assistance getting their learner's permit for driving.

The tailored approach ensures the Thrive Hub will not only support people to find jobs that are meaningful to them but also overcome barriers that impact their ability to find long-term employment.

Through the project, the Brotherhood of St. Laurence will also deliver paid industry training for people looking for work in Hume, Frankston and the Mornington Peninsula, supported by personalised coaching and connections with other support services.

The pilot fills gaps in the Commonwealth Government's employment service Workforce Australia and builds on recommendations from the Commonwealth Parliamentary Inquiry into Workforce Australia Employment Services by showcasing the benefits of local, inclusive employment services.

The pilot also adds to the range of programs that Jobs Victoria is providing across the state, including Jobs Victoria Mentors and Work and Learning Centres.

To find out more about Jobs Victoria visit jobs.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Employment Vicki Ward

"This pilot will connect jobseekers with local employers and jobs, but also with other local services that will help them stay employed long-term in a job that matters to them."

"The Brotherhood of St. Laurence Thrive Hub will provide tailored support for people in Frankston and surrounding areas, helping more people get into jobs they want."

Quote attributable to Member for Frankston Paul Edbrooke

"This new hub will provide wraparound support for members of our Frankston community who are seeking employment, giving them the best chance to find a suitable job."

Quote attributable to Brotherhood of St Laurence Executive Director Travers McLeod

"Our Thrive Hub will provide a one-stop shop for people to access holistic support to meet their education, training and employment needs, whilst collaborating with local employers to meet local skill shortages."

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