



Sharon Grierson MP
Federal Member for Newcastle

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Local Education and Training Providers Receive Funding

Federal Member for Newcastle, Sharon Grierson MP, today announced \$620,285 in funding to improve teaching and learning across the community education and training sector in Newcastle.

Three local community education and training providers will share in the funding, which will go towards developing new training infrastructure and upgrading existing facilities.

"This investment by the Rudd Government will increase the capacity of the training sector over the longer term, meeting the future skills needs of the people of Newcastle," Ms Grierson said.

"It will also provide a welcome injection in to the local economy, securing economic activity in the region and supporting local jobs."

The education and training providers to receive funding in Newcastle are the Workers Educational Association – Hunter (\$250,000), the Hunter Community College (\$143,518), and HGT Australia Limited (\$226,767).

"Community education and training providers perform an instrumental role in supporting economic productivity in Australia," Ms Grierson said.

"This funding recognises that role."

This initiative is one of the three sectors of the Investing in Community Education and Training element of the \$500 million Teaching and Learning Capital Fund for Vocational Education and Training.

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