



Sharon Grierson MP
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More Education & Training Opportunities in Newcastle

Federal Member for Newcastle Sharon Grierson today welcomed new funding for education and training in the Newcastle region.

The University of Newcastle has been awarded \$5.47m for teaching and library facilities at its Port Macquarie and Ourimbah campuses, under the *Capital Development Pool (CDP)* for 2008.

"This is much needed funding for our University, which we know has been under immense pressure this year," Ms Grierson said.

"Our University needs to move forward, continuing to provide the high quality educational facilities for which it has a deserved reputation, and this funding will help it to do so."

HGT Australia has also been announced as the successful tenderer to deliver training and employment programs to Indigenous youth in our region, under the *Indigenous Youth Mobility Program*.

"All of our young people, and particularly our Indigenous youth, need more opportunities to gain the skills they need to find work," Ms Grierson said.

"This program, based in Newcastle, will allow young Indigenous people from the region to travel to the City for pre-vocational training, apprenticeships or tertiary education."

"I welcome this funding, which recognises Newcastle as a major regional centre serving the wider region, and boosts our ability to provide educational and training opportunities."

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