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MORE TRAINING FOR JOBS OF THE FUTURE IN CASTLE HILL

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP is encouraging locals looking for the opportunity to reskill for the jobs of the future could benefit from the NSW Government's Skilling for Recovery initiative.

Mr Williams said the NSW Government has committed \$159.3 million to match the Federal Government's JobTrainer funding, which will be a key component to the State's COVID-19 Recovery Plan.

"This initiative is an excellent opportunity for people in Castle Hill to upskill or reskill and for school leavers to enter the workforce for the first time," Mr Williams said.

"Our community is battling COVID-19 like the rest of the state, so it is important for job seekers to look to industries of the future.

"I encourage anyone who has had their work situation impacted by COVID to see if these training opportunities can help them."

Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education Geoff Lee said this investment will help job seekers enhance their credentials.

"We have to skill the workforce to take advantage of future job opportunities which may be very different to jobs in the pre-COVID economy," Mr Lee said.

"Education and skills are key pillars to the NSW Government's COVID-19 Recovery Plan, so it is a critical step to commit to these additional training places. I expect industries such as health, manufacturing and construction to be key training areas."

Skilling for Recovery includes:

- Infrastructure-specific training to support the record spending on projects such as the Aerotropolis, hospital redevelopments and regional road upgrades
- Full-qualifications to retrain and become qualified
- Short course micro-credentials to upskill
- Support for apprentices and trainees
- A new online Skills and Employment Hub
- Regional employment brokers to connect industry and trainers with job seekers;
- Tailored support to re-engage young people in regional areas back into school, training or employment.

Training is expected to commence in the coming months.

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