

Building Construction Skills at Yarrabilba

Yarrabilba, 15 November 2017: Logan locals looking to gain skills in the construction industry have even more opportunities to upskill, with a new training facility opening tomorrow in Yarrabilba.

Lendlease and The Exchange, a skills, jobs and enterprise hub, providing access to local jobs for local people, have teamed up with the Registered Training Organisation, Gold Coast School of Construction (GCSC) to make the construction training facility a reality.

Lendlease offered unused land in a future infrastructure corridor for the facility, allowing locals to undertake training and work towards successful employment outcomes.

General Manager for Communities in Queensland, Guy Gibson said connecting residents with local jobs was a key consideration as Yarrabilba grows.

“We are committed to partnering with like-minded organisations to create places that promote growth and generate economic prosperity,” he said.

“GCSC will deliver construction skills training and this will go a long way to provide training and help transform the lives of many local jobseekers.

“The Exchange has already connected more than 250 local people with training or employment and we’re really looking forward to seeing this number grow through the training programs offered by the Gold Coast School of Construction.”

Gold Coast School of Construction Coordinator, Rod Eske said the new facility gave them an opportunity to provide training and employment outcomes.

“The building and construction industry is essential to support Yarrabilba’s growth and we’re excited to be able to offer locals an opportunity to gain skills in the industry right here at home,” he said.

“Partnering with Lendlease and The Exchange to deliver this new facility means we will be able to easily connect with local jobseekers and students who are interested in gaining skills and ultimately employment in construction.

“We’re hoping to be able to connect with local builders at Yarrabilba to make employment outcomes for our graduates easier and get local people into local jobs.”

Training has already begun with a number of Yarrabilba’s young people engaged in a Certificate One in Construction.

For more information, visit www.yarrabilba.com.au/employment or GCSC <http://gcsc.edu.au/>

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About Yarrabilba

Upon completion, Yarrabilba will be home to more than 45,000 residents in around 17,000 dwellings, supported by a vibrant town centre, neighbourhood and community hubs, 11 schools, over 100 hectares of mixed industry and business activities, extensive parklands and recreational facilities.

The vision for Yarrabilba is a result of Lendlease's unique approach to social, economic and environmental innovation, underpinned by a strong sense of community and connection to local jobs and growth.

About GCSC

Gold Coast School of Construction provides workplace based training programs to produce productive, capable and informed graduates who meet industry recruiting requirements. Our graduates are the future leaders of the construction industry and we have now expanded our operations to provide flexible, innovative training in a number of areas including apprentice training.

