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NSW Skills & Tertiary Education Minister Geoff Lee, Nikki Basargin and Neil Arckless

Lendlease this week celebrated the almost 6,000 locals who have gained employment through the support of its Skilling & Employment Centre at St Marys.

Since opening its doors in 2005, the Centre has addressed the growing demand for employment in the region by supporting local job seekers to enhance their job prospects, at a rate of more than one a day.

The Centre is an innovative community initiative developed by Lendlease to address the skills needs identified in the labour market in the Penrith and Blacktown areas, particularly in the trades and services industries.

It offers career advice and hosts workshops and courses on networking, first aid, computer skills, resume preparation, and interview tips and techniques.

“More than half of the jobs placed by Lendlease’s Skilling & Employment Centre have been in the construction industry, confirming that the investment in infrastructure in western Sydney by all levels of government is having a flow-on effect of more jobs for local people,” said Lendlease Head of Development Neil Arckless.

“Over the last year alone, our Centre has helped and supported over 500 western Sydney jobseekers to gain employment, setting a new record for the Centre.”