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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **New England Community Ed \$2.56m boost**

Five Community Education and Training organisations in the New England Electorate will receive \$2.56m towards projects that will help improve their teaching and learning opportunities across the community education and training sector it was announced today.

Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor has welcomed the announcement of successful projects under the “Investing in Community Education and Training” (ICET) Program by the Minister for Education Julia Gillard.

The ICET program was available to community education and training providers, who were able to apply for small capital grants of between \$50,000 and \$250,000 to assist with maintenance or the purchase of equipment and for larger grants of \$250,000 to \$1.5 million for major capital infrastructure developments or upgrades.

“I am very pleased that five community education and training organisations in the New England Electorate will benefit from \$2.56m to put in new and upgrade existing training facilities.

The five successful organisations are the Bingara Community College Incorporated, Tamworth Community College Incorporated, Community College-Northern Inland Incorporated at Barraba, Joblink Plus Limited Tamworth and Best Employment Limited in Inverell.

I thank the Government for its contribution to our regional community education and training organisations.

They play an important role in preparing people for work and I look forward to seeing the benefits of this program flow on to both the individual participants and to the communities in which they live,” Mr Windsor said.

**Teaching and Learning Capital Fund (TLCF) for Vocational Education and Training (VET)  
Investing in Community Education and Training (ICET)  
Successful Projects in the New England Electorate**

State	Applicant	Location	Project Summary	Funding
NSW	Bingara Community College Incorporated	Bingara	The project will enable BCC to maximise VET delivery with specific emphasis on employability skills, literacy and numeracy by providing modern facilities and equipment suitable to present day learning needs.	\$70,142
NSW	Tamworth Community College Incorporated	Tamworth	Construction of training facility in an Historical Flour Mill in Tamworth. Refurbishment internally and externally including minor structural engineering and complete refurbishment and construction of roof, walls, electrical, plumbing and design. Procurement of computer and associated equipment for disable equipped computer training room.	\$992,040
NSW	Community College-Northern Inland Incorporated	Barraba	Five projects across the College locations involving refurbishment and procurement 1. multimedia centre in Narrabri 2. multimedia centre in Inverell 3. Renovation and equipment purchases for aged care training, upgrade IT to multimedia centre in Gunnedah 4. Upgrade IT to multimedia centre Moree 5. A purpose built mobile workshop constructed for Engineering.	\$197,505
NSW	Joblink Plus Limited	Tamworth	The project will include the complete refurbishment of existing premises according to the approved architectural plans. This will include adhering to sustainable environmental practices in its construction and the establishment of seven training rooms that will allow Joblink Plus Training to expand delivery of training to adult learners.	\$1,000,000
NSW	Best Employment Limited	Inverell	The Tree Tenders Greener Futures Project, a major capital works project in the New England region of NSW, will involve major refurbishment and upgrade of training facilities and equipment for delivery of VET accredited and non-accredited horticultural, environmental skills and retail training to adult learners in rural NSW.	\$300,852