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## **\$627,000 for Gunnedah High Trade Training Centre**

Gunnedah High School will receive \$627,000 to establish the Namoi Valley Trade Training Centre from the Australian Government's Trade Training Centres in Schools Program announced by the Minister for School Education, Peter Garrett this week.

Minister Garrett informed the Independent Member for New England, Tony Windsor of Gunnedah High School's successful application that will see the refurbishment of an existing facility to include an engineering workshop and also the provision of equipment.

The Centre will deliver Certificate I and II qualifications in engineering to address skills shortages in the trades of metal fabricator, metal machinist, pressure welder, sheetmetal worker, tool maker and welder.

Mr Windsor has welcomed the announcement.

"Much has been said about skills shortages and the need for training opportunities in regional Australia.

"The establishment of the Namoi Trade Training Centre at Gunnedah High School will form part of the strategy to help young people develop skills for industry in the region.

"I congratulate all those associated with the development of the application and thank the Federal Government for their contribution to the project.

"I look forward to seeing the graduates obtaining skills that will see them individually benefit from being able to fill the positions available in these vocations and just as importantly seeing the benefits to the region's communities of having young people able to live and work locally and contribute to our future," Mr Windsor said.

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