




Speech By
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Morayfield Electorate, Skilling Queenslanders for Work

 **Hon. MT RYAN** (Morayfield—ALP) (Minister for Police and Corrective Services and Minister for Fire and Emergency Services) (2.15 pm): As we continue to unite and recover as we come out of the COVID-19 pandemic and as people are getting vaccinated, the economy is opening up and more jobs are coming online, it is important for the state government to work alongside industry and people in our community who want to get a job. I was pleased to see this week that the next round of Skilling Queenslanders for Work funding has been announced. This will support more than 8,000 Queenslanders find a job. It is a \$70 million funding program this time around. I am pleased to see that communities right across the state will benefit as a result of this program.

Since 2015 we have seen more than 40,000 Queenslanders directly employed as a result of their participation in Skilling Queenslanders for Work. It is making a difference not only to economies but also to the individuals who are getting jobs and the businesses that are employing these people who have participated in a program that gives them skills and qualifications to be even better workers.

I am pleased to see that the Morayfield state electorate will have a number of programs delivered through this \$70 million funding round for Skilling Queenslanders for Work. I would like to particularly highlight the programs that have been successful. Worklinks will deliver general education and training in Caboolture and receive funding of \$52,000. The Institute for Urban Indigenous Health will deliver general education and training in Morayfield and receive funding of \$37,000. The Institute for Urban Indigenous Health again will deliver across Strathpine, Caboolture, Deception Bay and Morayfield a program in business, which is very important for people who are getting into that sector, and receive funding of \$279,000. The Institute for Urban Indigenous Health again will deliver in Morayfield programs in the area of community services and receive another \$90,000.

Reclink Australia will deliver in Caboolture programs in the area of construction and primary industry and receive funding of \$515,000. The thing I like about this particular program is that there is an added benefit to the community because as people are exposed to training and skills they are delivering projects that the community benefits from—for example, renovating park equipment or rejuvenating public spaces. It is an important program.

The Neighbourhood Centre Caboolture will deliver community services general education and training and will receive funding of \$83,000. Better Together will deliver in Caboolture retail programs. That is very important. We know how much the retail sector is looking for good quality employees at the moment. There are more on the way. It will receive \$207,000 in funding. Better Together again in Caboolture will deliver community services programs and will receive funding of \$231,000. Better Together again will deliver in Caboolture general education and training and will receive funding of \$53,000. I am excited about this. It will make a big difference across the Caboolture/Morayfield area in getting people into jobs and supporting business with good employees.