

Media Release

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Manager sought for new Skilling and Employment Centre at St Marys

A new Skilling and Employment Centre to assist in the co-ordinate and creation of more than 5,000 ongoing jobs as part of Delfin Lend Lease's St Marys development is a step closer to opening with recruitment commencing for a manager to spearhead the development and operation of the centre.

The centre will bring together jobseekers and employers by coordinating relevant vocational training to address skills shortages identified in the local labour market, particularly in the trades and services industries.

Due to open in early next year, the centre is the first of its kind for a Delfin Lend Lease project in Australia.

Delfin Lend Lease is looking for a manager with experience in the employment and training industry and who can build working relationships with potential employers and the existing local employment and training providers.

In addition to the 8,600 jobs due to be created during the construction of the St Marys development, more than 5,000 on-going jobs will be developed on and around the site.

More than 30 construction industry trades will be working on the site and the centre will initially focus on training and sourcing employees to meet this demand.

St Marys Development Manager Judith Field said the Skilling and Employment Centre would liaise with builder partners, the Housing Industry Association, TAFE and other local training and employment service providers to ensure that the needs of employers were aligned with the services offered so the training leads to job outcomes.

"Essentially, the centre will act as an intermediary between job seekers and employers looking for employees who have the skills to commence work straight away. The Skilling and Employment Centre will streamline the process for employers by concentrating training opportunities for local applicants," she said.

"The centre will be unique in that it will focus on local employment opportunities rather than only offering employment or training options that require applicants to travel long distances for a job.

"The St Marys project has a 12 year building cycle and our target of 5,000 new jobs on an ongoing basis equates to one job for every resident worker on the site."

The 1,545-hectare St Marys development will include up to 5,000 homes contained within three distinct villages, each bordered by the 850 hectare Regional Park.

Please contact Caroline Johnson, Human Resources Advisor on 02 9277 2061 for further information about this position.

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