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Funding to support programs and services at Learn Locals

Bayswater District MP Heidi Victoria recently announced \$20,800 in Training Delivery Support Grants for 5 Learn Local organisations.

Ms Victoria said the money would support the delivery of programs and services in Bayswater District.

The five successful grant recipients are Arrabri Community House and Glen Park Community Centre in Bayswater North, KYM Victoria in Bayswater, the Outer Eastern Literacy Program in Boronia, and The Basin Community House.

“These grants will enable these organisations to enhance the great work they do in their local communities,” Ms Victoria said.

The providers will use the money to purchase teaching and learning resources, to aid the delivery of programs and services to vulnerable learners that may face barriers to participation in skills training.

“The Victorian Coalition Government believes it’s crucial that those with limited access to learning opportunities - early school leavers, unemployed, low skilled workers and those from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CALD) – have an opportunity to access quality education,” Ms Victoria said.

More students facing barriers to an education are undertaking skills training since the Napthine Government came into office in 2010.

- Indigenous students up 35 per cent
- Disabled students up 49 per cent
- CALD students up 95 per cent.
- Unemployed students up 116 per cent

“Learn Locals play an important role in skills training, providing \$14 million in pre-accredited vocational training and \$71 million in accredited training in 2013,” Ms Victoria said

“The funding announced today is in addition to the Coalition Government’s commitment to spend almost \$5 billion on vocational education and training over the next four years.”

“This investment reflects the vital role skills-based training plays in the Coalition Government's economic strategy to build a better Victoria.”

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