



Sid Sidebottom MP ... for a fair go in Braddon

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COMMUNITY APPROACH TO TRAINING GAINS \$4.5M IN FUNDING

The Circular Head Community's dedication to training has been given a \$4.5 million boost by the Rudd Labor Government says the Federal Member for Braddon, Sid Sidebottom MP.

Mr Sidebottom said two projects in Circular Head would share in funding under the Trades Training Centre program in round two.

The Circular Head Christian School will receive up to \$1.5 million for a trade centre focussed on agriculture, aquaculture and horticulture, while the Tasmanian Polytechnic and Smithton High will receive up to \$3 million for a new facility aimed at automotive, general construction, electrical and metal industries.

Mr Sidebottom said he was very pleased to be able to confirm the funding, with the two schools to share the facilities for the benefit of all students.

"I have worked closely with the school communities, Circular Head Council and the State Government to get this proposal off the ground," Mr Sidebottom said.

"This will be a major boost to not only skills and training in Circular Head but also to retaining students in furthering their education.

"This will allow greater choice for students and for some it will reduce the need to travel every day or even move away from home."

Mr Sidebottom said this was another significant investment in education and training in Circular Head, on top of \$2.7m for Primary Schools for the 21st Century, \$1.4m for Science and Language Centres, \$725,000 for National School Pride and \$38,000 for Computers in Schools.

"I'm really looking forward to working with the community to create an integrated trades training system across the campuses and through the community and to stamp it with a Circular Head flavour so that it meets the needs of the local district," he said.

"All of this is great news and I'm sure it will be not just a major economic stimulus or for education and skills but a community benefit as well."

The education funding comes on top of \$825,000 for the Circular Head Community Recreation Centre second stage and \$30,000 for the Circular Head Little Athletics.

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