



CASA general manager Greg Hood, student Sophie Cleland, MPs John Hatzistergos and Alan Ashton at TAFE's Areoskills Centre at Padstow College.

Aviation approval Aircraft maintenance at highest level

A FORERUNNER in education, TAFE NSW South Western Sydney Institute has become the first TAFE college in Australia to be granted authority as an approved aircraft maintenance training organisation by the Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA).

Announcing the achievement at TAFE's Areoskills Centre, Padstow College, Minister for Justice and Acting Minister for Education and Training, John Hatzistergos, acknowledged the Institute's great work and high civil aviation standards.

It will mean that skilled maintenance engineers can now obtain licenses based on European Safety Agency categories, creating a breed of highly educated engineers with internationally recognised qualifications.

"It allows NSW companies to compete for maintenance contracts for offshore carriers, including those who add the new Airbus to their fleet," Mr Hatzistergos said.

Civil Aviation Safety Authority Group general manager Greg Hood presented the minister with a Certificate of Approval to provide national diploma level qualifications that meet CASA's new maintenance standards.

State MP for East Hills, Alan Ashton said South Western Sydney Institute's close links with industry, its location adjacent to Bankstown Airport and its state-of-the-art facilities help give students the highest level of flexible training options to keep up with industry demand.

MEDIA RELEASE

Recognition for Battle for Australia Day

The Federal Member for Blaxland, Jason Clare MP, today joined with Bankstown RSL President Jack Bedford in encouraging local residents to participate in the Battle for Australia Day Remembrance on September 3.

Battle for Australia Day will commemorate the sacrifice of all those who served in the defence of Australia between 1942 and 1943, when we faced the threat of invasion.

Darwin was bombed 64 times, killing 243 civilians and military personnel. Twenty one people were killed when Japanese midget submarines attacked Sydney Harbour in June 1942.

"It's appropriate that we set aside a special day in our national calendar to remember the sacrifice and service of all those who fought in the Battle for Australia," Mr Clare told diggers at a VP day service last week.

Mr Clare's grandfather, Jack Clare, fought in the battle for Australia. Deployed to Milne Bay in Papua, he was involved in the first victory against Japanese forces on land.

"On the first Wednesday in September in 1942, my Grandfather and his



mates defeated the Japanese Army at Milne Bay. Now on the first Wednesday of September every year we will remember their efforts, and the service of all those who defended Australia in its darkest hour," Mr Clare said. The day will also be an opportunity to remember the direct attacks on the Australian mainland, and the battles in the Coral Sea and Papua New

Guinea, including Milne Bay and the Kokoda Track.

"I hope this day will become an important day of remembrance – reminding future generations of the sacrifices and achievements of those who served Australia in the time of our greatest peril," Mr Clare said.

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I Would Never Do Anything to "Kill" Myself

"I Have a Clear Conscience"

Greek Justice will decide whether Greek champion Fani Halkia, who was tested positive to M3, is guilty or innocent. She does not feel guilty, though, and sleeps well at nights.

The front cover of Eleftheria paper that hosted her interview read: "I Have a Clear Conscience."

"I sleep well at nights, because never did I do something that could get me 'killed' or dishonour my country and my hometown," argued Halkia.

From the very first moment, both the 29yo athlete and her coach spoke of sabotage.

"I have sent all substances I had been taken to the National Organisation for Medicines to have them tested and I am waiting for the results. The sooner the evidence reaches justice, the sooner everything will come to light."

However, nothing has been sent to the National Organisation for Medicines.

In the meantime, First Instance Court Prosecutor Panayiotis Poullos have been given the file with the evidence the International Olympic Committee collected on Halkia's case, since the IOC decided to file a lawsuit.



Greek Army Hires Soldiers

The General Staff will post a competitive examination on it site www.army.gr to hire 1,700 professional soldiers.

Those interested should submit the necessary documents to the General Staff until 19 September.