

\$16 MILLION FUNDING BOOST FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGES

The Minister for Education and Training, Verity Firth, today announced 49 community colleges across NSW will share in an almost \$16 million funding boost.

Ms Firth said the funding will be used by community colleges to provide nationally recognised training including pre-vocational programs. "In 2011, this \$16 million commitment will enable community colleges to deliver over 4.6 million hours of training to around 170,000 students.

"This training provides an opportunity for those who have experienced barriers to further education and employment.

"The NSW Government recognises the major contribution adult and community education providers make in enriching the lives of people in their communities.

"That is why our \$16 million invest-



ment is so important – it means colleges can continue to respond to the learning needs of their local communities.

"The funding has been distributed to 34 regional and 15 metropolitan community colleges.

"As part of our investment, \$10.7

million has been allocated for the delivery of training across rural and regional NSW, including some of the State's most disadvantaged areas.

"The additional \$5.2 million was allocated through an application process and will be used by the

successful community colleges to implement initiatives like social inclusion programs.

"This funding adds to the \$72 million the NSW Government has provided to community colleges over the last five years.

"The training offered by community colleges makes a substantial contribution to the economic growth and development of NSW.

"Across the State, community colleges are helping people acquire new skills in order to get a job or progress their careers.

"Community colleges play an important part in the continuing development of the skilled workforce necessary for a strong and productive NSW economy."

The almost \$16 million in funding comprises about \$3.4 million from the NSW Government and around \$12.5 million from the Commonwealth Government.


Lifeshouse at RPA
The Chris O'Brien Cancer Centre

Annual Greek Gala Fundraiser for Lifeshouse

More than 300 of Sydney's Greek community will gather at The Grand Roxy Reception Lounge in Brighton Le Sands on Saturday 27 November 2010 for the Annual Greek Gala Fundraising Night.

The Event will be hosted by the Nia Karteris and John & Simone Bertuzzi.

Nia Karteris said the event will be a fundraiser for Lifeshouse at RPA which is the vision of Professor Chris O'Brien who died in June 2009 after a 2 year battle with brain cancer.

"By supporting Chris' vision for Lifeshouse at RPA, we will be taking a huge step forward in helping improve the care and outcomes for patients and families affected by this disease."

"We aim to raise \$1 million over the next few years to ensure Chris' vision is fully realised"

Lifeshouse at RPA Chief Executive, Timothy Dugan said "Lifeshouse has been extremely fortunate to receive financial support from the Greek Community through the Annual Greek Gala and I would like to express our sincere thanks to Nia Karteris and John & Simone Bertuzzi for their commitment to continue this fundraising."

"Chris' vision for an integrated cancer centre incorporating clinical care, research and education has not diminished with his passing, but now falls to us to honour and fulfil."

Considerable progress has already been made toward the construction of the Chris O'Brien Cancer Centre, with work continuing on the detailed architectural design in conjunction with project directors Capital Insight, and architects Rice Daubney.

Understanding Dementia for Greek Speakers

Marrickville Council recognises that dementia can affect any person from any cultural background – it doesn't discriminate along cultural or ethnic borders.

With this in mind, Council has been providing information about dementia and Community Support Services to its residents in a variety of languages and the latest Understanding Dementia

seminar will be held for Greek Speakers at Marrickville Town Hall on Thursday 23 November 2010 from 10am to 1pm.

This follows the very successful Multicultural Dementia Fair which was held in September and was delivered in English, Cantonese and Italian.

Entry is free and includes a gentle exercise session and morning tea and lunch.

Mayor of Marrickville Councillor Fiona Byrne says the local area has an ageing population and she is passionate about keeping them connected and engaged. "One important way we can do that is to provide information in languages other than English."

"It is widely accepted that social isolation can compound the symptoms of dementia, and this program aims to keep our older citizens connected", she said.

The Understanding Dementia for Greek Speakers is presented by Multicultural Health Service - Marrickville Health Centre, Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, Marrickville Council and SSWAHS - Inner West Dementia Advisory Services

RSVP by 19 November to Freeda Economidis on 9562 0511; Marie Kostov on 9516 4755 or Anne Tunks on 9378 1258.

Venue: Marrickville Town Hall 303 Marrickville Road Marrickville (corner Petersham and Marrickville Roads)

Date: Thursday 23 November 2010

Time: 10am to 1pm

