



Media release

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Victoria shows off as Melbourne hosts nation's largest VET Conference

Minister for Higher Education and Skills Peter Hall today delivered the keynote speech at Australia's largest Vocational Education and Training (VET) Conference.

For the last ten years, Velg Training's National VET conference has brought thousands within the nation's vocational education industry together in one venue.

This year, with the theme 'evolve, adapt and embrace', the venue was the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Velg Training CEO Michelle Weaver said the event was an opportunity for professionals from different states to interact and share their expertise.

"To mark our 10-year anniversary, we are continuing to offer a great range of elective streams, with 50 presenters and the new addition of select Master Classes and a Members-only Networking Lounge," Ms Weaver said.

Mr Hall said he was delighted to attend an event that recognised the significant changes that have impacted the vocational training system, and celebrated the many successes that have come from them.

"As a whole, vocational training has continued to evolve to meet employer demands in an extremely competitive market place," Mr Hall said.

As the first state to move to a demand driven system, I am pleased to say that Victoria can call itself one of the most dynamic, responsive and efficient training markets in the country."

Mr Hall said continual changes to Australia's economic and industrial landscape made it vital to understand the skill level required to ensure a productive workforce into the future.

"The success of vocational training in this state depends on training that is relevant to the changing needs of Victorian industries," Mr Hall said.

The Victorian training industry's latest quarterly report showed that more government subsidised enrolments were being directed into areas of higher public value and skills shortage than ever before.

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Most importantly, the Victorian Coalition Government's record annual investment of \$1.2 billion per year is producing outcomes that lead to securing full time work.

"There is a significantly higher correlation between employment and training delivery in Victoria's largest industries and a notable increase from 49 to 69 per cent of government funded enrolments in areas of need," Mr Hall said.

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