



## **The Plumbing Industry Climate Action Centre (PICAC) secures critical funding for vital future development**

Today the Victorian State Government committed \$5million for the development of two new PICAC training centres, to support the training needs of the plumbing industry.

The two new vocational training centres will be located in the South Eastern suburb of Narre Warren and Geelong. These centres will complement the existing world-class facility located just north of the Melbourne CBD, in Brunswick.

This commitment from the Andrews Government is not only recognition of the fundamental importance of plumbing to our community's health and safety, but is also to equip the plumbers of Victoria to help meet our emerging environmental challenges.

PICAC CEO, Shayne La Combte applauded the announcement. "PICAC has gladly taken up the responsibility of meeting the continuously evolving development demands of our workforce, the industry and the communities we serve. As the industry appetite for quality training continues to grow, so too must our capability to stay ahead of demand and the ability to expand to keep pace."

From these three centres, in conjunction with state of the art mobile training delivery, PICAC will support plumbers' development across the State. Working collaboratively with a reinvigorated TAFE sector, PICAC will continue to change and grow the industry's capacity.

The \$5 million allocated by the State Government is game changing for the industry. It means that PICAC can focus on providing plumbers with the best in training technology and industry –led skills development. PICAC is dedicated to ensuring the plumbing Industry has access to the highest quality career long training available anywhere in the world, training tomorrow's workforce, today.

The Plumbing Industry has committed to match this funding on a 2:1 basis. Industry will contribute \$10million to create the best in training facilities for the benefit of the State.

Over 8,000 courses are delivered every year at PICAC and this announcement means that plumbers throughout the State can get the training they need to stay at the leading edge of industry practice.

PTEU Federal Secretary and PICAC Chair Earl Setches says "We want to thank the Andrews Government, Minister Herbert and Treasurer Pallas for their long-standing interest in what we do and how we do it. Our commitment now, is to repay the faith they have placed in us by delivering more training and better jobs for thousands of Victorians."

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