



# Robyn Preston MP

## Member for Hawkesbury

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### **SKILLING FOR RECOVERY FEE-FREE TRAINING FOR HAWKESBURY COMMUNITY**

Hundreds of fee-free training courses are now available for school leavers, young people and job seekers as part of the NSW Government's Skilling for Recovery initiative.

Member for Hawkesbury, Robyn Preston MP, said the courses come from the \$320 million committed to delivering 100,000 fee-free training places giving locals in the Hawkesbury area an excellent opportunity to investigate fee-free training options.

"I encourage anyone impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic to see what training options are available to them," Ms Preston said.

"Whether you are a school leaver or looking for a new career path, there is a large amount of training available amid the pandemic."

Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education Geoff Lee said enrolments are now open for in-demand skills leading to career pathways in areas such as aged care, nursing, trades, IT, community services, logistics and accounting.

"We are not training for the sake of training, we are training for real jobs with real futures and equipping the people of NSW with the skills they need to thrive in a post-pandemic economy," Mr Lee said.

"There are hundreds of providers right around NSW who are ready to deliver this important training."

As part of this Skilling for Recovery initiative, school leavers have the unique opportunity to experience a range of skills to find out what suits their passions using the Summer Skills program.

Minister for Education Sarah Mitchell said some Year 12 school leavers are still deciding what they want to do next.

"In designing the Summer Skills program, the NSW Government has ensured the training on offer is aligned to local industry needs," Ms Mitchell said.

"We need to provide opportunities that help the 2020 Year 12 school leaver cohort to find their feet during these uncertain times. That's why we're delivering practical, bite-sized and fee-free training opportunities this summer."

The Summer Skills offered will cover a range of industries including agriculture, construction, conservation, fitness, engineering, coding, communication and digital literacy. Full details of the courses on offer as part of Skilling for Recovery is [here](#) and the Department of Education Summer Skills program is available [here](#).