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## Laverton Training Centre

### Inaugural Newsletter

Dear Stakeholders and valued Partners,

It is with pleasure that I write this inaugural newsletter on the progress we have been making with the Laverton Training Centre. And I thank you for your patience in receiving this update, and your continued interest and commitment to this most important endeavour: bringing skills and confidence to disadvantaged, marginalised and remote communities in the north Eastern Goldfields.

### The raw statistics

- The LTC opened for students in March 2022, a little less than 12 months ago
- In that time:
  - 165 Nationally accredited training courses have been completed by
  - 62 different students being instructed by Central Regional TAFE staff, with
  - 3 courses in First Aid Training delivered by St Johns Ambulance being completed by 24 students
- Of the 62 people completing training courses,
  - 16 came from Leonora, 10 from Mt Margaret, 22 from Laverton and 14 came from Wiluna
  - 46 people completing training courses were Aboriginal and 16 were non-Aboriginal, and
  - 16 students were female and 46 were male

Attendance and course completion rates for all courses and all students for the period to the end of 2022 were both 100%. We are very proud of these last statistics, because it reflects the adoption by students of the self-determined training pathway that is the central ethos of the LTC.

### 2023 – the year ahead

The commencement of Term 1 this year will be slightly delayed, but for a very good and beneficial reason! The brand-new ablutions facility that the Regional Economic Development grant we received last year is funding, is being delivered in February. We want to start the term ready to go!

However, the LTC GM, Mac Jensen, is not one to sit on his hands and has been busy organising, with CRTAFE, the February chemical and weeds training delivery, for the



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Geraldton ranger training program. Ranger training is a big part of the plan for the LTC, with the established network of Rangers seeking Mac's input into training and particularly training delivery through the LTC.

Another automotive training course will be delivered in March. It probably comes as no surprise to hear that the auto course is very popular with trainees, with the workshop at the LTC now equipped with a vehicle hoist (again, thanks to GEDC and RED funding) and a heavy duty compressor. As a side note, this past week several of the past trainees in the auto course came into the LTC on a Saturday to use the equipment to repair and change tyres on their motor vehicles. Tangible results.

Availability of CRTAFE lecturers poses a challenge at the beginning of each term, and this coming term is no different. Thanks thought to the excellent relationship Mac has developed over the years with the CRTAFE, a bit of long range planning will likely see a new lecturer in place and ready to roll in March.

We have to play it 'term by term' at the LTC in these early years, and we aren't in a position to talk about term 2 yet, but by the time we get to the next edition of this newsletter in autumn, we will be!

## Funding

Thanks to the generous support of our financial partners, the LTC is in a position to effect most of its plans for 2023. We are in the process (constantly) of developing grant funding opportunities to enable a medium term (3 – 5 years) plan to be developed, which I will again update on in the next newsletter.

And as discussed one-on-one with all of the people who have effected their company's financial support for the LTC, we are finalising the production and installation of signage at the LTC, where you will all be recognised. Its not possible without you.

Yours Sincerely

Matt Shackleton  
Chairperson.