

## **NSW GOVERNMENT WEEKLY UPDATE – 15 JULY 2016**

### **GENERATIONAL CHANGE FOR TAFE NSW**

- The NSW Government has announced a new, modernised structure for TAFE in NSW which will reduce overheads, direct more resources to frontline teaching services and guarantee TAFE is meeting the training and skills needs of the economy.
- The independent institute structure of TAFE will be replaced with a single, multi-campus TAFE NSW – meaning a student can walk into TAFE in Castle Hill, Coonabarabran or Cooma and can expect the same high quality, industry relevant content.
- These reforms also include:
  - The opening of 12 brand new Connected Learning Centres each month in 2017;
  - The creation of a new TAFE Digital Education headquarters in regional NSW; and
  - Reinvestment of any money from land or asset sales back into TAFE NSW.

### **COORDINATOR GENERAL ANNOUNCED FOR GREYHOUND INDUSTRY CLOSURE**

- Following the Special Commission of Inquiry's report, the NSW Government is committed to shutting the greyhound industry in an orderly and humane way to protect animal welfare and to support all greyhound owners who have done the right thing.
- NSW Natural Resources Commissioner Dr John Keniry AM has been appointed Coordinator General of the Greyhounds Transition Taskforce that will guide the industry to a humane and orderly closure.

- NSW Premier Mike Baird has announced that every cent The NSW Government receives from greyhound wagering tax between now and 1 July 2017 will be committed to fund the industry's transition.
- For further information on the closure of the greyhound industry participants are encouraged to visit <http://www.racing.justice.nsw.gov.au>

## **AUSTRALIAN FIRST INITIATIVE TO PREVENT PAROLEES FROM RETURNING TO PRISON**

- The NSW Government will partner with not-for-profit groups to support a new program, 'On Tracc' – Transition Reintegration and Community Connection – which will work with up to 3,900 parolees over five years to prevent reoffending and re-incarceration.
- The program will provide parolees with intensive individual support to assist their successful reintegration into the community, particularly in their first 16 weeks of parole.
- This will be the third social impact investment in NSW, following the Newpin Social Benefit Bond (SBB) and the Benevolent Society SBB implemented in 2013.

## **FIRMS SHORTLISTED TO CONSTRUCT WESTERN SYDNEY STADIUM**

- A brand new sporting stadium for Western Sydney is a step closer with three private sector consortia shortlisted to deliver the venue on the site of the existing Parramatta Stadium.
- The 30,000 seat venue will be the first project delivered in the NSW Government's stadia strategy and will replace the current Parramatta Stadium built in 1986.
- Construction will start in early 2017 following demolition of the current stadium and the new Western Sydney Stadium is due to open in 2019.

## **FINALISTS ANNOUNCED FOR 2016 PREMIER'S MULTICULTURAL MEDIA AWARDS**

- NSW Premier Mike Baird and Minister for Multiculturalism John Ajaka have announced the finalists for the 2016 Premier's Multicultural Media Awards.

- Now in their fourth year, the awards recognise the valuable contribution made by the multicultural media across 14 award categories including Best Story on Cultural Diversity, Best Investigative Story and Best Print Publication.
- The winners will be announced on Thursday 21 July at the Premier's Multicultural Media Awards gala event in Sydney.
- For more information about the awards please visit [http://multicultural.nsw.gov.au/awards/premiers\\_multicultural\\_media\\_awards](http://multicultural.nsw.gov.au/awards/premiers_multicultural_media_awards)