

# MEDIA RELEASE

## Revamped Skilling & Employment Centre celebrates 4,000 jobs

**Sydney, 11 December 2015:** Lendlease celebrated assisting more than 4,000 locals to gain employment at today's opening of the renovated Skilling & Employment Centre at St Marys.

Since opening its doors in 2005, the Skilling & Employment Centre has assisted people in the local community at a rate of over one job per day, referred 800 clients to accredited training and provided job skills courses to 1,200 local people.

General Manager for Lendlease's Communities business in NSW/ACT, Arthur Ilias, said Lendlease's investment in the Skilling & Employment Centre was one way it was supporting job creation opportunities in the area, such as those offered by its Communities projects at Jordan Springs and Ropes Crossing.

"The centre will continue to play a role in meeting the skilling and job requirements generated by the delivery of our next Jordan Springs community, which will commence construction early 2016.

"A new Skilling & Employment Centre Advisory Group has been established to deliver a business plan for 2016 that supports the next phase of local workforce needs," said Mr Ilias.

The 4,000 milestone celebration was attended by members of the newly formed Advisory Group, comprising representatives from the Skilling & Employment Centre and Lendlease as well as State Government, Blacktown City Council, Penrith City Council, industry and training providers.

For more information or to register your interest in upcoming training programs, please contact Jan Pastuck on 02 9673 1225, email [skillandemploy@lendlease.com](mailto:skillandemploy@lendlease.com) or visit the revamped centre at 51 Phillip Street, St Marys.

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### **About the Skilling & Employment Centre**

The Skilling & Employment Centre is an innovative community initiative developed by Lendlease to address the skills needs identified in the labour market surrounding the St Marys and Penrith developments, particularly in the trades and services industries.

### **Skilling & Employment Centre Advisory Group representatives**

- Skilling & Employment Centre
- Lendlease
- Blacktown City Council
- Department of Premier & Cabinet
- Group Training Australia
- Hix Group Pty Ltd
- JK Williams Pty Ltd
- NSW Business Chamber
- OCTEC Limited
- Penrith City Council

