

Tai Poutini Polytechnic Media Release

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Westport Trades Campus opening next week

Tai Poutini Polytechnic's Westport Trades Campus will be officially opened next week by Buller Mayor Garry Howard.

The \$1 million engineering workshop and wider Trades Campus will support the delivery of education and training in the Buller region.

TPP West Coast Coordinator Marja Kneepkens says the opening of the Westport Trades Campus strengthens TPP's role as a regional polytechnic.

"The new campus also reflects our commitment to working collaboratively with stakeholders to make a strong contribution to economic development on the West Coast. The Polytechnic's investment in this new facility arose out of consultation with local industry as part of the Buller Strategy, launched in 2011.

"The new campus features a state-of-the-art workshop and will encourage people to enrol in trades training here in Westport, as well as supporting the staff development needs of local industry.

It will be home to TPP's Certificate in Engineering (Fitting and Turning) programme and to two programmes delivered to senior high school students under the West Coast Trades Academy. Short courses already scheduled for the campus include chainsaw training, forklift, first aid, fall arrest, and confined spaces training. The campus features a three-bay workshop, two classrooms, office space and support facilities.

Media are invited to attend the official opening of the Westport Trades Campus by Buller Mayor Garry Howard.

When: Thursday 26 February, 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Where: 2a Coates Street, Westport

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