



Greg Aplin MP
Member for Albury

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As school leavers consider their career options for 2019, a recent study by TAFE NSW of the Albury electorate has forecasted exciting employment growth areas in the community services sector over the next two years.

Member for Albury Greg Aplin said the study predicted growth in full-time employment opportunities in the region as a result of an existing skills shortage and increased demand for services, particularly in the childcare and aged care sectors.

The TAFE NSW Jobs of the Future predicted overall employment would grow by 6.2 per cent (3168 jobs) in the Murray region by 2021. Many of those positions would be in the aged care and childcare sectors, the report found.

“Caring for our young and elderly are critical to the healthy functioning of any community and to provide those services we need highly qualified professionals,” Mr Aplin said.

“TAFE NSW is ideally positioned to train that workforce of tomorrow. TAFE NSW offers a range of qualifications across industry growth areas including a Certificate III in Individual Support – Ageing and a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care – just to name a few.”

TAFE NSW is Australia’s largest education and training provider and will continue to innovate and invest in courses to meet the skills needs of the Albury electorate. TAFE NSW delivers the skills that drive a strong economy, support vibrant communities and help individuals, enterprises and industries to adapt and thrive.

Liberal candidate for Albury, Justin Clancy, added, “The predicted growth in employment opportunities within the community services sector in our region is positive news. Having the right skills and training is important. With over 1200 face-to-face and online courses available I encourage visiting TAFE NSW to see how studying at TAFE can assist you in accessing these job opportunities.”

The report also found agritourism would be a key growth sector in the electorate in the coming years, with farmgate and paddock-to-plate experiences set to prove popular visitors. Meanwhile, about 70 per cent of businesses in the building and construction sector in Southern Inland NSW were reporting a skills shortage, the report found, driving employment demand in that sector.

Members of the Albury, Corowa and Finley communities can explore course and career options by visiting the [TAFE NSW InfoFest](#) between 21 and 25 January 2019 or www.tafensw.edu.au

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