

# Skills training gets a boost

FROM January 1, many local workers and businesses can take advantage of up to \$3000 worth of training under the Australian Government's Skills for the Future initiative.

Jill Lange-Mohr, general manager of Sarina Russo Schools, Australia, said the initiative was designed to strengthen the skills base of those already in the workforce and expand job opportunities for those looking for work.

"It is a major investment in improving the basic skills of our local workforce and is fantastic public policy because it will create a more dynamic and

entrepreneurial workforce," Ms Lange-Mohr said.

"I am particularly impressed with the focus on the need for continuous upgrading of skills over the course of an individual's working life."

Vocational and Technical Education Minister Gary Hardgrave said the initiative would strengthen the foundation of Australia's workforce skills, and with it strengthen the national economy and ensure the prosperity we were experiencing continued for decades to come. Phone 13 38 73 or visit [www.dest.gov.au/skillsforthefuture](http://www.dest.gov.au/skillsforthefuture)