

CHISHOLM INSTITUTE LEVEL CROSSING REMOVAL PROJECT

The Level Crossing Removal Project, CD9, focuses on the removal of nine level crossings along the Caulfield to Dandenong rail corridor.

The New Employment Exchange and Training (NEXT) Centre was established to manage and deliver all necessary CD9 training requirements. NEXT is a major training and jobs partnership with Dandenong's Chisholm Institute.

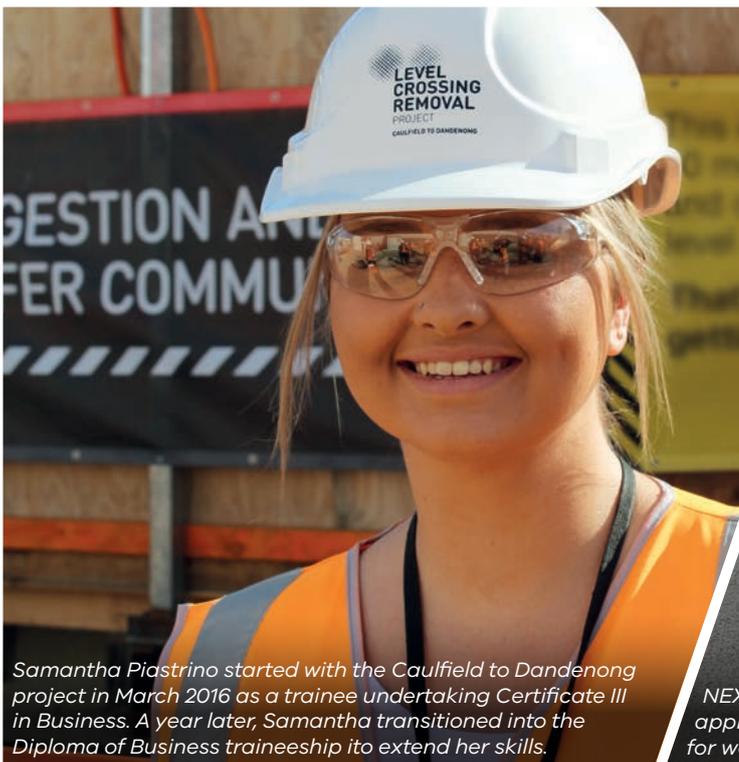
Established in October 2016, NEXT manages and delivers specifically designed 'just in time' training for the current and future workforce, including new skilling, re-skilling and up-skilling programs.

It offers vital opportunities to re-skill people from industries in decline such as retrenched automotive workers, as well as students from diverse and disadvantaged backgrounds.

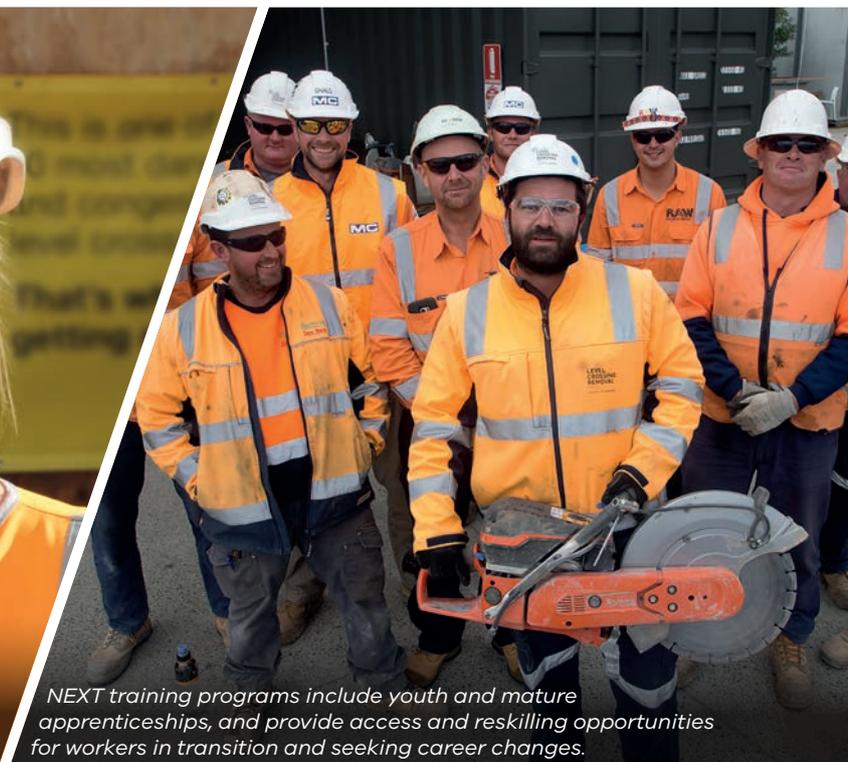
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Among its programs, NEXT has delivered indigenous pre-employment training to nine students and Certificate II Conservation and Land Management qualifications to 13 indigenous students working on the Caulfield to Dandenong Level Crossing Removal project.

With dedicated classrooms, a computer lab, practical training space and opportunities for accelerated learning and on-the-job training, NEXT is delivering an important skill base for the project - and beyond. It provides the template on how future major projects can embed sustainability through social procurement by seeking to provide employment and training opportunities to local communities and socially disadvantaged groups.



Samantha Piastrino started with the Caulfield to Dandenong project in March 2016 as a trainee undertaking Certificate III in Business. A year later, Samantha transitioned into the Diploma of Business traineeship to extend her skills.



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