

# Keith Pitt MP

Your Federal Member for Hinkler

# Helping Hinkler Residents get a job



“ I believe you can achieve anything if you're willing to work for it! Money was tight in my family. If I wanted anything beyond the essentials, I had to pay for it myself. Both my

parents worked hard, and taught me that persistence and determination beats natural talent hands down!

At the age of 14, I got my first paid job filling bags with ice for \$4 an hour. I may not have been the best at everything I did, but I was reliable and enthusiastic. After graduating from Kepnock State High School, I got my first full time job as an electrical apprentice at Fairymead Sugar Mill. I saved enough money to move to Brisbane, and worked as a casual surf life guard to support myself through a four year engineering degree at Queensland University of Technology. Before becoming the 1119th Australian to be elected to the House of Representatives since Federation, I ran my own business and grew sugar cane.

I recognise that today there are several challenges to gaining employment in the Hinkler region, including a lack of job vacancies. That's why the Coalition Government has introduced a range of measures to support job seekers. Giving them the hand up they deserve is just one piece of the puzzle. We're also taking steps to give business the confidence they need to expand because, ultimately, it is businesses that create jobs, not Government. I will continue to work hard to attract investment to the Hinkler region!

We all have a role to play in creating local jobs for current and future generations. There are two simple things you can do to boost our local economy: shop locally and tell people how great our region is! Going to work is not only good for the individual and their family; when the local employment rate is high, the entire community benefits!

Best wishes,

Keith”



## Restart

Businesses can access up to \$10,000 to employ mature age job seekers



## Relocation Assistance

Receive up to \$9,000 to relocate to take up a sustainable ongoing job



## Trade Loans

Trade Support Loans of up to \$20,000 for apprentices, with a 20% discount for successful completion



## Industry Skills Fund

\$476 million for skills advice and tailored staff training to help businesses expand and compete



## Jobactive

\$5 billion for the new employment services provider model *jobactive*, to help job seekers move from welfare into work



## Hinkler a Priority

Bundaberg and Hervey Bay were among 18 sites selected nationally for first phase of *Work for the Dole*



## ADF Gap Year

School leavers can gain new skills over 12mths with the Navy, Army or Air Force



## Job Commitment Bonus

Young job seekers who find a job and stay off welfare for 12 months will receive \$2,500; and a further \$4,000 at 24 mths



## Work for the Dole

15-25hrs per week *Work for the Dole* will be compulsory for most job seekers under 50



## Wage Subsidies

Wage subsidies of up to \$6,500 for businesses that employ long-term welfare recipients, young or indigenous job seekers



## Green Army

*Green Army* volunteers gain a qualification while helping clean up the environment



## Apprenticeship Support

\$200 million each year for the *Australian Apprenticeship Support Network* to lift apprenticeship completion rates



## Business Advice

\$660,000 for the Bundaberg BEC to provide advice to help Hinkler small businesses get started

\*\*Please note: Special conditions and eligibility criteria apply. Factsheets about each of the programmes can be found at [www.keithpitt.com.au](http://www.keithpitt.com.au). For more information go to [www.employment.gov.au](http://www.employment.gov.au)

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