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\$250,000 RED Grant for Laverton Training Centre

- Australian Potash Ltd (APC) awarded \$250,000 WA Government Regional Economic Development (RED) grant to support the Laverton Training Centre
- The Laverton Training Centre (LTC) recognised as one of the Goldfield's leading community development initiatives reflecting APC's commitment to serving and developing the Laverton community
- The LTC is pursuing charitable status registration to facilitate the multi-generational impact improving economic capacity within Aboriginal communities engenders

Australian Potash Limited (ASX: APC or the **Company**) is pleased to advise that the Laverton Training Centre (LTC), an APC initiative to support the training and economic capacity development of Aboriginal people in the northeastern Goldfields, has received a \$250,000 grant from the WA Government's Regional Economic Development Grants program.

Minister for Regional Development, Agriculture & Food, Hydrogen Industry, the Honourable Alannah MacTiernan, announced the successful recipients of several RED grants at the Laverton Training Centre on Friday, 25 February 2022.



Figure 1: Minister MacTiernan with APC Managing Director Matt Shackleton, GEDC Directors Sabina Shugg (Chair) & Tracey Rathbone and CEO Kris Starcevich, with local member Ali Kent

APC Managing Director and CEO, Matt Shackleton, commented: “The LTC is based on the successful training program piloted at Wiluna over four years, which is centred around working with local families to support people transitioning into training and employment, while maintaining cultural and family priorities and obligations.

“This is not just a box-ticking exercise for APC. We are genuinely committed to having a positive social impact in our communities through authentic and effective environmental, social and corporate governance.

“Our local Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer, Sarah Sullivan, has been working with families to find out what trainees need to transition into training programs and what ongoing support they require to successfully complete their training programs.

“Combining strong social responsiveness and high levels of consultation with industry and local employers has helped us to create a network of support for the training programs.

“A well-trained and committed local Aboriginal workforce will be a huge asset to Ranger programs in the Goldfields and local employers such as APC, and surrounding gold, nickel and rare earths producers, and bring enormous economic benefit to remote communities.

“It is gratifying to see our efforts recognised and supported by the Minister’s department of Regional Development and the Goldfields Esperance Development Commission. We are thankful for their early encouragement and of course, generous ongoing support through the RED grant.”



Figure 2: Laverton Training Centre’ trainees and personnel, including General Manager Mac Jensen and APC’s Community Liaison Officer Sarah Sullivan

The RED grant will enable the improvement of key facilities and be applied to the purchase of vehicles to provide transport for trainees to attend the LTC.

The Laverton Training Centre is an adult vocational training hub which will be run in conjunction with Central Regional TAFE Kalgoorlie campus, assisting Aboriginal people in overcoming the hurdles to accessing formal training and providing them with valuable qualifications.

The LTC will start training its first cohort of students today, Monday, 28 February 2022 with two classes of 12 students – being full capacity. Students will undertake units in Certificate II Rural Operations. Skills learnt through the LTC are applicable to the Aboriginal Ranger program overseen by the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions.

APC's Lake Wells Sulphate of Potash Project is located approximately 160km NE of Laverton.

The following links to the WA State Government's Media Release:

<https://www.mediastatements.wa.gov.au/Pages/McGowan/2022/02/REds-boost-for-Goldfields-Esperance-businesses-training.aspx>



Figure 3: The Laverton Training Centre

This release was authorised by the Managing Director & CEO.

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APC holds a 100% interest in the **Lake Wells Sulphate of Potash (LSOP)**, located approximately 500km northeast of Kalgoorlie, in Western Australia's Eastern Goldfields. The Company is finalising pre-development plans for commencement of construction. First production from the LSOP is scheduled for 24 to 27 months from a Final Investment Decision.

K-Brite™ is a registered trademark brand of Australian Potash Limited and the brand under which the suite of high quality, premium SOP products from the LSOP will be marketed.

APC holds a 100% interest in the **Laverton Downs Project**, located 5kms north of Laverton, in Western Australia's Eastern Goldfields.ⁱ

APC holds a 30% free-carried interest in the **Lake Wells Gold Project**, located 500km northeast of Kalgoorlie, in Western Australia's Eastern Goldfields.ⁱⁱ

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ⁱ Refer to ASX Announcement 9 April 2021
ⁱⁱ Refer to ASX Announcement 8 April 2021