

## PROONENT

SCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL



The CUC program, originating in 2013 with funding from Snowy Hydro Limited and Cooma Monaro Shire Council, creates tailored learning spaces in regional areas.

These centres provide fast connectivity, technology, and staff support for higher education. Open long hours (7am to midnight), they benefit local and non-local students on placements.

The Beaudesert CUC will follow the model of existing centres in Queensland, NSW, and Western Australia, governed locally by an independent Board. With increasing demand for university qualifications, the Australian Universities Accord Interim Report (July 2023) highlights the need for regional education facilities. Studies show local students are more likely to join the regional workforce, benefiting local businesses. The Scenic Rim investigation indicates regional solid support for the program.

## BENEFITS TO THE REGION

- Tailored learning spaces: Creating custom study environments in regional areas.
- Advanced connectivity and technology.
- Extended operating hours: Accommodating diverse student schedules and enhancing flexibility for learners.
- Students who study locally are likelier to remain and work within the region.
- Community-driven governance: Each centre is governed by an independent local Board.

## REGIONAL INVESTMENT FRAMEWORK



### Investing in People

Putting people at the forefront of growth, with local voices influencing decision making.



An Australian Government Initiative



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## PROJECT LOCATION



## Cost of Program

# \$1.5M

- ✔ Listening to local voices and partnering with communities.
- ✔ Targeted investment in skills, education, training and local leadership capacity.

## KEY PARTNERS



## Local people creating local opportunities

Regional Development Australia (RDA) Committees are made up of local people creating local opportunities.

Regions are incredibly diverse, and there is no one-size-fits-all approach - the government and RDAs are working with each other to solve the challenges and harness place-based opportunities.

## RDA Ipswich & West Moreton

As part of a broader network of committees throughout Australia, our committee plays a vital role in promoting and supporting economic development within the Ipswich and West Moreton region.

Our goal is to bring together local leaders from various sectors and work collaboratively with all levels of government, businesses, and community groups to ensure the long-term growth and prosperity of the region.



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