# Department of Education and Training

# Higher Education and Skills Group

# Branch Memo: *2018 / October / 30*

**TO: Learn Local organisations - *ALL***

 **Adult Education Institutions**

 **Learn Local Stakeholders**

 **Regional Councils**

**FROM:** Ryan Collins, Director - Participation, Inclusion and Regional Engagement Branch

**DATE:** 30 October 2018

**SUBJECT: Regional Councils member appointments**

## Actions / Critical Dates:

*On 24 October 2018, The Minister for Training and Skills, The Hon. Gayle Tierney MP, appointed seventeen members to seven Regional Council of Adult, Community and Further Education.*

## Important Notice about Communications

Regional Councils are established under the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* and members are appointed by the Minister for Training and Skills. Regional Councils carry out their functions subject to the policies of the Adult, Community and Further Education Board and the general control of the Minister.

The *Education and Training Reform Act* sets out the functions of Regional Councils in relation to adult, community and further education; in summary:

* Develop a process to enable learners and providers to advise Regional Councils and ACFEB of needs in their region
* Provide advice and prepare reports for ACFEB
* Provide information and contribute to planning
* Advise ACFEB regarding the effectiveness of activities in their region including those funded by ACFEB
* Support and promote provision, networks between providers, and diversity and flexibility of provision
* Participate in recommending to ACFEB statewide priorities and policies.

In carrying out its functions, the *Education and Training Reform Act* specifies that Regional Councils need to consult with learners, providers, and other education and training organisations in their region including local TAFEs and adult education institutions.

The Minister for Training and Skills has made the following three-year term appointments to Regional Councils of Adult, Community and Further Education:

* Diane Carson to the Gippsland Regional Council.
* Neale Chandler to the Loddon Mallee Regional Council.
* Joseph Cullen to the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council.
* Alan Davis to the Barwon South-western Regional Council.
* Gregory Ferrington to the North-western Metropolitan Regional Council.
* Maria Floudiotis to the North-western Metropolitan Regional Council.
* Karen Fleischer to the Gippsland Regional Council.
* Brian Gould to the Loddon Mallee Regional Council.
* Natalie Green to the Loddon Mallee Regional Council.
* Debbie Hope to the Barwon South-western Regional Council.
* Craig Leary to the Loddon Mallee Regional Council.
* Glenda McPhee to the Gippsland Regional Council.
* Heather Reardon to the Barwon South-western Regional Council.
* Josie Rose to the Gippsland Regional Council.
* John Sheen to the North-western Metropolitan Regional Council.
* Maurice Stone to the Hume Regional Council.
* Deborah Quin to the Loddon Mallee Regional Council.