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Coalition Government Support for Thriving Local Industry



Jason Wood MP recently visited local manufacturers, Australian Precision Technologies (APT) based in Berwick to discuss manufacturing in La Trobe.

APT specialises in producing simple to highly complex precision components, instruments and assemblies for the Mining, Aerospace, and Sporting industries.

Mr Wood was joined by Mayor Geoff Ablett, Deputy Mayor Amanda Stapledon, City of Casey CEO Mike Tyler, Manager of Economic Development for the City of Casey David Wilkinson, and Executive Officer of South East Melbourne Manufacturers Alliance Adrian Boden.

The tour lead by Business Director of APT Ron Weinzierl was interesting and informative and allowed them to see first-hand how APT used their recent government grant to expand their investments in the latest world-leading technologies.

Ron Weinzierl, Business Director of APT commented, “We work closely with our technology partners such as Okuma to maintain our competitive edge and that, along with our Quality control program managed by Ian MacKenzie, are all critical to our success.”

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One item that APT produces which piqued Mr Wood's interest particularly was their advances into cycling and media technology.

"I am incredibly impressed with the innovation, commitment and skills-base demonstrated by APT. Their use of Coalition Government support and grants is exactly what La Trobe needs and their business model is quite exciting – particularly when diversifying into the sporting field as well," Mr Wood said.

APT were also able to showcase their pristine facilities and outline their involvement in a new specialised global export project into the cycling industry.

"APT is not just good for La Trobe because of its' manufacturing abilities and diversification of their product. They have also developed a cutting edge training system, working with Chisholm TAFE to develop training that gives employees staged training on state-of-the-art machinery and opens the eyes of young students to the exciting opportunities in Engineering", Mr Wood said.

With a young, motivated team, their technology partners, and Coalition Government support behind them, APT are forging ahead into new niche markets with a vision to further expand their global export.

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