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Engaging La Trobe Seniors in the Digital Age

La Trobe seniors will continue to have free access to computers and internet training to ensure they are not left behind in the digital age, thanks to a \$1.3 million Abbott Government investment.

The Abbott Government has invested \$1.3 million to assist more than 97,000 older Australians continue building their digital skills under the Broadband for Seniors programme.

Jason Wood MP said that older people in La Trobe would be able to learn important online skills including how to send emails, be cyber safe and use social media to stay in touch with friends and family.

“Everyone should have the opportunity to build confidence and skills using the computer and the internet,” Mr Wood said.

“This funding demonstrates the Government’s commitment to ensuring older people in La Trobe don’t get left behind in the digital age,” Mr Wood said.

Mr Wood said there were around 1600 Broadband for Seniors kiosks across Australia, set up in facilities such as community centres, libraries, clubs and aged care homes.

“Volunteer tutors provide one-on-one or small group training covering topics such as how to send emails, be cyber safe and use social media in a supportive and welcoming environment,” Mr Wood said.

“Broadband for Seniors provides support to help older Australians feel confident using technology.”

Broadband for Seniors Kiosks in La Trobe will continue to have access to training tools and resources to support their volunteer tutors to provide one-on-one or small group training for seniors.

Broadband for Seniors kiosks are in the following locations:

- Belgrave South Community House
- Berwick Brae Village Pty Ltd
- Emerald Evergreens Senior Citizens Centre Inc
- Farndons Hall Committee of Management and Friends Inc
- Lend Lease Primelife Limited
- Lend Lease RL (Fiddlers Green) Pty Ltd
- Mountain District Womens Cooperative Ltd
- Upwey Belgrave RSL Incorporated