

## **Boeing opens new advanced manufacturing training centre in Melbourne**

- The \$1.6m centre is training Boeing Aerostructures Australia's Female Apprenticeship Program members, which aims to develop future technicians whilst increasing gender diversity

**MELBOURNE, Australia, October 19, 2022** - Boeing [NYSE: BA] has opened its new Skills Development Centre at its aircraft components manufacturing site in Fishermans Bend. The \$1.6 million centre will train current and new employees on advanced manufacturing technologies and processes.

The centre is training its first class consisting of five members of the Boeing Aerostructures Australia (BAA) Female Apprenticeship Program. That program teaches apprentices the skills they need to assemble and install aircraft components, prepare and use aircraft support equipment, and inspect, maintain, and repair aircraft components and systems. Apprentices will graduate with a Certificate IV in Aeroskills (Structures) from Aviation Australia.

“Between the centre opening and the start of our Female Apprenticeship Program, we are making a serious commitment to growing advanced manufacturing in Victoria with the best, brightest and most diverse workforce we can find and train,” said Mick Sorrenson, managing director of BAA. “The training centre’s focus on safety and quality will help ensure that we provide our team with the resources they need to produce complex airplane parts for Boeing.”

Boeing Aerostructures Australia makes wing components and flight control surfaces for 737, 777 and 787 commercial aircraft for Australian and global airline customers.

Twenty-five Australian suppliers constructed the 400+ square metre training centre, which features two workshops, classrooms and a broad range of training geared to all facets of Boeing’s advanced manufacturing business in Melbourne.

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