



Jobs for the locals is another win for Junee prison expansion

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Hundreds of Riverina tradespeople and labourers are benefitting from the Junee Correctional Centre expansion, winning jobs on site and boosting the local economy.

Cootamundra MP Steph Cooke said at the peak of construction of the new 480-bed maximum-security centre there were more than 250 tradespeople working at the prison.

“It’s great to see these buildings quickly taking shape with the help of our local tradies,” Ms Cooke said.

“Building works have progressed smoothly and the centre is on track to open this year with around 130 ongoing prison jobs available for Riverina residents.

“The positive economic impacts of a centre of this size are not only being felt now but will continue to benefit Junee and the surrounding areas.”

The expansion of the existing 853-bed medium-security facility is part of the NSW Government’s \$3.8 billion investment in increasing capacity in the state’s prisons.

Ms Cooke praised the work of Justice Infrastructure and Assets and CPB Contractors.

“This is a massive project, which includes four accommodation blocks, a new industries building with bakery and laundry, two ovals and even a new K9 Unit,” Ms Cooke said.

“Work only began in April 2017 and already the team has delivered a brand-new purpose-built administration building and is soon to hand over the keys for a new prison gatehouse to accommodate the larger centre.

“I’m also told that each accommodation block’s 120 modular-cells were installed in just 10 days – an impressive result, which demonstrates the excellent work of the team.”

Junee General Manager Scott Brideoake said the centre currently employs more than 280 staff with about half from the local area.

“We are a proud employer and endeavour to be a good neighbour in the Riverina region,” Mr Brideoake said.

“The Junee Correctional Centre is dedicated to reducing reoffending through education and vocational training, and GEO Group, which manages the facility, will continue to keep this as their priority as it expands.

GEO Group is recruiting officers to work at the new Junee centre. To learn more, visit <https://junee.external.applynow.net.au/jobs/GEO1284> Applications close 4 March 2019.