



DEAKIN TO SIGN MOU WITH COMMITTEE OF PORTLAND

Deakin University is forging closer links with the Portland community and improving pathways for local residents to pursue tertiary education.

The University and the Committee for Portland will on Thursday sign a Memorandum of Understanding which will establish a management committee to work together to achieve common goals.

Head of the Warrnambool Campus Professor Greg Wood said the MOU aimed to raise the profile of Deakin in the Portland community and to allow better access and pathways to tertiary education.

“It will showcase Deakin’s innovation and research capabilities to Portland’s industries which we hope will ultimately lead to innovation partnerships with these industries,” Professor Wood said.

“This will provide Portland and Deakin with a competitive advantage when competing for government and industry investment.”

Professor Wood said the MOU would facilitate the establishment of a working relationship between the parties which would lead to collaborative activities.

“We will have a management committee with members from both Deakin and the Committee for Portland that meets at least three times a year to oversee the operation of the MOU and all research opportunities that arise,” he said.

The MOU will be signed at The Richmond Henty on Thursday 15 November. Deakin University Vice President (Enterprise) Mr Kean Selway and Ian Bail and Anita Rank from the Committee for Portland will sign the MOU.

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