

## **MEDIA RELEASE: New AgFood Connect program connects businesses for success**

To assist businesses during the impacts of COVID-19, DGT Employment and Training are proud to announce their new project, AgFood Connect operating across Southern and Central Queensland.

AgFood Connect aims to make it easy for businesses in the Food and Agribusiness industry and supply chain to source, recruit and employ skilled employees, including entry-level staff and apprentices and trainees.

DGT CEO, Kris McCue said, “we know that there are many people looking for work and businesses, particularly in the Food and Agribusiness industry, are inundated with applications.”

“AgFood Connect takes pressure off businesses by performing the screening and recruitment processes and ensuring potential recruits have the right skills for a particular job.

“It will reduce risk for employers and drive down recruitment costs and effort”.

“The program brings together DGT’s employment and training expertise and experience to give business quick access to a skilled workforce and suitable candidates who can hit the ground running and be productive very quickly” Mr McCue said.

AgFood Connect is a collaboration of the expertise and industry knowledge of a number of different organisations.

It is collaborative effort with the involvement of Growcom, the peak horticultural body in Qld and Golden West Apprenticeships and supported by Toowoomba and Surat Basin Enterprise (TSBE) and local councils across the region.

Bruce McConnel, TSBE Food Leaders Australia General Manager, said “Food Leaders Australia are very proud to be supporting this program which links businesses to workers.”

“I encourage employers to get on board with this to assist in building the workforce of the future,” said Mr McConnel.

Funding has been provided by the Australian Government Department of Education, Skills and Employment through the Youth Jobs PaTH Industry Pilot initiative.

To register for the project please visit [www.agfoodconnect.com.au](http://www.agfoodconnect.com.au) or contact DGT on 1300 010 185.