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## **BRIGHT FUTURE FOR BERWICK AS FEDERATION UNIVERSITY SECURES CAMPUS**

Federation University Australia is poised to expand operations at its Berwick Campus after it reached agreement with Monash University for control of the site where the campus is located.

Since commencing operations at the Berwick campus in 2017, Federation has been leasing the facility from Monash University which established the site in 1996.

While the previous leasing arrangement allowed Federation to deliver high quality education and research operations from the Berwick campus, having full control clears the way for further investment and will enable the University to better serve the needs of the local community and businesses.

The agreement will enable Federation to fulfill its campus vision for Berwick, providing a platform that will allow the University to deliver a pipeline of highly skilled graduates for the rapidly growing Berwick community and Greater South East Melbourne area.

The agreement coincides with Federation's expansion of course offerings at its Berwick campus from 2024, with the delivery of four new Engineering courses from next year alongside the existing Business, Education, Health, I.T, Science, and Society and Culture courses that have seen thousands of students graduate from the campus over the years.

Securing the long-term future of the Berwick campus supports Federation's commitment to becoming Australia's first co-operative university, where all courses will be delivered in conjunction with industry partners from 2025.

### **Quote attributable to Federation University Vice Chancellor and President, Professor Duncan Bentley**

*"Federation welcomes the signing of the agreement that sees Berwick campus finally become University property. This agreement will enable us to fulfill our campus vision for Berwick and provide an expanded offering that will better serve the education needs of the community for generations to come. I would like to thank Monash for their support in finalising our agreement for the campus site."*

### **Quote attributable to Federation University's Director, Regional Strategy and Engagement, Berwick, Kathy Racunica**

*"Our Berwick campus has a short, yet successful history and thanks to the support of the local community, city councils and our industry partners, we have given thousands of students the opportunity to study, and ultimately establish their careers closer to home. By finalising the agreement for the campus site, Federation is now able to open its doors to a larger number of*

*students in the south-east region of Melbourne and provide a wider range of learning opportunities.”*

**About Federation University Australia**

*With a history spanning over 150 years, Federation University Australia is Victoria’s premier regional dual-sector university with campuses located in Ballarat, Berwick, Brisbane, Gippsland and Wimmera. From 2018-2022 Federation ranked first in Australia for first-generation student enrolments. In a first for Australia, the globally recognised co-operative education model will be embedded across all Federation programs from 2025.*