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MINDA'S LARGEST GRADUATION OF CARERS

Minda Incorporated is set to host its largest ever graduation ceremony for carers in the disability sector on Wednesday 25 June at 3pm at Minda Incorporated's Brighton Campus, King George Avenue, Brighton.

The graduation celebrates the achievements of over 250 students who have completed Certificate III in Disability Work, Certificate IV in Disability Work and Certificate IV in Training & Assessment at Minda during 2007/2008.

Minda's patron, the Governor of South Australia, His Excellency Rear Admiral Kevin Scarce, will be making the keynote address and the Honourable Jay Weatherill, Minister for Disability, will also be in attendance.

Established as a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) in 1998, Minda has a longstanding commitment to fostering high quality training and building capacity, capability and sustainability in the sector. Moreover, Minda not only recognised the need for training of its own employees but also responded to the need for training for those working within other disability organisations.

The community services sector has experienced a serious shortage of workers of late, but Minda has helped to alleviate the pressures of the skills shortage through training and development of employees across the sector.

In fact, of the 292 students graduating, 52 of these are from external service providers Anglicare, Bedford Industries, SA Wire, Orana and Baptist Community Services. In the future, Minda looks set to accommodate many more students from external service providers.

The magnitude of this graduation is testament to Minda's commitment learning and developing potential to both internal and external stakeholders.

Minda Incorporated is one of South Australia's largest disability organisations and also one of the State's largest employers, with over 900 staff and over 1,100 clients in residential care, supported community living, day care options and employment. Minda is this year celebrating 110 years of providing services to South Australians with intellectual disability.

For more information on training courses offered at Minda, contact Learning & Development on 8422 6288.

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