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## New Riverland career centre launched

A NEW Riverland Career Development Centre launched at Berri recently has proved a useful resource for Meta Sindos (pictured), from Barmera.

He recently received a grant

through the centre to receive a Diploma in Horticulture, capitalising on his prior learning.

Meta, who also successfully applied for the Small Block Exit Grant in 2009 after 30 years working on and running his family's fruit farm, is hoping to find horticulture work in a managerial or supervisory

position.

But after trawling search engines online for advertised work in agriculture, he is not convinced there is a skills' shortage.

"They (the media) reckon there's shortages of skilled people, agronomists and people like that in those sorts of fields," he said.

"But I've been looking on probably one of the biggest search engines on the Internet and I can't see them."

The skills centre was funded by the State Government and is run by Regional Development Australia

Murraylands and Riverlands to provide 'customised' support for regional job hunters.

It was officially launched last Friday by Department for Further Education, Employment, Science and Technology chief executive Raymond Garrard as part of National Career Development Week.

"Riverland residents will gain support to boost their skills, develop their careers and manage their learning, training and work options through the centre," he said.

