



National Apprenticeship
Employment Network



NEW SKILLS FOR A NEW WORLD

NAEN NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2023
15-17 August 2023, Melbourne

CONFERENCE PROGRAM



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Tuesday 15 August 2023		
11.30-2.30pm	Members Luncheon (tickets required) <i>Stephen Koukoulas, Economist</i> <i>Laura Angus, First Assistant Secretary, Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</i> <i>Tony Morriss, Senior Director, Thematic Macro Research, Asset Allocation, Investments, AustralianSuper</i>	Medallion Club, Marvel Stadium
6.00-8.00pm	Welcome Reception (all invited) <i>Craig Robertson, CEO, Victorian Skills Authority</i> <i>Trevor Schwenke, CEO, WorldSkills Australia</i>	SEA LIFE, Melbourne Aquarium

Wednesday 16 August 2023		
7.30am	Arrival tea and coffee and registration	
8.30-10.30am	Opening Plenary	Victory Room MC: Craig Randazzo
8.30	Welcome to Country, <i>to be announced</i>	
8.40	CEO Welcome, Dianne Dayhew , National Apprentice Employment Network	
8.50	Welcome to Victoria, Craig Robertson , CEO, Victorian Skills Authority, <i>on behalf of the Hon. Gayle Tierney MP, Minister for Training and Skills, Minister for Higher Education and Minister for Agriculture</i>	
9.00	MC Introduction, Craig Randazzo , For Purpose Consulting	
9.05	<u>FEDERAL MINISTER KEYNOTE:</u> Hon Brendan O'Connor MP , Minister for Skills and Training	
9.30	<u>KEYNOTE:</u> The New World of Work, Simon Kuestenmacher , The Demographics Group	
10.00	<u>KEYNOTE:</u> Liam O'Brien , Assistant Secretary, ACTU	
10.30-11.00am	Morning Tea	

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11.00-12.40pm	Morning Plenary	Victory Room MC: Craig Randazzo
11.00	Gearing up for AUKUS, BAE , UK	
11.20	<u>INDUSTRY PANEL</u> : The Big Skills Drive: Dr Gavin Lind , Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance; Kit McMahon , Tradeswomen Australia; Sharon Robertson , Manufacturing Skills Alliance, <u>Facilitator</u> : Claire Field , Claire Field & Associates	
12.10	<u>KEYNOTE</u> : Changing Skill Requirements in Australia: The Importance of Transferable Vocational Capabilities, Professor John Buchanan , University of Sydney Business School	
12.40-1.40pm	Lunch	
1.40-3.05pm	Mid Plenary	Victory Room MC: Craig Randazzo
1.40	<u>KEYNOTE</u> : State of the Nation, Stephen Koukoulas , Economist	
2.25	<u>KEYNOTE</u> : Jobs and Skills Australia update, Professor Peter Dawkins AO , Jobs and Skills Australia	
2.55	Platinum Sponsor Address, Peter Treseder , Education Manager, Australian Super	
3.05-3.35pm	Afternoon Tea	
3.35-5.00pm	Afternoon Plenary	Victory Room MC: Craig Randazzo
3.35	WorldSkills National Championships Update, Trevor Schwenke , CEO, WorldSkills Australia	
3.40	<u>FEDERAL OPPOSITION ADDRESS</u> : Hon Sussan Ley MP , Deputy Leader of the Opposition, Shadow Minister for Industry, Skills and Training	
4.05	<u>INDUSTRY PANEL</u> : It's Time to Chat GPT and AI, Patrick Kidd , Future Skills Organisation; John Liddicoat , Octossure; Suneeti Rekhari , TAFE NSW, <u>Facilitator</u> : Claire Field , Claire Field & Associates	
4.55	<u>REFLECTION ON DAY 1</u> : Craig Randazzo , MC, For Purpose Consulting	
5.00pm	CLOSE OF DAY 1	
7.00-11.00pm	Conference Gala Dinner (tickets required) , featuring: Gala Dinner Partner: Bendigo Kangan Institute	Showtime Event Centre MC: Husna Pasha
	NAEN Life Member Presentation, Sharon Smith , Chair NAEN	
	2022 Australian Apprentice of the Year, Jannah Halley , Mae Refrigeration	
	Gala Dinner Partner Presentation, Sally Curtain , Bendigo TAFE/Kangan Institute	

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	Comedy Entertainment and MC, Husna Pasha , <i>Happychondriac Society</i> Band, The Baker Boys	
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Thursday 17 August 2023		
8.00am	Arrival tea and coffee and registration	
8.30-9.50am	Opening Plenary	Victory Room Chair: Craig Randazzo
8.30	MC WELCOME: Craig Randazzo , <i>For Purpose Consulting</i>	
8.40	Caring for the Ages, Megan and Jason van Genderen , <i>Oma's Applesauce Productions</i>	
9.25	Understanding 'The Voice,' <i>to be announced</i>	
9.50-10.20am	Morning Tea	
10.20-12.30pm	Morning Plenary	Victory Room Chair: Craig Randazzo
10.20	<u>INDUSTRY PANEL:</u> The Right Support for Youth Starting Work; Sally Curtain , <i>Bendigo TAFE/Kangan Institute</i> ; Tim O'Brien , <i>Alcohol and Drug Awareness Australia</i> , Lochlan Veale , <i>Victorian Group Training Company (VGTC)</i> . <u>Facilitator:</u> Dr Peta Skujins , <i>Integrated Information Services</i>	
11.10	Today's Skills; Tomorrow's Leaders' Update, Leonie Stanfield , <i>NAEN Careers Projects Manager</i>	
11.25	<u>CLOSING KEYNOTE:</u> Sam Bloom , <i>bestselling author, global keynote speaker, real-life inspiration behind 'Penguin Bloom'</i>	
12.15	Conference Close, Dianne Dayhew , <i>National Apprentice Employment Network</i>	
12.30-1.15pm	Lunch	
1.15pm	Opportunity to Visit WorldSkills National Championships, Melbourne Convention Centre	