

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Tuesday 15 March 2022

11.30 am arrival for
12.00 noon start –
2.30 pm

Member-only Luncheon, Mures Tasmania

Saul Eslake, Economist

Tiffany Blight, Executive Director, National Careers Institute

MC: *Sharon Smith, CEO, HVTC*



6:00 - 8:00 pm

Welcome Reception: Drysdale Centre of Excellence, TasTAFE

Canapes and refreshments served



Apprentice
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Wednesday 16 March 2022

8.30 – 8.40 am

Welcome to Country, *Cody Summers, Mens Support Worker, Karadi Aboriginal Corporation*

8.40 – 8.50 am

CEO Welcome, *Dianne Dayhew, NAEN*

8.50 – 9.15 am

Federal Government Address: *The Hon Stuart Robert MP, Minister for Employment, Workforce, Skills, Small and Family Business*

9.15 – 10.00 am

How COVID changed Australia, *Bernard Salt AM, The Demographics Group*

Australia's most highly regarded demographer will reflect on the way that COVID impacted the skills and workforce profile of the country, and what this will mean for apprenticeships and group training.

10:00 – 11.00 am

Policy Panels

These panels will be facilitated by *Claire Field*, from *Claire Field & Associates*

Is VET reform on track?

Australia is embarking on a generational reform of the VET system, based around the recommendations of the Joyce Review. This panel will discuss the progress to date and the critical next steps.

- *Craig Robertson, CEO, Victorian Skills Authority*
- *Megan Lilly, Head of Education and Training, AiG, Centre for Education and Training*
- *Ben Bardon, CEO, National Australian Apprenticeship Association*

New apprenticeship models and the role of GTOs

The traditional model of apprenticeships is evolving rapidly, giving way to new higher-level apprenticeships and cadetships, including in sectors that have not typically engaged apprentices. The panel will discuss what this means for group training, industry, and apprentices and trainees.

- *Grant Dreher, CEO, TasTAFE*
- *Professor Erica Smith, Professor of Education, School of Education, Federation University Australia*
- *Andrew Sezenov, Group General Manager, WPC Group*

11.00 – 11.30 am	Morning Tea <div>Sponsored by: </div>	
11:30 am – 12.15 pm	Re-imagining Indigenous skills and employment <p>The federal government is embarking on a new model of Indigenous skills and employment which is aimed at increasing economic opportunities for Indigenous Australians. This will have important implications for the way services are delivered to communities around Australia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Anne-Marie Lynch, Regional Manager, Victoria & Tasmania Regional Branch, West South Group, National Indigenous Australians Agency</i> • <i>Benny Eggmolesse, Managing Director, AAK-ITHER</i> 	
12:15 - 1:00 pm	Expert Panel: Turbocharging skills; industries to watch <p>This panel will be facilitated by Conference MC, <i>Rod Matthews</i>.</p> <p>Australia's VET system is on the cusp of a new era of reform, based around a series of Industry Clusters that aim to fast-track training and qualifications development. Three industries which have been at the forefront of this change will discuss their experience and the challenges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Services: <i>Jodi Schmidt, CEO, Human Services Skills Organisation</i> • Digital Skills: <i>Patrick Kidd, CEO, Digital Skills Organisation</i> • Mining: <i>Dr Gavin Lind, CEO, Australian Minerals & Energy Skills Alliance</i> 	
1.00 pm	The Chair of National Skills Week, <i>Brian Wexham</i> , will give an update on this landmark event for 2022	
1.00 – 1.45 pm	Lunch <div>Sponsored by: </div>	
1:45 - 2:30 pm	KEYNOTE: State of the nation, Saul Eslake, Economist <p>Australia's economy is at a critical point, as it enters the post-COVID economic recovery. One of the country's most respected economists will provide an update on key global and domestic trends.</p>	
2:30 - 3:10 pm:	Masterclasses <p>These interactive sessions will focus on two areas of keen interest – a new cadetship model that is gaining traction, and some of the critical pieces of data that help better understand the VET system.</p> <p>The sessions will be repeated back-to back, so delegates will be able to attend both masterclasses.</p>	
	Will cadetships become the new work-based learning model? Room: GB2/3 <p>The traditional model of apprenticeships is evolving rapidly, giving way to new higher-level apprenticeships and cadetships, including in sectors that have not typically engaged apprentices. The panel will discuss what this means for group training, industry, and apprentices and trainees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr Lizzie Knight, Research Fellow, Centre for International Research on Education Systems, Victoria University</i> 	Exploring apprenticeships through data Room: GB1 <p>This session takes delegates through ways of understanding the most important data for decision-making in the VET sector.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr Peta Skujins, Australian Apprenticeships & Traineeships Information Service</i> • <i>Danny White, Manager Stakeholder Strategy, Training Services NSW</i>
3.10 – 3.40 pm	Afternoon Tea	
3.40 – 4.10 pm	Exploring apprenticeships through data Room: GB2/3	Will cadetships become the new work-based learning model? Room: GB1

4.10 pm	Break prior to Gala Dinner
7:00 - 11:00 pm	Gala Dinner <div>Sponsored by: </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MC: Rod Matthews Welcome: Grant Dreher CEO, TasTAFE NAEN Life Member Presentation Guest: Caitlin Radford, 2020 Australian Training Awards Apprentice of the Year Entertainment: Benny Eggmolesse, Ice Cream Productions Band: Baker Boys NAEN 2022 Gala Dinner is proudly supported by TasTAFE

Thursday 17 March 2022

8.30 – 8.40 am	Day Two Welcome, Rod Matthews MC
8.40 - 9.10 am	KEYNOTE - How skills intelligence will shape workforce planning and apprenticeships, Adam Boyton, National Skills Commissioner. The National Skills Commission is spearheading the use of data and analytics to determine skills needs and to enhance the critical role of VET in generating apprenticeships and other skilled occupations.
9.10 – 10.00 am	Putting careers at the heart of the skills debate Never before has there been such a sharp focus on careers from different levels of government. The panel will outline the latest initiatives, and how they connect to work and skills development. The panel will be facilitated by <i>Leonie Stanfield, Careers Projects Manager, NAEN.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tiffany Blight, Executive Director, National Careers Institute Damian Peirce, Career Facilitator, Industry Training Hub, Burnie, Tasmania Chris Davis, Careers NSW
10.00 – 10.30 am	Morning Tea
10.30 – 10.45 am	Platinum Sponsor Address, Peter Treseder, Education Manager, AustralianSuper 
10.45 – 11.15 am	Federal Opposition Address: The Hon Richard Marles MP, Deputy Leader of the Opposition; Shadow Minister for National Reconstruction, Employment, Skills and Small Business; Shadow Minister for Science
11:15 - 11:30 am	Today's Skills: Tomorrow's Leaders 2022 - Leonie Stanfield, Careers Projects Manager, NAEN
11:30 am - 12:15 pm	Empowering women's careers through apprenticeships and traineeships It's been a year of national reckoning for women in Australian places of work and learning. Powerful women have championed improved culture, access and equity. Speakers will reflect on their own experience and achievements and how industry and employers can empower more women to forge careers through apprenticeships and traineeships, particularly in male dominated fields The session will be chaired by <i>Kit McMahon, CEO, Women's Health in the South East</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KEYNOTE: Chyloe Kuras, former elite Australian Rules Footballer, former AFL Victoria Female Football Development Manager, television and radio sports commentator and inclusion and diversity specialist GUEST: Sophie Russell, 2021 Apprentice of the Year, Tasmanian Training Awards
12.15 – 12.30 pm	Conference Wrap
12.30 – 1.15 pm	Lunch