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Wednesday 21 May: Pre-Conference Workshop

| | Registration and Speaker Support Open | 12:00 - 4:00 PM |
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| 12:00 PM | Lunch - Promenade 1st Floor | (60 mins) |
| | Room: Latrobe Ballroom | |
| 1:00 PM | Workshop Introduction Ben Campbell AITD, CEO (10 mins) | |
| 1:10 PM | Impactful Storytelling to Captivate your Audience Johanna Kerrigan Be Learning Pty Ltd (20 mins) | |
| 1:30 PM | Move to next session | |
| | Session 1: Latrobe Ballroom | Session 2: Fitzroy Ballroom |
| 1:35 PM | TBC TBC (30 mins) | Empowering our People with AI for Personal Productivity Jemma Hirst Grant Thornton Australia (30 mins) |
| 2:05 PM | Move to next session | |
| 2:10 PM | 23 Essentials of Effective Emerging Leader Programs Lindsey Leigh Hobson Lindsey Leigh Hobson (30 mins) | Al Embodied: A Speculation About the Role Assisted Agents Will Play in the Learning Environment. Ellen – Mary Terrill Swinburne (30 mins) |
| 2:40 PM | Move to next session | |
| 2:45 PM | Building L&D Team Capabilities in Al Naomi Waldron BSI E-LEARNING PTY LTD (30 mins) | Managing L&D Projects is Softer than You Think! Kestrel Stone Elemental Projects (30 mins) |
| 3:15 PM | Afternoon Break - Promenade 1st Floor | (30 mins) |
| | Session 1: Latrobe Ballroom | Session 2: Fitzroy Ballroom |
| 3:45 PM | Ahead of the Curve: Scaling Leadership Development with AI-Powered Learning and Analytics Emma Weber Lever – Transfer of Learning (30 mins) | Leading Human-Centred Change in the Age of Al Deanne Boules Centre for Human Centre Leadership (30 mins) |
| 4:15 PM | Move to next session | |
| 4:20 PM | Panel: Al in Action - Strategies for Workplace Adoption and Impact Presenters: Queensland University of Technology, eLearning Solutions, others TBC | From Passive to Personalized: Using AI to Create Adaptive Online Learning Experiences Sarah Mateljan LawCPD / GenLearn (30 mins) |
| 4:50 PM | Workshop Close | |
| 5:30 PM | AITD VIC Hosted Conference Networking Event Location to be revealed soon | |

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Thursday 22 May: Conference Day One

| 8:00 AM | Registration and Speaker Support Open | 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM |
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| | Plenary Session 1: Grand Ballroom | |
| | MC: Nigel Collin | |
| 9:00 AM | Welcome to Day One Abbie Taylor AITD, National President (15 mins) | |
| 9:15 AM | Using Competitive Advantage to Empower Learning and Maximize Performance Will Thalheimer Work-Learning Research LLC (45 mins) | |
| 10:00 AM | Reflection and Networking Session Anneli Blundell (10 mins) | |
| 10:10 AM | Uncharted Ice Workshop James Castrission MyAdventure Group (45 mins) | |
| 10:55 AM | Morning Break – Sofi's Lounge | (30 mins) |
| | Concurrent Session 1: Grand Ballroom | Concurrent Session 1: Latrobe Ballroom |
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| 11:25 AM | Learning with the Brain in Mind – Applying the Neuroscience of Adult Learning Loretta Mitchell Neu Perspectives (20 mins) | From Scary Science to Work Bestie: Why Our Future Generations Need You to Make Friends with Al Amanda Barnard Amanda Barnard (20 mins) |
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| | Concurrent Session 2: Grand Ballroom | Concurrent Session 2: Latrobe Ballroom |
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| 2:00 PM | L&D's Role in Shaping an Adaptive Workforce Beth Hall Culture Edge (20 mins) | Case Study - Professional Learning or Learning the Profession? Jonathan Jones Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (20 mins) |
| 2:20 PM | Move to next session | |
| 2:25 PM | Maximum Bang, Minimum Buck – How to Get the Most from Your Learning Dollar Christine Khor Peeplcoach (20 mins) | Closing the Performance Perception Gap with Personalised Learning Lee Roulston Thinka (20 mins) |
| 2:45 PM | Move to next session | |
| 2:50 PM | REIMAGINE L&D: Ethical AI Strategies to Empower Learning and Adapt in an Agile World Tracy Sheen The Digital Guide (30 mins) | Neurodiversity, AI and the Future of Inclusive Workplaces Elizabeth Fleming-Jones Australian Red Cross (20 mins) |
| 3:10 PM | Move to next session | |
| 3:15 PM | Leveraging AI Conversational Agents in Facilitated Training: Enhancing De-escalation Skills through Real-world Simulations Ryan Byrne Sydney Trains (20 mins) | Every Leader Needs to Know How to Coach Their People Mandy Geddes IECL (20 mins) |
| 3:35 PM | Afternoon Break - Sofi's Lounge | (30 mins) |
| | Plenary Session 2: Grand Ballroom | |
| 4:05 PM | Just Rock It! Sonia McDonald LeadershipHQ (45 mins) | |
| 4:50 PM | Day One Close | |
| 6:00 PM | Networking Drinks | 6:00 - 7:30 PM |
| 7:30 PM | AITD Excellence Awards Dinner | 7:30 - 11:00 PM |



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Friday 23 May: Conference Day Two

| 8:00 AM | Registration and Speaker Support Open | 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM |
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| | Plenary Session 3: Grand Ballroom | |
| | MC: Ally Nitschke | |
| 9:00 AM | Welcome to Day Two (5 mins) | |
| 9:05 AM | Session Title TBC Ryan Powell Bunnings (40 mins) | |
| 9:45 AM | Reflection and Networking Session Tony Sloman (10 mins) | |
| 9:55 AM | National AITD L&D Capability Framework Launch (40 mins) | |
| 10:35 AM | Morning Break - Sofi's Lounge | (30 mins) |
| | Concurrent Session 3: Grand Ballroom | Concurrent Session 3: Latrobe Ballroom |
| 11:05 AM | Elevating Audience Engagement: Moving Beyond Pair and Share Anneli Blundell Anneliblundell.com (20 mins) | Cultivating Growth Culture within Learning & Development: Supporting Lovisa's Global Expansion DJuna Smith Lovisa Pty Ltd (20 mins) |
| 11:25 AM | Move to next session | |
| 11:30 AM | Building Future Capabilities at Scale Millie Law ANZ (20 mins) | Mandatory Training: A Review of Best Practices Zoe Youl Ausmed Education (20 mins) |
| 11:50 AM | Move to next session | |
| 11:55 AM | Gamifying Sales Training That Delivers Results Vaughan O'Leary KPMG (20 mins) | Incorporating GenAI into a Learning Platform: Success, Challenges and Learnings (Interactive Session) Mark Eggers & Lachy Gray Yarno (20 mins) |
| 12:15 PM | Move to next session | |
| 12:20 PM | Career Clarity Drives Leadership Development – A Case Study Kate Smyth Haigh's Chocolates (20 mins) | Bridging the Tech Skills Gap: Driving Competitive Advantage Through Upskilling, Reskilling and Diversity Kade Brown RMIT Online (20 mins) |
| 12:40 PM | Lunch – Sofi's Lounge | (70 mins) |



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Friday 23 May: Conference Day Two continued

| | Concurrent Session 4: Grand Ballroom | Concurrent Session 4: Latrobe Ballroom | |
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| 1:50 PM | Building a Learning Culture from Scratch - A Case Study Felicity Harrison Ego Pharmaceuticals (20 mins) | The Climate Governance Education Ecosystem - A Case Study in Blended Learning Neil Von Heupt Australian Institute of Company Directors (20 mins) | |
| 2:10 PM | Move to next session | | |
| 2:15 PM | Reimagining Performance and Career Development: Maximising Your L&D Impact Johanna Kerrigan Be Learning Pty Ltd (20min) | "If only I could clone myself!" Building your Custom AI Dream Team for Effortless Workflow Joanna Smith Pukeko Learning Solutions (20min) | |
| 2:35 PM | Move to next session | | |
| 2:40 PM | Integrating Work-based Learning and Career Progression. A Case Study of Allianz Australia's New Personal Injury My Career Program Tiffany Muirhead Allianz (20 mins) | DIY AI – Explore Practical Solutions to Transform Learning Experiences and Improve Workflow Capabilities Kathryn McGilvray eLearning Educational Solutions Pty Ltd (20 mins) | |
| 3:00 PM | Move to next session | | |
| 3:05 PM | Leading Volunteers in the AI Era – Training Staff for an Adaptive Future Melissa Green Legacy (20 mins) | AI-Powered Learning: Becoming L&D Prompt Engineers for the Future Denise Meyerson Focus Learning Group (20 mins) | |
| 3:25 PM | Move to next session | Move to next session | |
| | Plenary Session 4: Grand Ballroom | | |
| 3:30 PM | Lego® Serious Play® Mei-Ling Chin Fair Play LSP (45 mins) | | |
| 4:15 PM | Conference Wrap Up | | |
| 4:30 PM | Conference Close | | |

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