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WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE 2025

11.45am-
2.30pm

NAEN MEMBER LUNCHEON

TAFE Queensland
66 on Ernest
Level 2, Block C

6.30-8.30pm

WORLDSKILLS AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND
NAEN2025 WELCOME RECEPTION
NAEN2025 Welcome: *Tom Emeleus, Chair, NAEN*



Skyroom and Terrace,
Sky Level, Brisbane
Convention and
Exhibition Centre

THURSDAY 12 JUNE 2025: Sofitel Brisbane Central

8.00am	Registration and arrival tea and coffee	Registration Lobby
8.00am	Speakers preparation	St Germain
8.45-10.35am	OPENING PLENARY Welcome to Country: Shannon Ruska, Tribal Experiences CEO Welcome: Dianne Dayhew, CEO, National Apprentice Employment Network Queensland Government address: To be announced KEYNOTE: State of the Nation, Katie Dean, AustralianSuper Government address: To be announced KEYNOTE: Skills and Data Unplugged, Trevor Gauld, Jobs and Skills Australia	Ballroom 2 and 3 MC: Craig Randazzo
10.35-11.05am	Morning tea and exhibition	Registration and Ann St Lobby
11.05am-1.05pm	PLENARY 2 KEYNOTE: Talk Track, Julia Banks, Leadership Consultant PANEL: Unlocking GTO Potential: The Future of the Strategic Review <i>Bob Bowden, Foresight Communications, Stuart Diepeveen, Electrical Group Training, Paul Hillberg, Apprenticeships Queensland, Andrew McCarthy, Victorian Group Training, Sharon Smith, Zeal Futures</i> PANEL: From Good to Great: My Journey to Skills Excellence <i>Trevor Schwenke, WorldSkills Australia, Sari Conte, Harrison Field, Mitchell Rigney, 2024 Skillarooms</i>	Ballroom 2 and 3 MC: Craig Randazzo

11.05am-1.05pm

PLENARY 2 (continued)

PANEL: Together we R.I.S.E.

*Samantha Grant, National Apprentice Employment Network,
and speakers to be announced*

Ballroom 2 and 3

MC: Craig
Randazzo

1.05-2.00pm	Lunch and exhibition	Registration and Ann St Lobby
2.00-3.30pm	BREAKOUT 1: GROUP A WorldSkills Australia National Championships visit <i>Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre (Coach to depart at 1.30pm)</i> 	BREAKOUT 1: GROUP B, MC: Craig Randazzo PRESENTATION: To be announced PRESENTATION: Who Benefits from Pre-Apprenticeships? <i>Melinda Lees, Joanne Waugh, National Centre for Vocational Education Research</i> PRESENTATION: Profit Before Pedagogy: Examining the Success and Failure of Private Providers: <i>Dr Rocco Guarnaccia, VETASSESS</i>
3.30-4.00pm	Afternoon tea and exhibition	Registration and Ann St Lobby

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4.00-5.10pm	PLENARY 3	Ballroom 2 and 3
	Government address: To be announced	MC: Craig Randazzo
	VIRTUAL KEYNOTE: Putting the AI in VET, Claire Field, Claire Field Associates	
	MC Reflection: Craig Randazzo, For You Consulting	
	Lucky Door Prize Draw: Dianne Dayhew, National Apprentice Employment Network	
5.10pm	CLOSE OF DAY	
6.30pm	Pre-dinner drinks	Ann St Lobby
7.00-11.00pm	Gala Dinner	MC: Daniel Connell
	NAEN Life Member Presentation: Tom Emeleus, Chair, NAEN	Entertainment by Daniel Connell and the Baker Boys
	KEYNOTE: Gabrielle Clift, 2023 Australian Training Awards Apprentice of the Year Finalist	
	COMEDY SET: Daniel Connell	

FRIDAY 13 JUNE 2025: Sofitel Brisbane Central

8.00am	Registration, arrival tea and coffee and exhibition	Registration and Ann St Lobby
8.00am	Speakers preparation	St Germain
8.45-10.35am	PLENARY 4 MC Welcome: <i>Craig Randazzo, For You Consulting</i> PANEL: Building Homes & Powering the Future <i>John Liddicoat, Octossure, Warren Hill, HumanAbility, Anthea Middleton, Powering Skills Organisation, Sharon Robertson, Manufacturing Industry Skills Alliance, Natalie Turmine, Service and Creative Skills Australia, Paul Walsh, Industry Skills Australia</i> PANEL: Championing Women Equality at Work <i>Kit McMahon, Women in Adult and Vocational Education, Dominic Alford, Jesuit Social Services, Ben Brown, Our Watch Ambassador, Prof Michael Flood, Queensland University of Technology</i> PANEL: To be announced	Ballroom 2 and 3 MC: <i>Craig Randazzo</i>
10.35-11.00am	Morning tea and exhibition	Registration and Ann St Lobby

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11.00am-12.30pm	BREAKOUT 2: GROUP A, MC: Lauren Conceicao	BREAKOUT 2: GROUP B
	PRESENTATION: To be announced PRESENTATION: Who Benefits from Pre-Apprenticeships? <i>Melinda Lees, Joanne Waugh, National Centre for Vocational Education Research</i> PRESENTATION: Profit Before Pedagogy: Examining the Success and Failure of Private Providers: <i>Dr Rocco Guarnaccla, VETASSESS</i>	WorldSkills Australia National Championships visit <i>Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre</i> <i>(Coach to depart at 10.45am)</i> 
12.30-1.30pm	Lunch and exhibition	Registration and Ann St Lobby Ballroom 2 and 3 MC: Craig Randazzo
1.30-2.30pm	CLOSING PLENARY KEYNOTE: The Incredible Rescue <i>Prof Arnold Dix, Barrister / Scientist / Humanitarian</i> MC Reflection and Wrap Up: Craig Randazzo, For You Consulting CEO Close, Lucky Door Prize and acknowledgments: <i>Dianne Dayhew, National Apprentice Employment Network</i>	
2.30-3.30pm	Networking Celebration and exhibition	Registration and Ann St Lobby

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