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WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE 2025

11.45am-
2.30pm

NAEN MEMBERS' LUNCHEON



TAFE Queensland
66 on Ernest
Level 2, Block C

6.30-8.30pm

**WORLD SKILLS 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 <i>Welcome to Country, Shannon Ruska, Tribal Experiences</i> <i>CEO Welcome, Dianne Dayhew, CEO, National Apprentice Employment Network</i> <i>Queensland Government address, To be announced</i> KEYNOTE: State of the Nation, Katie Dean, AustralianSuper <i>Federal Government address, The Hon. Andrew Giles MP, Minister for Skills and Training</i> 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: The Strategic Review of Australia's Apprenticeship System: Unlocking GTO Potential <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 Skillaroos</i>	Ballroom 2 and 3 MC: Craig Randazzo

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11.05am-1.05pm **PLENARY 2 (continued)**

Ballroom 2 and 3


PANEL: Building Women's Careers Together, We R.I.S.E. Program

Samantha Grant, National Apprentice Employment Network, Gabrielle Clift, Triple Eight Race Engineering, and 2023 Australian Training Awards Apprentice of the Year Finalist, Justine Hamilton, Hunter Technical, East Coast Apprenticeships, Kyla Kenyon, Michael Strickland Mechanical, Golden West Apprenticeships

MC: Craig Randazzo



RISE: Reverse Mentoring Program Pilot EOI

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</i> <i>(Coach to depart at 1.30pm)</i> 	BREAKOUT 1: GROUP B, MC: Craig Randazzo 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> PRESENTATION: Addressing VET Workforce Research and Data Gaps <i>Dr Elizabeth Knight, Jobs and Skills Australia</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

MC: *Craig Randazzo*

PANEL: Title TBC

Lauren Conceicao, Skills Frontier, Cameron Baker, South Australian Skills Commission, Arline Dumazel, Department of Education, 4th presenter TBC

VIRTUAL KEYNOTE: Putting the AI in VET, Claire Field, Claire Field Associates

MC Reflection, Craig Randazzo, For Purpose 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	<p>PLENARY 4</p> <p>MC Welcome, Craig Randazzo, For Purpose Consulting</p> <p>PANEL: Building Homes & Powering the Future</p> <p><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></p> <p>PANEL: Championing Women's Equality at Work</p> <p><i>Kit McMahon, Women in Adult and Vocational Education, Dominic Alford, Jesuit Social Services, Ben Brown, Essendon Football Club AFLW, Prof Michael Flood, Queensland University of Technology</i></p> <p>IN CONVERSATION: Walking Together – Authentic Engagement in Indigenous Employment</p> <p><i>Brett Toll, National Apprentice Employment Network, David Thomas, NT Indigenous Business Network</i></p>	<p>Ballroom 2 and 3</p> <p>MC: Craig Randazzo</p>
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: <i>Lauren Conceicao</i>	BREAKOUT 2: GROUP B
	<p>PRESENTATION: Who Benefits from Pre-Apprenticeships? <i>Melinda Lees, Joanne Waugh, National Centre for Vocational Education Research</i></p> <hr/> <p>PRESENTATION: Profit Before Pedagogy: Examining the Success and Failure of Private Providers <i>Dr Rocco Guarnaccia, VETASSESS</i></p> <hr/> <p>PRESENTATION: Addressing VET Workforce Research and Data Gaps <i>Dr Elizabeth Knight, Jobs and Skills Australia</i></p>	<p>WorldSkills Australia National Championships visit <i>Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre</i> <i>(Coach to depart at 10.45am)</i></p> <div data-bbox="1249 199 1368 293">  worldskills Australia </div>
12.30-1.30pm	Lunch and exhibition	Registration and Ann St Lobby
1.30-2.30pm	<p>CLOSING PLENARY</p> <hr/> <p>KEYNOTE: The Incredible Rescue, <i>Prof Arnold Dix, Barrister / Scientist / Humanitarian</i></p> <hr/> <p>MC Reflection and Wrap Up, <i>Craig Randazzo, For You Consulting</i></p> <hr/> <p>CEO Close, Lucky Door Prize and acknowledgments <i>Dianne Dayhew, National Apprentice Employment Network</i></p>	<p>Ballroom 2 and 3</p> <p>MC: Craig Randazzo</p>
2.30-3.30pm	Networking Celebration and exhibition	Registration and Ann St Lobby

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