




# SKILLS FOR LIFE

NAEN 2024 NATIONAL CONFERENCE  
23-25 July 2024, Adelaide





National Apprenticeship  
Employment Network



Tuesday 23 July 2024		
11.45-2.30pm	<p><b>Members Luncheon</b> (tickets required):  <b>Guy Bruten</b>, Director of Thematic Macro Research, Australian Super  <b>Laura Angus</b>, First Assistant Secretary/ Executive Director, Careers and International Skills, Department of Employment and Workplace Relations  <b>Peter Tresseder</b>, Education Manager, Member Domain, Australian Super</p> <p><i>Brought to you by our Partner Apprenticeship Employment Network SA</i></p> 	Balcony Rooms, <b>Hilton Adelaide</b>
5:00-6.00pm	<p><b>Welcome Reception</b> (by invitation):  <b>Her Excellency</b>, the Hon Frances Adamson AC, Governor of South Australia</p>	<b>Government House,</b> Adelaide

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6.15 – 7.45pm	<p><b>Apprentice Employment Network (AEN) SA Delegate Networking Event</b> (informal - all delegates welcome)</p> <p><i>Brought to you by our Partner Apprentice Employment Network SA</i></p> 	<p>Waymouth Room <b>The Gallery</b> 30 Waymouth St Adelaide</p>

Wednesday 24 July 2024		
7.30am	<p>Registration and Exhibition open Arrival tea and coffee</p>	<p>Ballroom Gallery Hilton Adelaide</p>
8.30-10.30am	<p><b>Opening Plenary</b></p>	<p>Grand Ballroom B &amp; C Hilton Adelaide MC: <b>Craig Randazzo</b></p>
	<p>Welcome to Country and Cultural performance: <b>Jack Buckskin</b>, Kuma Kaaru</p> <p>CEO Welcome: <b>Dianne Dayhew</b>, National Apprentice Employment Network</p> <p><u>KEYNOTE - GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA: <b>The Hon Blair Boyer MP</b>, Minister for Education, Training and Skills, South Australia</u></p> <p>A word from our Platinum Partner: <b>National Careers Institute, Department of Employment and Workplace Relations</b></p>   <p>MC introduction: <b>Craig Randazzo</b></p> <p><u>KEYNOTE: <b>Yalmay Yunupingu</b>, 2024 Senior Australian of the Year</u></p>	

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	<p><i>This session is brought to you by our Partner: Apprentice Employment Network, QLD/NT</i></p>  <p><b>KEYNOTE: <i>Guy Bruten</i>, Director of Thematic Macro Research, Australian Super</b></p>	
<b>10.30-11.00am</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>	<b>Ballroom Gallery</b>
<b>11.00-1.00pm</b>	<b>Morning Plenary</b>	Grand Ballroom, B & C <b>Hilton Adelaide</b> MC: <b><i>Craig Randazzo</i></b>
	<p><b>KEYNOTE:</b> The Future Won't Wait, <b><i>Nicholas Wyman</i></b>, CEO, Institute for Workplace Skills and Innovation</p> <p><b>KEYNOTE:</b> Global Ties Through Skills, <b><i>Jacob Thomases</i></b>, Economic Officer, United States Embassy Canberra</p> <p><b>KEYNOTE:</b> Revitalising Apprenticeships, <b><i>Dr Iain Ross AO</i></b>, Strategic Review of the Australian Apprenticeship Incentives System</p> <p><b>FEDERAL MINISTER KEYNOTE: <i>The Hon Brendan O'Connor MP</i></b>, Minister for Skills and Training</p> <p><i>This session is brought to you by our Partner: HunterNet Career Connections</i></p> 	
<b>1.00-2.00pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Ballroom Gallery</b>
<b>2.00pm-3.30pm</b>	<b>Mid Plenary</b>	Grand Ballroom, B & C <b>Hilton Adelaide</b> MC: <b><i>Craig Randazzo</i></b>
	<p><b>KEYNOTE:</b> Fractured Nation – the Demographic Forces Impacting Work, Regions and the Political Landscape  <b><i>George Megalogenis</i></b>, Author, Political Commentator</p>	
	<p><b>KEYNOTE: <i>Professor Barney Glover AO</i></b>, Commissioner of Jobs and Skills Australia</p>	
<b>3.30-4.00pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>	<b>Ballroom Gallery</b>


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4.00-5.10pm	<b>Afternoon Plenary</b>	Grand Ballroom, B &C <b>Hilton Adelaide</b> MC: <b>Craig Randazzo</b>
	<p><u>EXPERT PANEL:</u> Rethinking Apprentice Completions  Facilitator: <b>Professor Erica Smith</b> Federation University  Panellists: <b>Commissioner Cameron Baker</b>, Chair of the South Australian Skills Commission  <b>Tom Emeleus</b> General Manager, NECA Training and Apprenticeships  <b>Dr Don Zoellner</b>, University Fellow, Charles Darwin University  <b>Tracey Kelly</b>, CEO, mteSA</p>	
	<p><u>KEYNOTE:</u> Versatility and Transferability of Qualifications,  <b>Craig Robertson</b>, CEO Victorian Skills Authority, Chair Qualifications Reform Design Group</p>	
	<p><u>REFLECTION ON DAY 1:</u> <b>Craig Randazzo</b>, MC  Lucky door prize winner announced</p>	
<b>5.10pm</b>	<b>CLOSE</b>	
6:40pm	Coaches depart from front of Hilton Adelaide to Adelaide Oval (available for all delegates)	
7.00-11.00pm	<b>Conference Gala Dinner</b> (pre-purchased tickets required)	<b>Adelaide Oval</b> MC/Comedian <b>Andrew Barnett</b>
	<p>NAEN Life Member Presentation, <b>Sharon Smith</b>, Chair, National Apprentice Employment Network  2023 Australian Apprentice of the Year, <b>Amy Hunt</b>, Western Power  Gala Dinner Partner Presentation, <b>David Coltman</b>, CEO, TAFE SA,  Comedy Entertainment and MC, <b>Andrew Barnett</b>  Band, <b>The Cast</b></p> <p><i>Brought to you by our Gala Dinner Partner: TAFE SA</i></p> 	
10:40pm & 11:00pm	Shuttle coach service: Adelaide Oval to Hilton Adelaide	

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Thursday 25 July 2024		
8.30 – 9:00am	Registration and Exhibition open Arrival tea and coffee	Ballroom Gallery Hilton Adelaide
9.00 – 10.30am	Opening Plenary	Grand Ballroom, B & C Hilton Adelaide MC: <b>Craig Randazzo</b>
	<u>MC WELCOME:</u> <b>Craig Randazzo</b>	
	<p><u>JSC PANEL:</u> <b>Workforce Planning for Sector Priorities – the Role of Apprenticeships and Traineeships</b>            Facilitator: <b>John Liddicoat</b>, Octossure  <u>JSC Panellists:</u> <b>Lisa Bale</b>, Future Skills Organisation; <b>Anthea Middleton</b>, Powering Skills Organisation; <b>Paul Walsh</b>, Industry Skills Australia; <b>Jean Dyzel</b>, Public Skills Australia; <b>Brett Schimming</b>, BuildSkills Australia; <b>Dr Gavin Lind</b>, Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance; <b>Emma King OAM</b>, HumanAbility; <b>Michael Hartman</b>, Skills Insight; <b>Sharon Roberston</b>, Manufacturing Industry Skills Alliance; <b>Natalie Turmine</b>, Service and Creative Skills Australia</p>	
	<p><u>EXPERT PANEL:</u> <b>Skills: Playing the Long Game</b>            Facilitator <b>Craig Randazzo</b>  <u>Panellists:</u> <b>Emma Wallace</b>, Author, “This Girl Built That”; <b>Clare Feszczak</b>, Student Pathways and Careers, Department for Education, SA; <b>Derek Hennessy</b>, Regional Training Services, Central and Northern Sydney, Education and Skills Reform, Training Services NSW; <b>Melissa Pinney</b>, Director, Careers and Transitions, Careers and Vocational Pathways, Education Programs and Services, Education Directorate, ACT Government and <b>Teah Olsen</b>, Qualified Apprentice Guest</p> <p>Brought to you by our Session Partner: MIGAS</p> 	
	<p><b>Meet our Today’s Skills; Tomorrow’s Leaders</b>  <b>Leonie Stanfield</b>, National Careers Projects Manager, National Apprentice Employment Network</p>	

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10.30-11.00am	Morning Tea	Ballroom Gallery
11.00 – 12.30pm	Morning Plenary	Grand Ballroom, B & C Hilton Adelaide MC: <i>Craig Randazzo</i>
	<p><b>KEYNOTE: What the Apprenticeships Statistics Tell Us</b>  <i>Phil Loveder, Executive Manager, Inform and Engage, National Centre for Vocational Education Research</i></p>	
	<p><b>KEYNOTE: Statistical Artefacts and Late Additions:  The Place of Students and Employers in the Conceptually Confused National Training System</b>  <i>Dr Don Zoellner, University Fellow, Charles Darwin University</i></p>	
	<p><b>SHOWCASE PANEL: Skills Excellence on the World Stage</b>  <i>Trevor Schwenke, CEO WorldSkills Australia, and guest Skillaroos, Ashley Schmidt, Rachel Crawford and Elliana McRae</i></p> <p><i>Brought to you by our Partner: Zeal Futures</i></p> 	
	<p><b>CONFERENCE CLOSE:</b>  2025 conference announcement  Early Bird registration winner  Lucky door prize winner announced</p>	
12.30 – 1.15pm	Lunch and Networking	Ballroom Gallery