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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

**WORLDSKILLS AUSTRALIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS AND
NAEN2025 WELCOME RECEPTION**

NAEN2025 Welcome, Tom Emeleus, Chair, NAEN



Sky Room 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
8.45-10.30am	OPENING PLENARY <i>Welcome to Country, Shannon Ruska, Tribal Experiences</i> <i>CEO Welcome, Dianne Dayhew, CEO, National Apprentice Employment Network</i> KEYNOTE: State of the Nation, Katie Dean, AustralianSuper Federal Government Address, The Hon. Andrew Giles MP, Minister for Skills and Training KEYNOTE: Skills and Data Unplugged, Trevor Gauld, Deputy Commissioner, Jobs and Skills Australia	Ballroom Le Grand 2 and 3 MC: Craig Randazzo
10.30-11.05am	Morning tea and exhibition	Registration and Ann St Lobby
11.05am-1.05pm	PLENARY 2 KEYNOTE: Talk Track, Julia Banks, Leadership Consultant PANEL: Exploring a New Model: Accelerating Completions <i>Lauren Conceicao, Skills Frontier, Commissioner Cameron Baker, South Australian Skills Commission, Arline Dumazel, NSW Department of Education, Tom Emeleus, NECA Training and Apprenticeships</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 Le Grand 2 and 3 MC: Craig Randazzo

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

Ballroom Le Grand
2 and 3

PANEL: You Can Ask That: Truths from the Trade Floor

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



**RISE: Reverse Mentoring
Program Pilot EOI**



**You Can Ask That:
Submit Your Question**

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

PANEL: The Strategic Review of Australia's Apprenticeship System: Unlocking GTO Potential

*Bob Bowden, Foresight Communications, Stuart Diepeveen, Electrical Group Training,
Paul Hillberg, Apprenticeships Queensland, Andrew McCarthy, Victorian Group
Training, Sharon Smith, Zeal Futures*

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

Ballroom Le Grand
2 and 3

MC: Craig Randazzo

5.10pm

CLOSE OF DAY

6.30pm

Pre-dinner drinks

MUSIC BY: TAFE Queensland students

Registration and Ann
St Lobby

7.00-11.00pm

Gala Dinner

**NAEN Life Member Presentation, Tom Emeleus, Chair, National Apprentice
Employment Network**

**KEYNOTE: Gabrielle Clift, Finalist, Apprentice of the Year, 2023 Australian Training
Awards**

COMEDY SET: Daniel Connell

MUSIC BY: The Baker Boys Band

MC: Bruce Sullivan



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: Australia's Future Workforce: Insights from the Jobs and Skills Councils <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 <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>Ballroom Le Grand 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> <p>PRESENTATION: Profit Before Pedagogy: Examining the Success and Failure of Private Providers <i>Dr Rocco Guarnaccia, VETASSESS</i></p> <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> 
12.30-1.30pm	Lunch and exhibition	Registration and Ann St Lobby
1.30-2.30pm	<p>CLOSING PLENARY</p> <p>KEYNOTE: The Incredible Rescue, <i>Prof Arnold Dix, Barrister / Scientist / Humanitarian</i></p> <p>MC Reflection and Wrap Up, <i>Craig Randazzo, For Purpose Consulting</i></p> <p>CEO Close, Lucky Door Prize and Acknowledgments <i>Dianne Dayhew, National Apprentice Employment Network</i></p>	<p>Ballroom Le Grand 2 and 3</p> <p>MC: Craig Randazzo</p>
2.30-3.30pm	<p>Networking celebration and exhibition</p> <p>MUSIC BY: TAFE Queensland students</p>	Registration and Ann St Lobby

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