



**Wednesday 27 May 2026**

<p>11.45-2.30pm</p>	<p>NAEN Members' Luncheon (tickets may be purchased through the registration site)  <b>MC: Tom Emelius, CEO, NECA Training &amp; Apprenticeships</b>  <b>KEYNOTE: Dr Melissa Banelis, Chief Product and Data Officer, National Centre for Vocational Education Research</b>  <b>KEYNOTE: Commissioner Cameron Baker, Chair of the South Australian Skills Commission, South Australian Skills Commission</b></p> <p>Brought to you by our Partner, Apprenticeship Employment Network NSW &amp; ACT</p> 	<p>Arnguli Grill &amp; Restaurant, Desert Gardens Hotel</p>
<p>6.00-8.00pm</p>	<p><b>Welcome Reception</b>          Brought to you by our Partner Apprenticeship Employment Network QLD &amp; NT</p> 	<p>Poolside, Sails in the Desert</p>

**Thursday 28 May 2026**

8.00-8.30am	Arrival tea and coffee	Pre-Function Area, Uluru Meeting Place
8.30-10.00am	<b>Opening plenary</b>	<b>Tjungu Ballroom, Uluru Meeting Place</b>
	<p><u>CULTURAL WELCOME:</u> <i>To be announced</i></p> <p><u>CEO WELCOME:</u> <b>Dianne Dayhew</b>, CEO, National Apprentice Employment Network</p> <p><u>FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ADDRESS:</u> <b>The Hon. Andrew Giles MP</b>, Minister for Skills and Training</p> <p><u>STATE OF THE NATION:</u> <b>Deborah Kelly</b>, AustralianSuper</p>	<p>MC: <b>Craig Randazzo</b>, For Purpose Consulting</p>
10.00-10.30am	Morning tea and exhibition	Wanari Room, Uluru Meeting Place
10.30-12.00pm	<b>Plenary 2</b>	<b>Tjungu Ballroom, Uluru Meeting Place</b>
	<p><u>KEYNOTE:</u> <b>Evie Rushforth</b>, 2025 Australian Apprentice of the Year Address</p> <p><u>JSA COMMISSIONER ADDRESS:</u> <b>Professor Barney Glover</b>, Commissioner, Jobs and Skills Australia</p> <p><u>KEYNOTE:</u> Work has changed — but so have they, <b>Alison Pennington</b>, Chief Economist, The McKell Institute</p>	<p>MC: <b>Craig Randazzo</b>, For Purpose Consulting</p>
12.00-1.00pm	Lunch and exhibition	Wanari Room, Uluru Meeting Place
1.00-2.00pm	<b>Plenary 3</b>	<b>Tjungu Ballroom, Uluru Meeting Place</b>
	<p><u>PANEL:</u> What's going on with apprenticeships? Panelists:</p> <p><b>Dr Vanda Fortunato</b>, Interim CEO, Industry Skills Australia  <b>Aaron Hines</b>, Director, Training Products and Projects, Service and Creative Skills Australia  <b>Emma King OAM</b>, CEO, HumanAbility  <b>Adrian Lea</b>, Executive Director, AUSMASA  <b>Anthea Middleton</b>, CEO, Powering Skills Organisation  <b>Dugald Murray</b>, CEO, Skill Insight</p>	

	<p><b>Sharon Robertson</b>, CEO, Manufacturing Industry Skills Alliance  <b>Brett Schimming</b>, CEO, BuildSkills Australia</p> <p>SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT</p>	
2.00-2.20pm	Afternoon tea and exhibition	Wanari Room, Uluru Meeting Place
2.20-4.00pm	<b>Plenary 4</b>	<b>Tjungu Ballroom, Uluru Meeting Place</b>
	<p><u>KEYNOTE WORKSHOP</u>: Micro-storytelling, <b>Jason Van Genderen</b>, Filmmaker, Creative Media Presenter</p> <p><u>MC REFLECTION</u>: <b>Craig Randazzo</b>, For Purpose Consulting</p> <p><u>LUCKY DOOR PRIZE</u>: <b>Dianne Dayhew</b>, National Apprentice Employment Network</p>	MC: <b>Craig Randazzo</b> , For Purpose Consulting
<b>CLOSE OF DAY 1</b>		
5.00pm	Meet the buses for the Sound of Silence Dinner	Sails in the Desert, Desert Garden Hotel, The Lost Camel

<b>Friday 28 May 2026</b>		
8.15-8.45am	Arrival tea and coffee and exhibition	Wanari Room, Uluru Meeting Place
8.45-11.00am	<b>Plenary 5</b>	<b>Tjungu Ballroom, Uluru Meeting Place</b>
	<p><u>MC WRAP</u>: <b>Craig Randazzo</b>, For Purpose Consulting</p> <p><u>SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT</u>: NAEN 2027 announcement</p> <p><u>LIFE MEMBER PRESENTATION</u>: <b>Tom Emeleus</b>, CEO, NECA Training &amp; Apprenticeships</p> <p><u>FEDERAL OPPOSITION ADDRESS</u>: <b>Senator Jacinta Nampijinpa Price</b>, Shadow Minister for Skills &amp; Training, (invited)</p> <p><u>KEYNOTE</u>: To be announced</p>	MC: <b>Craig Randazzo</b> , For Purpose Consulting

	<p><u>PANEL:</u> AI on the tools: What it means for apprenticeships Facilitator: <b>John Liddicoat</b>, Founder, Octossure Panelists: <b>To be announced</b>, Future Skills Organisation <b>Saf Flatters</b>, Project Support Lead, National Apprentice Employment Network <b>Brett McCroary</b>, Senior Manager, Operations (Construction), TAFE NSW</p> <p><u>PANEL:</u> Fix the system, not the woman: Reforming workplace culture Panelists: <b>To be announced</b>, Australian Workers Union <b>To be announced</b>, Bendigo Kangan Institute of TAFE <b>Kit McMahon</b>, Women In Adult and Vocational Education</p>	
11.00-11.30am	Morning tea and exhibition	Wanari Room, Uluru Meeting Place
11.30-12.30pm	<b>Closing plenary</b>	<b>Tjungu Ballroom, Uluru Meeting Place</b>
	<p><u>KEYNOTE:</u> <i>To be announced</i></p> <p><u>KEYNOTE:</u> <i>Micro-storytelling playback, Jason Van Genderen, Filmmaker, Creative Media Presenter</i></p> <p><u>LUCKY DOOR PRIZE WINNER ANNOUNCED:</u> <b>Dianne Dayhew</b>, National Apprentice Employment Network</p>	MC: <b>Craig Randazzo</b> , <i>For Purpose Consulting</i>
<b>CLOSE OF NAEN 2026</b>		