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NAEN NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2023  
15-17 August 2023, Melbourne

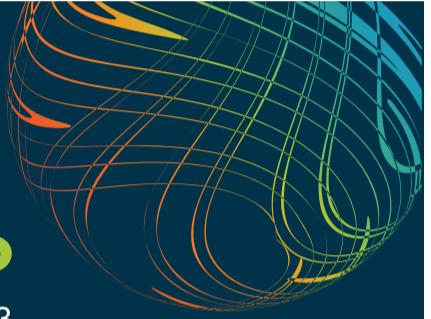
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## TUESDAY 15 AUGUST 2023

**11.30-2.30pm MEMBER LUNCHEON** (tickets required):  
**Stephen Koukoulas**, Managing Director, Market Economics  
**Laura Angus**, First Assistant Secretary, Department  
of Employment and Workplace Relations  
**Tony Morriss**, Senior Director, Thematic Macro Research,  
Asset Allocation, Investments, AustralianSuper



**Medallion Club,  
Marvel Stadium**

**6.00-8.00pm WELCOME RECEPTION** (all invited):  
**Craig Robertson**, CEO, Victorian Skills Authority  
**Trevor Schwenke**, CEO, WorldSkills Australia  
*Delegates to make their own way to venue*



**SEA LIFE,  
Melbourne Aquarium**

## WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST 2023

**7.30am ARRIVAL TEA AND COFFEE AND REGISTRATION**

**8.30-10.30am OPENING PLENARY**

**Victory Room  
MC: Craig Randazzo**

**8.30am WELCOME TO COUNTRY: Perry Wandin**

**8.40am CEO WELCOME: Dianne Dayhew**, National Apprenticeship Employment Network

**8.50am WELCOME TO VICTORIA: Craig Robertson**, CEO, Victorian Skills Authority, on behalf of the **Hon. Gayle Tierney MP**,  
Minister for Training and Skills, Minister for Higher Education and Minister for Agriculture

**9.00am MC INTRODUCTION: Craig Randazzo**, For Purpose Consulting

**9.05am FEDERAL MINISTER KEYNOTE: Hon Brendan O'Connor MP**, Minister for Skills and Training

**9.30am KEYNOTE: The New World of Work, Simon Kuestenmacher**, The Demographics Group

**10.00am KEYNOTE: Liam O'Brien**, Assistant Secretary, Australian Council of Trade Unions

**10.30-11.00am MORNING TEA**

**11.00-12.40pm MORNING PLENARY**

**Victory Room  
MC: Craig Randazzo**

**11.00am GEARING UP FOR AUKUS: Janet Garner**, BAE Systems Submarines, BAE UK

**11.20am INDUSTRY PANEL: The Big Skills Drive; Dr Gavin Lind**, Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance; **Kit McMahon**,  
Tradeswomen Australia; **Sharon Robertson**, Manufacturing Industry Skills Alliance  
FACILITATOR: **Claire Field**, Claire Field & Associates

**12.10pm KEYNOTE: Changing Skill Requirements in Australia: The Importance of Transferable  
Vocational Capabilities, Professor John Buchanan**, University of Sydney Business School



**12.40-1.40pm LUNCH**

**1.40-2.45pm MID PLENARY**

**Victory Room  
MC: Craig Randazzo**

**1.40pm FEDERAL OPPOSITION ADDRESS: Hon Sussan Ley MP**, Deputy Leader of the  
Opposition, Shadow Minister for Industry, Skills and Training

**2.05pm KEYNOTE: Jobs and Skills Australia Update: Professor Peter Dawkins AO**, Jobs and Skills Australia

**2.35pm PLATINUM SPONSOR ADDRESS: Peter Treseder**, Education Manager

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# WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST 2023 (CONTINUED)

2.45-3.15pm AFTERNOON TEA

3.15-5.00pm AFTERNOON PLENARY

Victory Room  
MC: Craig Randazzo

3.15pm **WORLDSKILLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS UPDATE:** *Trevor Schwenke*, CEO, WorldSkills Australia

3.20pm **KEYNOTE:** State of the Nation; *Stephen Koukoulas*, Managing Director, Market Economics

4.05pm **INDUSTRY PANEL:** It's Time to Chat GPT and AI; *Patrick Kidd*, Future Skills Organisation; *John Liddicoat*, Octossure; *Suneeti Rekhar*, TAFE NSW.  
FACILITATOR: *Claire Field*, Claire Field & Associates



4.55pm **REFLECTION ON DAY 1:** *Craig Randazzo*, MC, For Purpose Consulting

5.00pm **CLOSE OF DAY 1**

7.00-11.00pm **CONFERENCE GALA DINNER** (tickets required), featuring:  
• NAEN Life Member Awards Ceremony, *Sharon Smith*, Chair NAEN  
• 2022 Australian Apprentice of the Year Address, *Jennah Halley*  
• Gala Dinner Partner Address, *Sally Curtin*, Bendigo TAFE/Kangan Institute  
• Comedy Entertainment and MC, *Husna Pasha*, Happychondriac Society  
• Band, *The Baker Boys*  
*Delegates to make their own way to venue*

Showtime Events  
Centre  
MC: Husna Pasha



# THURSDAY 17 AUGUST 2023

8.00am ARRIVAL TEA AND COFFEE AND REGISTRATION

8.30-9.50am OPENING PLENARY

Victory Room  
MC: Craig Randazzo

8.30am **MC WELCOME:** *Craig Randazzo*, For Purpose Consulting

8.40am **GUEST SPEAKERS:** Caring for the Ages; *Megan and Jason van Genderen*, Oma's Applesauce Productions

9.25am **UNDERSTANDING 'THE VOICE':** *Guyson Baker*, National Indigenous Officer  
The Australian Workers' Union National Office

9.50-10.20am MORNING TEA

10.20-12.30pm MORNING PLENARY

Victory Room  
MC: Craig Randazzo

10.20am **INDUSTRY PANEL:** The Right Support for Youth Starting Work; *Sally Curtin*, Bendigo TAFE/Kangan Institute; *Tim O'Brien*, Alcohol and Drug Awareness Australia, *Lochlan Veale*, Victorian Group Training Company.  
FACILITATOR: *Dr Peta Skujins*, Integrated Information Services

11.10am **TODAY'S SKILLS: TOMORROW'S LEADERS' UPDATE:** *Leonie Stanfield*, NAEN Careers Projects Manager

11.25am **CLOSING KEYNOTE:** *Sam Bloom*, bestselling author, global keynote speaker, real-life inspiration behind 'Penguin Bloom'

12.15pm **CONFERENCE CLOSE:** *Dianne Dayhew*, CEO, National Apprentice Employment Network

12.30-1.15pm LUNCH

1.15pm **Opportunity to Visit WorldSkills National Championships, Melbourne Convention Centre**

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