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Conference program

Keynotes

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Sophie Renton, social researcher, trends analyst and Managing Director at the internationally recognised McCrindle Research

Wednesday 6 July

Sophie Renton leads and guides the team at McCrindle in search of clear, strategic insights that bring clarity to complexity. Using a wide range of methodologies in her research, presentations and consulting, Sophie understands how evidence-based insights can inform strategy and help organisations to thrive amidst change.

Sophie's engaging, research-based presentations have seen her present to various sectors through board room strategy sessions, keynote presentations and workshops. With academic qualifications in sociology and psychology, Sophie brings robust, research-based content to her engaging presentations and consulting.

Alex Jackson, executive designer, specialising in behavioural psychology and gamification at ThinkPlace

Thursday 7 July

Alex Jackson is a designer and a creative. Specialising in behavioural psychology and gamification, Alex loves



to take a creative and playful approach in achieving organisational outcomes.

Before starting his career in consulting, Alex worked for the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience to shift the dial in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education and leadership. Alex now works with ThinkPlace, designing strategic and transformational change in service of vibrant communities, strong economies and sustainable environments.

Alex is experienced in human centered design and research, facilitation, innovation, gamification, and behavioural design. He is an engaging presenter and has facilitated TEDxCanberra events, panel interviews, strategy workshops, and university lectures. Alex is at his best in a room full of people and loves to network with anyone willing to share an idea.



Simon Walker, *Managing Director, NCVER*

Friday 8 July

Simon Walker began his career in the public sector as a financial analyst for Central TAFE in Western Australia after starting his career in the private sector. Simon joined the WA Department of Training in 1997 and has since worked in a variety of senior executive roles with a focus on VET sector planning, policy and resourcing.

Simon represented Western Australia on the national Senior Skills Officials Network (SSON) and the national Ministerial Advisory Council on Skilled Migration (MACSM) and was an ex-

migration (MRCM) and was an ex

officio representative on the Western Australian State Training Board. Simon was also the state and territory government representative on the inaugural Australian Industry Skills Committee (AISC).

Simon joined the NCVER board as a director in 2015 and took up the position of Managing Director of the NCVER in October 2018.

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DAY 1

WELCOME AND KEYNOTE

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10:00 WELCOME ADDRESS: *Simon Walker, Managing Director, NCVER*

MINISTERIAL ADDRESS: *The Hon Brendan O'Connor MP, Minister for Skills and Training*

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

SOPHIE RENTON, *Social researcher, trends analyst and Managing Director at internationally recognised McCrindle Research*

The future of vocational education: Now and towards 2032



11:00 15 MINUTE BREAK

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

THEME	PATHWAYS	ACCESS & EQUITY	TEACHING & LEARNING
11:15	Future skilling of the maritime defence industry: the Defence Industry Pathways Program <i>Brenda Micale, South Metropolitan TAFE</i>	Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health (SARRAH) & TAFE NSW: a collaboration case study in rural allied health and vocational education <i>Nerida Volker, TAFE NSW</i>	VET teaching during 2020: COVID and beyond <i>Erica Smith, Federation University & Daryl South, Charles Sturt University</i>
11:45	Importance of relationships in creating and sustaining integrated VET-higher education qualification pathways <i>Steven Hodge, Griffith University & Lizzie Knight, Victoria University</i>	Eliminating stakeholder silos to improve apprenticeship opportunities for people with disability <i>Members of the Melbourne Apprenticeship Disability Network</i>	Strategies that increase online student engagement with content <i>Deniese Cox, TeachingOnline.com.au</i>

12:15 30 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK

FOCUS SESSION

12:45 Let me introduce you to VOCEDplus!

Tracy Gamlin, NCVER

Come along for a guided tour of VOCEDplus - NCVER's free international tertiary education research database. See our curated resources including the Pod Network, VET Knowledge Bank, and VET Practitioner Resource. Explore our homepage quick links to gems such as the Glossary of VET, Statistical resources, Focus on, and Special collections. Be amazed at the search capabilities of VOCEDplus and learn how you can use VOCEDplus to meet all your information needs.



13:30 15 MINUTE BREAK

FEATURED SPEAKERS

13:45 'In 2022 Australian business leaders are turning to education and training for the solutions'

Megan Lilly, Australian Industry Group - Centre for Education & Training

14:15 The future skills needs of service-based industries and VET's role in delivering the skills

Silvia Munoz, SkillsIQ

14:45



Live Q&A Talk Show featuring Megan Lilly and Silvia Munoz

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15:15 15 MINUTE BREAK

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

THEME	PATHWAYS	ACCESS & EQUITY	INDIGENOUS PEOPLE
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15:30 **Journeying through VET: a case study of foundation skills learners**
Michelle Circelli & Zhenyuan Li, NCVER

Inclusive practice: how VET can empower disadvantaged learners
Lloyd Gris, National Disability Coordination Officer Program

An employer-led training model achieving results
Madonna Tomes & Janet Skewes, RASAC

16:00 **DAY 1 CONCLUDES**

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DAY 2

KEYNOTE SESSION

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10:00 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

ALEX JACKSON, *Executive designer, specialising in behavioural psychology and gamification at ThinkPlace*
Game on! How to integrate gamification in VET



10:45 **15 MINUTE BREAK**

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

THEME	POLICY	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	APPRENTICES & TRAINEES
11:00	Multiple VETs and future realities: a worked example of policy discourse analysis <i>Don Zoellner, Charles Darwin University</i>	Enabling VET's applied research capability to support Australia's transformative future <i>Allison Miller, Digital Capability</i>	A new opportunity for employment based training <i>David Longley, Brotherhood of St Laurence</i>
11:30	Towards ensuring quality in Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in Bangladesh: achievement and future direction <i>Md Shahadat Hossain Khan, Islamic University of Technology</i>		Using behavioural messages to retain vulnerable apprentices and trainees <i>Zuleyka Zevallos, NSW Behavioural Insights Unit, Department of Customer Service, NSW Government, Michelle Pisano, Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE), NSW Government & Derek Hennessy, Training Services NSW, NSW Government</i>

12:00

COVID-19's impact on the alcohol and other drug (AOD) sector: training new and existing AOD workers

Fay Staio, Turnin g Point

There has to be more to it: supporting young people through VET to successful completion of apprenticeships in traditional construction trades

Tim Corney & Fiona MacDonald, Victoria University

12:30 30 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK

FEATURED SPEAKERS

13:00 Key lessons from a systemic change approach to strengthening skilled pathways to work for disadvantaged young people

Kira Clarke, Brotherhood of St Laurence

13:30 Upskilling and reskilling: the impact of COVID-19 on employers and their training choices

Ian White, NCVER

14:00



Live Q&A Talk Show featuring

Kira Clarke & Ian White

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15 MINUTE BREAK

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

THEME

PATHWAYS

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY

14:45

School career practitioners and the guidance provided to students pursuing STEM careers in VET institutions

Melanie Evangelista, RMIT University

Reimagining digital skills for the manufacturing sector: an industry case study

Geethani Nair, DSO, Sharon Robertson & Philip Clarke, IBSA Group

15:15 **Vocational to higher education postgraduate pathways: short cycle upskilling for employed VET graduates**
Craig Poole, TAFE Queensland

Where to from here?
Implications of a pandemic on VET training delivery
Sheila Hume & Tabatha Griffin, NCVER

15:45 **DAY 2 CONCLUDES**

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DAY 3

PLENARY SESSION

10:00 **Evaluating and enhancing the digital readiness of Australia's vocational education and training products**
Erin Knudsen, Australian Industry Standards, Dr Claire Mason, Data61 (CSIRO) & Michael Wyndham, Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

THEME	ACCESS & EQUITY	SKILLS	QUALIFICATIONS
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10:30	Inequality in Australia: what can vocational education and training do? <i>Don Perlgut, Community Colleges Australia</i>	Bridging life transition s: role of VET in supporting lifelong learning <i>Sarojni Choy, Stephen Billett & Leah Le, Griffith University</i>	Using natural language processing to better understand the VET system and pathways to employment <i>Simon Parker & Jingning Xue, National Skills Commission</i>
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11:00 15 MINUTE BREAK

FEATURED SPEAKERS

11:15	Delivering on quality VET delivery <i>Hugh Guthrie, Lusid Pty Ltd</i>
11:45	Pathways from VET courses - insights from the VET National Data Asset <i>Damian Oliver & Nicky Wonder, National Skills Commission</i>

12:15	Live Q&A Talk Show featuring Hugh Guthrie and Damian Oliver <i>Facilitated by broadcast journalist Steve Davis</i>
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12:45 30 MINUTE LUNCH BREAK

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THEME	INTERNATIONAL VET	PRACTICE
13:15	Aotearoa New Zealand Reform of VET: Te Pūkenga's progress on meeting its aspirations <i>Selena Chan, Ara Institute of Canterbury</i>	Integrating innovations at work and learning <i>Stephen Billett, Griffith University</i>

13:45 Understanding recent developments in VET and higher education: Australia and the UK
Erica Smith, Federation University

Building bridges between the Allied Health Assistant and the Allied Health Professional to meet workforce shortages: a university and TAFE partnership in WA
Kelly Milner, Yvette Vos, North Metropolitan TAFE & Charn Nang, Edith Cowan University

KEYNOTE SESSION

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14:15 KEYNOTE SPEAKER

SIMON WALKER, *Managing Director, NCVER*
Data's role in transforming the future



CLOSING REMARKS

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