

	TUESDAY 7 MAY 2024				
	Pre-Convention Site Visit				
	Site visit to TAFE NSW's Institute of Applied Technology-Digital				
	Meadowbank Campus, See Street, Meadowbank, 2114				
	Please allow sufficient time for travel to the Meadowbank Campus				
3.00pm –	Delegates will see the real-world impacts in the Institute of Applied Technology-Digital (IATD) 3D simulated 'Anytown'.				
4.30pm	4.30pm TAFE NSW will demonstrate cyber attacks on 'real' infrastructure such as dams and nuclear power plants. Delegates				
	can also check out the state-of-the-art cyber range that is set up to replicate a real-life Security Operations Centre.				

	WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 2024			
	Main Program			
	Sofitel Sydney Wentworth Hotel (Level 3)			
	Opening Plenary Session (Wentworth Ballroom)			
8.30am	.30am TDA Convention 2024 opening			
	Helen McCabe, Founder and Managing Director of Future Women and TDA Convention 2024 MC			
8.35am	Welcome to Country			
	Uncle Allen Madden, Gadigal elder			
8.50am	Transforming the future with TAFE at the heart of Australia's tertiary education system			



Join key figures in the Australian tertiary education landscape for a conversation on the transformative potential of the National Skills Agreement and the Australian Universities Accord in meeting the current, emerging and future skills and workforce needs of the Australian economy. This session will provide a comprehensive view of the government's direction in tertiary education, and how TAFE remains strategically positioned at the heart of progress.

### Panel members:

- Barney Glover, Commissioner, Jobs and Skills Australia
- Anna Faithfull, Deputy Secretary, Skills & Training, Department of Employment and Workplace Relations

### 9.45am

### Student success and improving completions

This panel of TAFE experts and award winners will dive deeply into the heart of TAFE. It will explore how excellence in teaching and learning is a key factor for student success through to completion, enabling all learners the opportunity to fulfil their career and life ambitions.

### **Award winning educators:**

- Holly Gudsell, Advanced Skills Lecturer in School-Based Education Support, North Metropolitan TAFE, WA,
   National winner of Australian VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year 2023
- **Peter Redfern Elliot**, Hospitality Educator and Pastoral Care Officer, Canberra Institute of Technology, State winner of *VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year 2023*
- **Brendan Reid**, Language and Learning Advisor, Charles Darwin University, National Winner of the *Excellence in Language*, *Literacy and Numeracy Practice 2023*

### **Faculty Leaders:**



	Alyssa Forbes Nicolson, Dean, Faculty of Education and Foundation Studies, Holmesglen Institute, Victoria				
	<ul> <li>Kerryn Meredith-Sotiris, Executive Director Education and Skills (South), TAFE NSW</li> </ul>				
10.30am	Morning Tea				
11.00am	Minister's address				
	The Hon. Brendan O'Connor MP, Minister for Skills and Training				
11.30am	Workforce insights and skills in demand				
	Join the CEOs of Jobs and Skills Councils from a range of industry sectors for a candid conversation on their workforce				
	planning, Australia's skill needs, their responses to qualification design reform, and the importance of collaborative				
	efforts with TAFE to address the skills gap.				
	Panel members:				
	Michael Hartman, Chief Executive Officer, Skills Insight				
	Patrick Kidd, Chief Executive Officer, Future Skills Organisation				
	Emma King, Chief Executive Officer, HumanAbility				
	Gavin Lind, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Mining and Automotive Alliance				
	<ul> <li>Anthea Middleton, Chief Executive Officer, Powering Skills Organisation</li> </ul>				
	Sharon Robertson, Chief Executive Officer, Manufacturing Industry Skills Alliance				
	Brett Schimming, Chief Executive Officer, BuildSkills Australia				
	Natalie Turmine, Chief Executive Officer, Service and Creative Skills Australia				
	Paul Walsh, Chief Executive Officer, Industry Skills Australia				



12.30pm –	Lunch Break		
1.45pm			
12.50pm –	Lunchtime panel – Transformation in TAFE: Lessons on building a game-changing strategy		
1.30pm	by Diamond sponsor ReadyTech		
	(Brisbane room)		

1.45pm – 3.15pm	Day 1 Breakout Sessions – Concurrent Stream 1				
	Sofitel Sydney Wentworth Hotel (Level 3)				
Session 1A:	Session 1B:	Session 1C:	Session 1D:	Session 1E:	
Industry collaboration:	Excellence in learning	A focused discussion	Health and human	First Nations student	
agribusiness, textiles &	and teaching	about apprentices	services	success	
applied research					
Canberra room	Perth room	Sydney room	Melbourne room	Brisbane room	
Chair:	Chair:	Chair:	Chair:	Chair:	
Grant Dreher	Christine Robertson	John Tucker	Mary Faraone	Jason Darney	
These presentations	This workshop session	This workshop brings	This interactive session	This session will explore	
focus on TAFE and	showcases excellence in	together Jobs and Skills	will delve into the critical	a range of TAFE	
industry collaboration	learning and teaching	Councils for	domain of health and	initiatives and	
		manufacturing, transport	human services,		

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providing solutions in agribusiness and for textile waste as well as how applied research offers a different and targeted approach for TAFEs to meet the needs of industry.

**Michael Hartman**, Skills Insight, Jobs and Skills Council for agribusiness, fibre, furnishing, food, animal and environment.

Lisa Piller, South Metropolitan TAFE, WA, The Heart of the Issue: collaborative action on textile waste in WA. through two interactive workshops – one on innovative approaches to practical delivery using streaming solutions, the other exploring a coaching approach to teaching excellence.

Allison Poole, TAFE NSW, TAFE NSW's Connected Learning Points – Taking the practical delivery to new levels using streaming solutions.

Cheryl Wilson, Tamara Cousins & Alexandra and logistics, building and construction along with the National Australian Apprenticeships Association for a deep dive on how to improve apprentice completions.

Sharon Robertson,
Manufacturing Industry
Skills Alliance, Paul
Walsh, Industry Skills
Australia, Brett
Schimming, BuildSkills
Australia; and Ben
Bardon, National
Australian

**Apprenticeships** 

Association.

exploring innovative solutions to workforce challenges and student-centred digital work placement tools.

### Warren Hill & Jennie Courtney,

HumanAbility, Exploring innovative solutions to workforce challenges in the human services sectors.

Helen Hull, North Metropolitan TAFE, A National First: Innovative studentcentred digital work placement tools for enrolled nurses. methodologies aimed at enhancing First Nations student success and community engagement.

### Emma Rice & Leanne

**Bell**, TAFE Queensland, Building connection with our communities – implementation of TAFE Queensland's First Nations Education Strategy.

### Michael Hamilton,

CDU, First Nations Training at TAFE: Methodologies that



	Vardis, Melbourne			benefit student,
John Flett, South West	Polytechnic, Excellence			community and TAFE.
TAFE, Applied Research	in learning and teaching			
in the VET sector –	through a partnership			Wyatt Cain, TAFE NSW,
Lessons for Australian	approach.			The value of First
TAFE.				Nations perspectives in
				the classroom.
3.15pm – 3.45pm	Afternoon tea			



3.45pm – 5.15pm	Breakout Sessions – Concurrent Stream 2				
	Sofitel Sydney Wentworth Hotel (Level 3)				
Session 2A:	Session 2B:	Session 2C:	Session 2D:	Session 2E:	
Supporting student	Artificial intelligence	Using data intelligently	Meeting TAFE and	Industry partnerships	
success	(AI) in industry and	and the new TGA	Australian workforce		
	TAFE		needs		
Canberra room	Perth room	Sydney room	Melbourne room	Brisbane room	
Chair:	Chair:	Chair:	Chair:	Chair:	
Grant Radford	Darshi Ganeson-Oats	Janet Schorer	Vanessa Kissane	Simone Gibbs	
TAFEs are renowned for	This session will examine	This session will	There will be two	With a focus on TAFE	
the diverse approaches	the transformative	showcase TAFE	workshops in this	and industry	
they employ to support	potential of AI in TAFE	Queensland's data-	session. The first will	partnerships, this session	
students throughout	and industry and how Al	driven Product Planning	provide insights on	examines TAFE's role in	
their education. This	is shaping the	Framework used to	workforce issues and	building sovereign	
session unpacks how	educational landscape.	ensure training products	solutions for TAFEs	capability and supply	
TAFEs are putting	educational ianuscape.	are fit for purpose and	themselves in attracting	chain resilience, training	
student success at the	Datrick Kidd (ESO) 9:	aligned to industry	and retaining staff. This	the clean energy	
	Patrick Kidd (FSO) & Gavin Lind (AUSMASA),	needs. Following will be	will be followed by a	workforce and	

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heart of their decisionmaking.

Hemant Kokularupan, Box Hill & Susan Pettigrew, South West TAFE, Moments That Matter.

**Louisa Ellum**, Swinburne, Student Success Program – Collaboration in action.

Marina Borrello, TAFE SA, Building an Inclusive Teaching and Learning Roadmap.

Application of AI in industry.

Suneeti Rekhari & Sharon Lehman, TAFE NSW, The future is now: Crafting an institutional Al policy and action plan in a dynamic educational landscape.

**David H. Smith**, CIT, Designing educational conversations with AI using simple and advanced prompts. a workshop on the new TGA, highlighting enhancements to training.gov.au. There is still time to give feedback prior to the launch of the new training.gov.au website.

Julie Healy, TAFE Queensland, Using market intelligence and performance data to inform product decisions.

Nathan Smith, Ben O'Cianain & Clair Strickland, DEWR, problem solving workshop addressing the broader question on the role of TAFE in meeting Australia's future workforce needs.

Julie Tickle, TAFE NSW, Paid to Learn: Innovative program attracting teachers and managing retention in identified skills shortage areas.

Chris Koutoulas, TAFE NSW, Employee Wellbeing influences performance and engagement.

Mish Eastman & Robbie Van Dijk, RMIT,

addressing critical infrastructure needs.

Penny Johnston & Nick
Howie, TAFE SA,
Sovereign Skilling
Capability: Why TAFE at
the Heart is central to
Australia's security,
sustainability and
resilience.

Shawn O'Sullivan, TAFE Queensland, Keeping Australia's Workforce Ahead of Global Trends: Creating Training Solutions for the Next Generation of Clean Energy Workforce.



Glen Brack, TAFE NSW,	Have your say on the	Rising to the Challenge:	Justin Vaughan, North
Weaving trauma-	new TGA!	Australia's Future	Metropolitan TAFE, WA,
informed ideas into our		Workforce Solutions.	Collaboration success at
learning spaces.			the heart of responding
			to industry needs.

6.30pm –	Pre-Dinner Drinks
7.00pm	Sofitel Sydney Wentworth Hotel (Level 3 Foyer)
	TDA Convention 2024 Dinner (Wentworth Ballroom)
	Presentation of TAFE Staff Recognition Awards by Diamond sponsor ReadyTech
7.00pm –	and Gold sponsors TechnologyOne and Aspire Learning
9.30pm	Welcome by Mary Faraone, TDA Board Chair
	MCs: Robbie Van Dijk, RMIT & Kelly McCarthy, CDU
	Ticketed event



	THURSDAY 9 MAY 2024				
	Sofitel Sydney Wentworth Hotel (Level 3)				
8.30am – 12.30pm	Plenary Day 2 (Wentworth Ballroom)				
8.30am	MC welcome and recap				
8.45am	Address by The Hon. Steve Whan MP, NSW Minister for Skills, TAFE and Tertiary Education				
9.00am	Team Australia Skillaroos and their WorldSkills journey				
Hannah Gerritsen, TAFE NSW student					
	Ethan Everett, TAFE NSW student				
9.25am	Keynote speaker: International perspectives on tertiary education				
	David Hughes, Chief Executive of the Association of Colleges, UK				
10.20am – 10.50am	Morning Tea				
10.50am	Lessons for Australia from the European Centres of Vocational Excellence (COVE)				
	Boudewijn Grievink, Program Manager Internationalisation Katapult, Netherlands (pre-recorded video)				
11.15am	Innovation and self-accreditation – fundamental aspects of TAFE Centres of Excellence				
	Dr Margot McNeill, Chief Product & Quality Officer, TAFE NSW				
11.30am	TAFE Centres of Excellence				



Announced as part of the National Skills Agreement, TAFE Centres of Excellence will innovate the delivery of tertiary education, provide high quality and responsive skills training for critical and emerging industries and drive teaching and training excellence. This panel brings together TAFE leaders and industry partners to discuss and share their vision for these nationally networked centres.

### Panel members:

- Stephen Brady, Managing Director, TAFE NSW
- Andrew Stirling, Organisational Development Business Partner, Bluescope Steel
- Joanne Payne, Managing Director, Central Regional TAFE, WA
- David Coltman, Chief Executive, TAFESA
- Sharon Robertson, Chief Executive Officer, Manufacturing Industry Skills Alliance

12.30pm – 1.45pm	Lunch Break
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1.45pm – 3.15pm	Breakout Sessions – Concurrent Stream 3			
	Sofitel Sydney Wentworth Hotel (Level 3)			
Session 3A:	Session 3B:	Session 3C:	Session 3D:	Session 3E:
Industry collaboration	Quality, self assurance	Collaborating on	TAFEs supporting	International
	and the VET market	product development	student success	education
	system			

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Chair: Brendan Holland	Chair: Penny Johnston	Chair: Jo Payne	Chair: Mike Hamilton	Chair: Frances Coppolillo
These presentations	This session invites	The first workshop will	This session highlights	This session will provide
demonstrate how TAFEs	reflection on the	focus on lessons from	TAFE's enduring role in	insights into UK trends,
are successfully	products and services	the successful TAFE	supporting diverse	opportunities and
engaging with industry	for sale in the VET	NSW and TAFE	cohorts, including	challenges in
to co-design, develop	market. TAFE NSW will	Queensland co-	through the delivery of	international education,
and implement learning	share its innovative	development of	foundation skills,	offshore opportunities
resources including	journey to redefine	resources with national	supporting adult	for TVET, and how
micro-credentials,	quality, including	implications for joint	migrants and other	Australia can transform
·	' '	product development in	underrepresented	our engagement with
modernising curriculum	through a new self-	the newly forming TAFE	learner cohorts, and	Southeast Asia through
in high demand courses	assurance model. ASQA	Centres of Excellence.	examines the	skills development.
and attracting women	will discuss its role in	The second workshop	multifaceted factors	
into trade careers.	supporting TAFE quality,	will focus developing	influencing student	Emma Meredith,
	flexibility and innovation.	best practice	success and retention.	Association of Colleges,
Marita Bird & Dearne		collaboration between		UK, UK student visa
Willing, TasTAFE,	<b>Don Zoellner</b> , CDU, The	TAFE and industry.	Kirrily Loveday,	policy - are we back to
Beyond Consultation.	results of asking a		TasTAFE, Foundation	square one?
	deceptively simple			



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Brett McCroary,
Joanne Jameson &
Michele Waldon, TAFE
NSW, Modernising
Priority Skills Courses.

Lani Houston, TAFE NSW, Teamwork makes the dream work: Crosssector industry collaboration the key to promoting trade careers for women.

Donna Dejkovski, AUSMASA & Tracey Singh, TAFE Queensland, Industry and TAFE collaborate to design, question: what is for sale in Australian VET markets?

Suneeti Rekhari, Sanja Taslaman & Anna Fryer, TAFE NSW, Beyond Compliance: Building self-assurance through decision making and accountability in governance.

**Christina Bolger**, ASQA Working together to support TAFE quality, flexibility and innovation.

Tessa Brown (TAFE Queensland) & Kelly Pickering (TAFE NSW), Using lessons learned from the joint TAFE NSW/TAFE Qld pilot to design a national codevelopment approach for product development.

**Lyn Hogan**, North Metropolitan TAFE, WA, Collaboration success at the heart of responding to industry needs. skills services a new approach.

Julie Hutchinson & Viviana Nunez, TAFE SA, Improving the learning experience and digital upskilling in the Adult Migrant English Program.

**Shae McGregor**, TAFE Gippsland, Innovative delivery models and frameworks to engage underrepresented cohorts – a working example and international research.

**Shelley Lewis**, TAFE Queensland, Global Skilling – Creating TAFE partnerships to strengthen TVET sectors internationally.

**Kylie Dillon & Jeremy Glover**, RMIT, Skills
solutions in Southeast
Asia: TAFE Supporting
'Invested: Australia's
Southeast Asia Economic
Strategy to 2040'.



develop and implement			Kaine Reynolds,	
online micro-credentials			Chisholm, A	
to attract workers to a			Comprehensive	
contemporary mining			Approach to Student	
sector.			Success & Retention at	
			Chisholm.	
3.15pm – 3.45m	Afternoon tea			

3.45pm – 5.15pm	Plenary Day 2 (afternoon)	Sino-Australian VET Forum	
	Wentworth Ballroom	Brisbane room	
3.45pm	The TDA Convention 2024 Great Debate	MC welcome and opening of Sino-Australian VET	
	Topic: 50 years on since the Kangan Report, is TAFE still at the heart?	Forum	
		Rob Thomason, Executive Director, VETASSESS	



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### **Team members for the affirmative:**

- Professor the Hon. Verity Firth AM, inaugural Vice-President Societal Impact, Equity and Engagement at the University of NSW
- **Claire Field**, Managing Director of Claire Field and Associates
- **Craig Robertson**, founding Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Skills Authority

### **Team members for the negative:**

- Christine Nixon AO, APM, former Chief Commissioner of Victoria Police and author of the 2023 Rapid Review into the Exploitation of Australia's Visa System
- Simon Walker, Managing Director of the National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER)
- Mary Faraone, Chief Executive of Holmesglen Institute and TDA Board Chair

### **Opening address**

- **Sally Curtain,** Chief Executive Officer, Kangan Bendigo Institute
- Mr. Lixia Wang, Vice Minister of Jiangxi Provincial Education department
- Ms Lin Xiqoing, Counsellor for Educational Affairs, Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China, Sydney

### Opportunities and challenges for partnerships between Chinese vocational colleges and TAFEs *Panel members*:

- Mr Jiehua Lei, Director of International Cooperation and Exchange Division of Jiangxi Provincial Education Department
- Ms Liqing Lin, Director of Academic Affairs Office, Shandong Vocational and Technical University of International Studies
- Mr Bingzhu Zhang, President of Hebei Chemical
   & Pharmaceutical College
- Ms Frances Coppolillo, Chief Executive Officer, Melbourne Polytechnic, Victoria



		Mr Raf Marcellino, Executive Director, Education and Skills – Sydney, TAFE NSW		
5.05pm	MC closes TDA Convention 2024	MC closes Sino-Australian VET Forum		
	TDA Convention 2024 Networking Reception			
	Sydney Opera House (Yullamundi rooms)			
6.00pm – 7.30pm	n Hosted by Stephen Brady, Managing Director, TAFE NSW			
	Sponsored by Adobe			
	Ticketed event			