

# CCA ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2019

Appointed to  
national  
Vocational  
Education &  
Training  
Stakeholder  
Committee



Obtained \$2.3  
million  
infrastructure  
maintenance  
program  
from NSW  
Government



## Representing our sector

- Comprehensive NSW Election Policy Platform for the March state election.
- Detailed Federal Election Policy Platform for the May national election.
- Appointed by the Minister to the Commonwealth Government's national Vocational Education and Training Stakeholder Committee.
- Continued participation in the ASQA Provider Reference Group and the NSW Skills Board Provider Reference Group; and managed the CCA-Training Services NSW Reference Group.
- Issued reports on *Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Students of NSW Community Providers* and Western Sydney regional economic development; completed a submission to the Australian Government's Expert Review of the VET Sector – and met with the reviewer; and developed a policy on Special Assistance Secondary Schools.

## Recognising and celebrating our sector

- Ran the third annual Community Education Student of the Year Award, won by Carmel Kentwell from Atwea College; with highly commended nominees Kylie Mahon, Community College Northern Inland; and Aejay Russell, Kiama Community College.
- Along with three other peak adult and community education (ACE) organisations, participated in the development and release of a comprehensive Victorian ACE statement.
- Obtained a commitment by Training Services NSW to develop a NSW State ACE statement.

## Political Engagement

- Successful NSW Parliamentary engagement event attended by 70 NSW parliamentarians and addressed by the NSW State Skills Minister, the Hon Dr Geoff Lee MP.
- Featured presentations by seven Australian political leaders at the national conference: Assistant Minister for Vocational Education, the Hon Steve Irons MP; Shadow Labor Ministers for Education and Skills the Hon Tanya Plibersek MP, Ged Kearney MP and Graham Perrett MP, in a combined video presentation; Queensland State MP Jess Pugh spoke on behalf of the Hon Shannon Fentiman MP, QLD Minister for Training and Skills Development; Fiona Simpson MP, QLD Shadow Minister for Training and Skills; and City of Brisbane Councillor Tracy Davis, a former QLD Government minister, on behalf of the Brisbane Lord Mayor.
- Hosted NSW Greens Education spokesperson David Shoebridge MLC at a NSW CEOs meeting.

## Communications & Member Engagement

**5**

presentations  
at VET industry  
conferences & events

**13**

visits  
to member organisations  
throughout NSW,  
QLD & VIC

**92**

news items issued &  
32 newsletters  
distributed



executive coaching program provided to **7** member CEOs

## Thought Leadership

- Adopted an updated Code of Ethics, which affirms professional and ethical standards for CCA members.
- Emphasised the value of not-for-profit community education, the failures of for-profit education, how VET markets have disadvantaged regional and rural learners, the regional economic development contributions of CCA members, implications of the decline in VET funding, how to work collaboratively with other VET sectors and acknowledgement of Indigenous Australians.

## Professional Development and Support

- Operated an executive coaching program for seven member CEOs in 2019 and recruited participants for the 2020 program. Ran three VET Managers meetings and a CEO-Chair workshop; and assisted with three NSW CEO “Professional Conversations” meetings.
- Released a six-episode audio podcast series on Governance and Business Management for NFP community providers.
- Supervised the completion of a guide for members on engaging Indigenous communities, undertaken by the Australian Indigenous Leadership Centre.



## Events

- Ran a successful annual conference in Brisbane, with 150 participants, speakers and sponsors, including keynote speakers from Canada, Denmark, ASQA, TAFE Directors Australia, Jobs Queensland and Training Services NSW. The Conference celebrated the achievements of three senior ACE leaders who recently received OAMs: Patricia Carroll OAM, St George & Sutherland Community College; Garry Traynor OAM, Sydney Community College; and Rodney Wangman OAM, Albury Wodonga Community College.
- Ran a workshop on hybrid enterprise strategies, along with UTS and Wayside Chapel.



## Finance and Administration

**\$691,212**  
income  
**\$594,672**  
expenditure

**\$96,540**  
surplus

**\$250,098**  
retained earnings