Building ACE Futures
CCA Annual Conference 2023
10 - 11 OCTOBER
Adult and Community Education Reimagined

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM: DAY 1 TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER

8.00am	**Registration opens**
9.00am	**Opening Remarks and Welcome to Country** *Chemene Sinson*, MC; *Uncle Allen Madden*, Metropolitan Aboriginal Land Council; and *David Mackay*, CCA Chair
9.10am	**Ministerial Address** *The Hon. Brendan O'Connor MP, Federal Minister for Skills and Training*
9.15am	**Opening Keynote: ACE Futures: where have we been, what's in store** *Joanna Maxwell, Educator and Trainer, joannamaxwell.com.au*
9.40am	**Palaces for the People: Why Social Infrastructure Matters** *Eric Klinenberg, Department of Sociology and Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University, USA*
9.50am	**Where are we? Place-based approaches to tackling community challenges in Australia and the role of adult and community education providers** *Andra Putnis, Equity Economics*
10.10am	**NSW VET Review: An overview, with insights** *Dr Michele Bruniges AM*
10.35am	**Insights and Skills Futures** *David Turvey: First Assistant Secretary Jobs and Skills Australia*
10.55am	**Morning tea**

11.25am	Stream 1: VET and Skills Whiteley Room 1	Stream 2: Community Whiteley Room 2	Stream 3: Leadership and Governance Lindsay Room	Stream 4: E learning Hart Room
12.10pm	**Quality VET: Performance monitoring and RTO support** *ASQA (speaker tbc)*	**Panel: Caring Profession: How do we build, who does the heavy lifting? A futures focus** *Emma King, CEO, Human Ability JSC, Susan Scowcroft Executive Officer, CSH ITAB*	**Workshop for Chairs and Board Directors: Strengthening Governance in the Sector** *Jayne Blake, JBC International*	**Workshop: Adding value to online training by creating meaningful activities.** **From Icebreakers to formative assessment – using the learning outcomes as a guide.** *Sarah Phillips, CEO, POP Education; & Shauna Farey, Project Manager, POP Education*
	How can the VET sector effectively use the AQF Qualifications policy and the National Microcredentials framework to improve RPL practice *Jeffrey Lehrer* *Principal, Scouts Australia Institute of Training*	**Measuring ACE impacts and outcomes: exploring our future**		

12.55pm	**Lunch**

	Plenary Stream 1: VET and Skills Whiteley Room 1	Stream 2: Young People Whiteley Room 2	Stream 3: Building Skills Lindsay Room
1.40pm	**ASQA update with a specific focus on ACE providers** *Saxon Rice, CEO & Chief Commissioner, ASQA* *30 mins*	**Wellbeing by Design: How Effective Career Education Transforms Student Lives** *Will Stubley, Co-Founder & Co-CEO, Year 13* *30 mins*	
2.10pm	**Trends in Skills and ACE provision** *David Collins, Executive Director Training Services* *NSW Dept. of Education* *15 min*	**Building safe and respectful workplaces: a program for new entrants** *Donna Dejkovski, Manager Training Products, Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance (JSC)* *30 mins*	**Digital skills for education & training: A research-driven, practical good practice guide** *Dr Deniese Cox, Online Education Researcher and Professional Development Provider* *30 mins*
2.25pm	**Panel session: Disadvantage, connections and inclusivity insights** *Ben McAlpine, NCOSS "Mapping Economic Disadvantage in NSW" report;* *Toni Wren, Executive Director, Anti-Poverty Week, "Poverty in Australia; causes results solutions: –How*		

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2.40pm	*can Community Colleges make a difference", Jess Wilson, Good things Foundation* *45 mins*	**Panel: Opportunities and challenges: To school or not to school? A frank and fearless discussion** *Special assistance school leaders tbc* *50 mins*	**Empowering the learners** *Laurie Kelly, Brain Friendly Training* *30 mins*
3.10pm	**ACE Data Collaboration: State of the Sector Report** *Dale Renner, Principal,* *Latitude Network 20 mins*		**Ideas and connections:** **ACE and CCA futures:** **An open session** *30 mins*
3.40 pm	**Afternoon Tea**		
4.10pm	**The Careless Economy; A Q&A with** *Professor Mark Considine AM FASSA, University of Melbourne*		
4.30pm	**Digital Skills: Frameworks and futures** *Ross Raeburn, Digital Skills Organisation*		
4.45pm	**AI and VET: Changing how and what we teach** *Claire Field, Principal, Claire Field and Associates*		
5.05pm	**Plenary Wrap and key questions**		
5.15pm	**Day 1 Conference Close**		
6.30 pm	**Gala Dinner sponsored by Coverforce Insurance, Hotel Amora Jamison, Sydney. Includes the CCA 2023 Trainer of the Year Awards.**		

8.30am	**Day 2 Registration Opens**			
8.55am	**Day 2 Welcome and Review** *Chemene Sinson*, MC and *Russell Hawkins*, CEO, Community Colleges Australia.			
	Ministerial message			
9.05am	**First Nations panel: A dialogue** *Mick Gooda, First Nations leader, Human Rights Commissioner; Dr Belinda Russon, CEO, Tranby, Jason Ardler PSM, Thirriwirri, Taylah Gray, Project Officer Reconciliation, PhD Candidate, University of Newcastle*			
9.50am	**Foundation Skills - the journey to program redesign** *Anna Faithfull, Deputy Secretary of the Skills and Training Group at the Department of Employment and Workplace Relations (DEWR)*			
10.10am	**The journeys of foundation skills learners through VET: more questions than answers** *Michelle Circelli, Senior Researcher and Team Leader, Research and Data Analytics, NCVER*			
10.25 am	**Executive Leadership keynote: Grow your business without the pain (including winning the battle for talent)** *Adam Siegel, CEO and Founder, Visage Growth Partners*			
10.45 am	**Morning Tea**			
11.15am	**Stream 1: VET Quality** **Whiteley Room 1**	**Stream 2: Community and Inclusion** **Whiteley Room 2**	**Stream 3: Foundations for Learning** **Lindsay Room**	**Stream 4: Leadership and Governance** **Hart Room**
	The New Standards - What does this mean for your RTO? *Kevin Ekendahl, CEO, Audit Express*	**Engaging first nations learners -** session to be finalised		**High cut-through tools and tips for growth-focused CEOs** *Adam Siegel, CEO and Founder, Visage Growth Partners*
11.45am	**National credentialing: Verified Credentials enabling learner mobility** *Anthony Manahan, Director, Student Mobility, HES*	**Getting to the farm gate: Working with community to build pathways to sustainable education careers for young people** *Dr Madeline Morey, Senior Research Officer, Brotherhood of St Laurence*	**Using AI in learning programs** *Mathew Dale, Founder Educonomy*	
12.15pm	**The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on VET** *DaniellaTrimboli, Researcher at the NCVER and Honorary Research Fellow at the Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation at Deakin University*	**Why is the N in LLND still an unmet and critical need**? *Dave Tout, Senior Research Fellow, ACER, University of Melbourne*	**Successfully Transitioning Into the Australian Workforce** *Chris Gandy, The Essential Foundation* *30 mins*	
12.45 pm	**Lunch**			
1.45pm	**Worldview: changing paradigms, illuminating lives** *Kurt Gruber, Director WV Technologies*			
2.10pm	**Foundation Skills Panel: What does Success look like?** *Carmen Saunders, DEWR; Vanessa Iles, Manager, Reading Writing Hotline; Jo Medlin, President, Australian Council for Adult Literacy (ACAL); Dave Tout,* Senior Research Fellow, ACER, University of Melbourne; *Dr Keiko Yasukawa, Adult Education Researcher and Teacher, UTS*			
3.00pm	**Powerful Stories: Upfront and Personal –** *Conference MC (learner panel: students from community education providers: including: SGSCC, Coffs Coast CC, WV Technologies)*			
4.00pm (until5.00 pm)	**Afternoon Tea and Socialising**			