



# CONFERENCE PROGRAM BACK TO THE FUTURE



December 1–2, 2025  
Deakin University  
Burwood Campus



<b>7:45am - 8:45am</b>	<b>Registration</b>
8:45am- 9:00am	ACCE President's Welcome
9:00am- 9:15am	Deakin University Vice Chancellor, Professor Iain Martin
9:15am- 10:00am	Keynote: Public Skills Australia CEO, Jean Dyzel
<b>10:00am - 10:30am</b>	<b>Morning Tea &amp; Career Expo</b>
10:30am- 10:40am	Keynote: Department of Education Victoria, Assistant Deputy Secretary Senior Secondary Pathway Reforms, Natalie Garcia de Heer
10:40am- 11:25am	Keynote: SEEK, Blair Chapman, Chief Economist
<b>Presentations and Workshops</b> 11:25am- 12:25 pm	
<b>Session 1: Translating career education theory into practical outcomes</b> Angela Pollock, Director Research and Practice Partnerships, Melbourne University	<b>Session 2: Bridging the Gap: What Employers Want</b> Shanan Green, CEO, Australian Association of Graduate Employers and Industry Panelists
<b>Session 3: Counselling micro skills for career guidance</b> Linda Kearley, Senior Workshop Facilitator, Conversant Counselling	<b>Session 4: Ethical Practice for Career Practitioners</b> Kerry Brookes, RTO Manager/Head of Teaching and Learning, ACCE
<b>Lunch &amp; Career Expo</b> 12:25pm - 1:35pm	
<b>Presentations and Workshops</b> 1:35pm - 2:35pm	
<b>Session 5: AI in Careers Guidance: Scaling Human Expertise for an Era of Unprecedented Change</b> Steve Cole, Chief Technology Officer, Morrisby UK	<b>Session 6: Jobs of the Future, Criminology/Psychology</b> Amy Keating, Disability Justice Coordinator, DFFH; Robin Cameron, Program Manager Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, RMIT University, and Alyssa Sigamoney, Deputy Manager Bachelor of Criminology and Psychology and Associate Professor Dr. Katie Wood, Course Director, Swinburne University
<b>Session 7: GAP Year and Study Abroad</b> Will Pashley, Director, Projects Abroad Director and the Australian Defence Force	<b>Session 8: The Revolution of the Accounting Profession</b> Andrew Albury, Senior Manager Membership Growth, CPA Australia
<b>Afternoon Tea &amp; Career Expo</b> 2:35pm - 3:00pm	
<b>Presentations and Workshops</b> 3:00pm - 4:00pm	
<b>Session 9: CICA and ACCE Career Practitioner Survey Results</b> Trevor Black, ACCE President	<b>Session 10: Entrepreneurial Journeys</b> Davin Karunanayake, Co-founder and CTO, Huddled, Swinburne University; Declan Steel, Graduate, Deakin University, and Sid Verma, Founder and Executive Director, BrainSTEM, RMIT
<b>Session 11: Get the ball rolling</b> Olivia Steedman, Education Partnerships and Marketing Manager, Richmond Institute; Andrew Lawlor, Executive Manager Education, AFL Sportsready, and Michael Beer, MCEA Manager, Cricket Victoria	<b>Session 12: ACCE Member Resources Update</b> Amelia McCulloch, Project Manager, ACCE Member Services and Danielle Flack, Curriculum Writer, ACCE

# DAY 2



7:45am - 9.00am	Registration
8:15am - 9:00am	Regional Career Groups Presidents' Breakfast
8:30am - 9:15am	Breakfast refreshments
9:15am- 9:20am	Welcome Day 2
9:20am- 10:20am	Keynote: Spectrum House, Psychologist Director, Emma-Rose Parsons
<b>Presentations and Workshops</b> 10:20am- 11:20am	
<b>Session 1: Careers Presentation in Industry</b> Dr. Rick Ede, Earn-Learn Program, College of Vocational Education, RMIT, and Matthew Baker, Manager Engineering and Madeleine Dutton, Education Manager, Chisholm Institute	<b>Session 2: Rewriting your future: Career Planning for the 21st Century</b> Louisa Rennard, Director of Careers and Pathways and Kate Buchanan, Careers Advisor, Templestowe College
<b>Session 3: Embedding Career Education in the F-10 Curriculum</b> Emily Barter, Jobs, Skills and Pathways Manager and Lauren Milosku, Pathways Officer, Department of Education	<b>Session 4: Healthcare Careers Re-imagined: Guiding Students into a Changing World of Health</b> Dr Roy Boyapati
<b>Session 5: Survival Guide for new Career Practitioners</b> Jacky Burton, Career Development Practitioner and Annette Davie Smythe, Careers Practitioner/Year 11 Wellbeing Leader, Firbank Grammar School	<b>Session 6: Tools of Change, Empowering Women to Succeed in Skilled Trades</b> Abbey Kempe, Major Projects and Partnerships Manager, and National trusted trade apprenticeship support group Peer Mentor, Tradeswomen Australia
<b>Awards Lunch</b> Commencing at 11:20am- 1:20pm	
<b>Afternoon Tours &amp; Presentations</b> Industry tours departing from 1:20 to 1:45pm and returning around 3:15pm Onsite presentation from 1:35pm - 2:35pm	
<b>Industry Tour</b> Synchrotron, Monash University	<b>Industry Tour</b> Victorian Tunnelling Centre
<b>Industry Tour</b> Belgravia Leisure	<b>Presentation</b> Morrisby and MCI

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ACCE trains career practitioners through its CICA endorsed Graduate Certificate and Certificate IV qualifications in career development practice and is a career demonstration organisation delivering over 40,000 career interventions each year.