



# 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
<b>Presentations and Workshops</b> 11:25am- 12:25 pm	
<b>Session 1: Translating career education theory into practical outcomes</b> Melbourne University Executive Director and Enterprise Professor, Melbourne Assessment, Sandra Milligan & Director Research and Practice Partnerships Angela Pollock	<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 1: AI in Careers Guidance: Scaling Human Expertise for an Era of Unprecedented Change</b> Steve Cole, Chief Technology Officer, Morrisby UK	<b>Session 2: Jobs of the Future</b> Speakers from RMIT, Swinburne and the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing, Disability Justice Coordinator, Amy Keating
<b>Session 3: GAP Year and Study Abroad</b> Director, Projects Abroad Director, Will Pashley and Australian Defence Force	<b>Session 4: The Revolution of the Accounting Profession</b> CPA Australia
<b>Afternoon Tea &amp; Career Expo</b> 2:35pm - 3:00pm	
<b>Presentations and Workshops</b> 3:00pm - 4:00pm	
<b>Session 1: CICA and ACCE Career Practitioner Survey Results</b> ACCE President	<b>Session 2: Entrepreneur Journeys</b> Past students and representatives from Swinburne, RMIT and Deakin universities
<b>Session 3: Get the ball rolling</b> Richmond Institute, Education Partnerships and Marketing Coordinator, Olivia Steedman, AFL Sportsready Executive Manager Education, Andrew Lawlor and Cricket Victoria MCEA Manager, Michael Beer	<b>Session 4: ACCE Member Resources Update</b> ACCE Member Services and Project Manager, Amelia McCulloch and Curriculum Writer Danielle Flack

# 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> Speakers from RMIT and Federation universities	<b>Session 2: Rewriting your future: Career Planning for the 21st Century</b> Templestowe College, Director of Careers & Pathways, Louisa Rennard and Careers Advisor, Kate Buchanan
<b>Session 3: Embedding Career Education in the F-10 Curriculum</b> Department of Education (Vic) Jobs, Skills and Pathways Manager, Emily Barter and Jobs, Skills and Pathways Officer, Lauren Miosku	<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> The Knox School, Career Development Practitioner, Jacky Burton and Firbank Grammar School Careers Practitioner/Year 11 Wellbeing Leader, Annette Davie Smythe	<b>Session 6: Tools of Change, Empowering Women to Succeed in Skilled Trades</b> Tradeswomen Australia, Major Projects and Partnerships Manager, Abby Kempe and National trusted trade apprenticeship support group, Peer mentor
<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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