



CONFERENCE PROGRAM BACK TO THE FUTURE



December 1–2, 2025
Deakin University
Burwood Campus



DAY 1



7:45am - 8:45am	Registration
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
10:00am - 10:30am	Morning Tea & Career Expo
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
Presentations and Workshops 11:25am- 12:25 pm	
Session 1: New Metrics for New Futures: Reimagining Success in Senior Secondary Pathways Angela Pollock, Director, Research Practice Partnerships, Melbourne University	Session 2: Bridging the Gap: What Employers Want Shanan Green, CEO, Australian Association of Graduate Employers and Industry Panelists
Session 3: Counselling micro skills for career guidance Linda Kearley, Senior Workshop Facilitator, Conversant Counselling	Session 4: Ethical Practice for Career Practitioners Kerry Brookes, RTO Manager/Head of Teaching and Learning, ACCE
Lunch & Career Expo 12:25pm - 1:35pm	
Presentations and Workshops 1:35pm - 2:35pm	
Session 5: AI in Careers Guidance: Scaling Human Expertise for an Era of Unprecedented Change Steve Cole, Chief Technology Officer, Morrisby UK	Session 6: Jobs of the Future, Criminology/Psychology 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
Session 7: GAP Year and Study Abroad Will Pashley, Director, Projects Abroad Director and the Australian Defence Force	Session 8: The Revolution of the Accounting Profession Andrew Albury, Senior Manager Membership Growth, CPA Australia
Afternoon Tea & Career Expo 2:35pm - 3:00pm	
Presentations and Workshops 3:00pm - 4:00pm	
Session 9: CICA and ACCE Career Practitioner Survey Results Trevor Black, ACCE President	Session 10: Entrepreneurial Journeys Davin Karunanayake, Co-founder and CTO, Huddled, Swinburne University; Declan Steel, Graduate, Deakin University, and Sid Verma, Founder and Executive Director, BrainSTEM, RMIT
Session 11: Get the ball rolling Olivia Steedman, Education Partnerships and Marketing Manager, Richmond Institute; Andrew Lawlor, Executive Manager Education, AFL Sportsready, Chris Reidy, Director, SEDA Group and Michael Beer, MCEA Manager, Cricket Victoria	Session 12: ACCE Member Resources Update Amelia McCulloch, Project Manager, ACCE Member Services and Danielle Flack, Curriculum Writer, ACCE

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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
Presentations and Workshops 10:20am- 11:20am	
Session 1: Careers Presentation in Industry Dr. Rick Ede, Earn-Learn Program, College of Vocational Education, RMIT, and Matthew Baker, Manager Engineering and Madeleine Dutton, Education Manager, Chisholm Institute	Session 2: Rewriting your future: Career Planning for the 21st Century Darren Irvine, Assistant Principal, Director of Innovation Resources and People, Adam Cribbes, Assistant Principal, Director of Learning, Ryan Griffith, Director of Community Integrated Learning and Kate Buchanan, Careers Advisor, Templestowe College
Session 3: Embedding Career Education in the F-10 Curriculum Emily Barter, Jobs, Skills and Pathways Manager and Lauren Milosku, Pathways Officer, Department of Education	Session 4: Healthcare Careers Re-imagined: Guiding Students into a Changing World of Health Dr Ray Boyapati
Session 5: Survival Guide for new Career Practitioners Jacky Burton, Career Development Practitioner and Annette Davie Smythe, Careers Practitioner/Year 11 Wellbeing Leader, Firkbank Grammar School	Session 6: Tools of Change, Empowering Women to Succeed in Skilled Trades Abbey Kempe, Major Projects and Partnerships Manager, and National trusted trade apprenticeship support group Peer Mentor, Tradeswomen Australia
Awards Lunch Commencing at 11:20am- 1:20pm	
Afternoon Tours & Presentations Industry tours departing from 1:20 to 1:45pm and returning around 3:45pm Onsite presentation from 1:35pm - 2:35pm	
Industry Tour Synchrotron, Monash University	Industry Tour Victorian Tunnelling Centre
Industry Tour Belgravia Leisure	Presentation 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.