



CONFERENCE BOOKLET

33rd National Vocational Education
and Training Research Conference

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Conference welcome

On behalf of NCVER and our co-host North Metropolitan TAFE, welcome to the 33rd National Vocational Education and Training Research Conference 'No Frills'.

'No Frills' is a key part of NCVER's commitment to engage the VET community in research and strengthen research capacity and capability across the sector.

This year's theme, 'VET partnerships powering a dynamic workforce', will explore how RTOs develop close working relationships with employers, government, industry bodies, community groups and other service partners. The conference will showcase research and perspectives on the nature, challenges and opportunities of these partnerships, highlighting what works and who benefits – particularly vulnerable groups of people that remain under-represented in training and the workforce.



Over the next two days, we are offering 30 presentations covering topics as varied as artificial intelligence in VET, attracting young women into apprenticeships, VET delivery in regional areas, workforce sustainability and demands, STEM careers, and more.

I encourage you to make the most of the conference. Take the opportunity to connect, question and share with this outstanding group of VET researchers and professionals.

NCVER is thrilled to host the conference in Perth, which has been made possible thanks to the generosity of our co-host and event sponsors. I would like to warmly thank them for their valued contribution.

I am excited to join you this year as it's my first 'No Frills' Conference as Managing Director at NCVER.

We hope you enjoy the conference.

John King
Managing Director,
National Centre for Vocational Education Research

Sponsor thanks

Thank you to the following organisations for contributing to the 33rd National Vocational Education and Training Research Conference 'No Frills'.

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About the conference



VET PARTNERSHIPS POWERING A DYNAMIC WORKFORCE

The 33rd National Vocational Education and Training Research Conference 'No Frills' is being co-hosted with North Metropolitan TAFE on 10-12 July 2024.

'No Frills' is a well-known annual national conference where researchers, practitioners, providers, government and industry representatives come together and share knowledge, ideas, insights and solutions surrounding Australia's VET sector.

The conference also provides valuable professional development opportunities through a program of hands-on, interactive pre-conference workshops incorporating activities on data and research analytics, and research practice.

The 2024 conference program will focus on VET partnerships powering a dynamic workforce.

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Delegates are encouraged to tweet during the conference using the hashtag: **#NoFrills2024**

FOR PRESENTERS

Presentations will be uploaded and saved under (surname, first name) on laptops in allocated rooms, under NCVER 2024 'No Frills' Conference. If you have any concerns, please speak with Nicki Davidson or Sarah Cruz (NCVER staff members) at the registration desk during the break preceding your presentation or at the beginning of each day.

DOWNLOAD THE MOBILE CONFERENCE APP

This year we're bringing back the mobile conference app. Packed with features such as timetables, session reminders, maps, networking functions and more! The app will be your essential conference partner. The app is available on the App Store and Google Play. Scan the QR code below or click the button to download to your device.

Event code: nofrills2024



General Information

Conference venue

Co-hosted with North Metropolitan TAFE, the conference will be held in Perth at *North Metropolitan TAFE*, 30 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge.

Registration desk

The registration desk will be in the Foyer of North Metropolitan TAFE, Level 2, Building 2, 30 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge. Opening times each day are:

Wednesday 10 July – 1:00pm

Thursday 11 July – 8:00am

Friday 12 July – 8:30am

Pre-conference workshops

Professional development workshops will run concurrently on Wednesday 10 July. The workshops start at 1:30pm and will be hosted at the North Metropolitan TAFE, Level 2, Building 2, 30 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge. Delegates who have pre-paid for the workshops will have their allocated workshop details on the back of their name badge.

Drop-in data centre

Delegates interested in accessing data can speak to an NCVER data expert, one-on-one. This personalised service will provide delegates with data information from a basic introduction to VOCSTATS, to constructing tables for specific data, or exploring NCVER's range of data products and tools, we'll be happy to point you in the right direction.

We will also have a knowledgeable NCVER staff member on hand to help you navigate NCVER's free international research database, VOCEDplus, which contains over 80,000 Australian and international tertiary education research and statistical publications.

Time slots for these 'drop-in' sessions can be booked at the registration desk.

Toilets

Toilets are located on levels 2 and 3 in Building 2, 30 Aberdeen Street and on level 2 in Building 1, 25 Aberdeen Street. Please refer to the maps on pages 21-24 for more details.

Delegate identification and security

All delegates will be given a name badge at registration. For security reasons, we ask that you wear your name badge at all times, which identifies you as a conference delegate. This name badge is also the official entrance pass to all conference sessions, morning and afternoon teas, lunches, the welcome reception and conference dinner (if purchased).

NCVER team

The NCVER team is here to make your time at the conference rewarding and educational. If you have any questions, please go to the conference registration desk. See page 16 for pictures of the NCVER team!

Mobile phones

As a matter of courtesy, please turn off or silence your mobile phone during all sessions.

Climate

Temperatures in Perth will be around 17°C, going down to 9°C at night.

Coat racks will be available in the North Metropolitan TAFE Foyer, 30 Aberdeen Street to store jackets/coats while sessions are running. Please refer to the maps on page 23 for more details.

Dress

Delegates may choose to wear comfortable smart casual clothing during the conference and social events.

Parking

No on-campus parking is available for visitors, but you'll find many commercial car parks a short walk away. The venue is close to all forms of public transport including trains, trams and buses.

Conference evaluation

We would appreciate your feedback. A survey will be emailed to you after the conference. Alternatively, please use the surveys via the app to provide any feedback.

Post-conference

Following the conference, presentations and papers (if supplied) will be available from VOCEDplus voced.edu.au, the tertiary education research database produced by NCVER.

An email notification will be sent to conference delegates once all presentations are uploaded.

WiFi

The City of Perth offers free public WiFi around the CBD, East Perth (Claisebrook Cove), and Northbridge. This service allows you to connect to the internet for basic browsing from any WiFi-enabled device such as smart phones, tablets, or laptops.

To connect to the Perth WiFi network:

- Make sure you are in the WiFi coverage area
- On your device, select 'Perth WiFi' as the desired WiFi network. This option should be available under your device's "WiFi Settings" menu
- If your web browser does not automatically open, open your web browser and City of Perth landing page will appear
- Click "Connect Me" to confirm you have read and accept the terms & conditions of the service
- Start browsing the internet.

Social Program

Welcome reception

The welcome reception is an additional event to the conference and tickets for this must be purchased prior to the event. A red dot on your name tag indicates your registration for the welcome reception.

The welcome reception will be held on Wednesday 10 July 5.15pm -7:00pm in the Foyer of North Metropolitan TAFE, Level 2, Building 2, 30 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge and is a great opportunity for you to meet and network with other delegates. Drinks and canapes will be provided.

The welcome reception is proudly sponsored by Charles Sturt University.



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Conference dinner

The conference dinner will be held at the Pavilion Restaurant at the North Metropolitan TAFE, Joondalup Campus, 35 Kendrew Crescent, Joondalup on Thursday 11 July at 6.30pm.

Delegates will be treated to drinks and a delicious three-course dinner (alternate drop). A perfect opportunity to network with colleagues in a relaxed but formal setting.

We are thrilled to have Catherine MacDougall as our guest speaker for the evening. Catherine is a chef, educator and trainer who co-founded Prepare Produce Provide (PPP), a not-for-profit organisation helping young people pursue careers in education, food and hospitality.

The conference dinner is available to delegates who booked and paid for the dinner with their conference registration. A yellow dot on your name tag indicates your registration for the conference dinner.

The dinner will have unallocated seating, with a few seats reserved for our co-host, sponsors and special guests.

Dress is smart casual.

The conference dinner is proudly sponsored by Construction Training Fund.



About our Co-host



**North
Metropolitan**

North Metropolitan TAFE offers over 350 courses to 30,000 students across nine campuses in the greater north and northeastern metropolitan regions of Perth.

Working closely with industry and employers, North Metropolitan TAFE uses its knowledge and understanding of changing business models and contemporary training techniques to provide solutions to meet the current and future skill requirements of individuals, enterprise and the community.



Our keynotes



The Hon Brendan O'Connor MP, Minister for Skills and Training, Federal Member for Gordon

The Hon Brendan O'Connor MP is the Minister for Skills and Training, a Cabinet position in the Albanese Labor Government.

A belief in the benefits of secure employment and quality education and training, as well as a commitment to fairness and equal opportunity, led Mr O'Connor to commence his career in a union.

He represented the interests of Victorian workers before becoming Assistant National Secretary of the Australian Services Union (ASU).

He was elected to parliament in 2001 and has since headed several portfolios.

As Minister for Employment Participation, he overhauled the employment services system, streamlining the process to provide a personalised service called Job Services Australia.

As Minister for Home Affairs, one of his many noteworthy achievements includes reforming Australia's anti-dumping regime to encourage fairer and equitable business practices.

Mr O'Connor went on to serve as Minister for Small Business at Cabinet level, the first time in over ten years that the portfolio had been elevated to such a level. Mr O'Connor worked to cut red tape and support growth and jobs through tax reform, including the \$6500 Instant Asset Write-off to assist Australia's 2.7 million small businesses to improve their cash flows and the introduction of Australia's first Small Business Commissioner.

In 2013, Mr O'Connor was elevated to Minister for Immigration and Citizenship and finished the term as Minister for Employment, Skills and Training.

From 2013 – 2019, Mr O'Connor was appointed Shadow Minister for Employment and Industrial Relations. In 2019, he was appointed Shadow Minister for Employment and Industry, Science, and Small and Family Business as a member of Anthony Albanese's Labor frontbench team and served as Shadow Minister for Defence from January 2021 until Labor won the 2022 election.



Professor Barney Glover AO, Jobs and Skills Australia Commissioner

Professor Barney Glover AO began his five-year term as Commissioner of Jobs and Skills Australia in 2024.

Professor Glover is a distinguished academic leader, an accomplished mathematician and mathematics educator with significant experience in developing strong relationships with the vocational education sector. He is well respected for his engagement with First Nations Australians and disadvantaged communities.

He was Vice-Chancellor and President of Western Sydney University for ten years, from 2014-24, and in 2019 was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia for distinguished service to tertiary education, professional associations and cultural organisations. In 2015, Professor Glover was awarded the title of Emeritus Professor for his outstanding leadership whilst Vice-Chancellor of Charles Darwin University from 2009 to 2013.

Professor Glover has served on the boards of a diverse range of corporate organisations and several state and national centres covering areas such as health and medical research, energy, mineral exploration, and telecommunications.



Gihan Perera, Futurist, Fit For The Future

Has disruption – from employee burnout, hybrid work, AI, global uncertainty, and more – shaken up your world? Are your people looking for clear leadership in this time of massive change? Do you want to be more confident in chaos and uncertainty?

Gihan Perera is a business futurist, conference speaker, AI researcher, and author who shows you how to be fit for the future in a fast-changing world.

For more than 25 years, he has worked with organisations and leaders throughout Australia and the world, helping them to lead in uncertainty, act with clarity and confidence, and thrive in a fast-changing world.

He is the author of *Disrupted*, *Disruption By Design*, *The Future of Leadership*, and ten other books. *Forbes* magazine rated him the #5 social media influencer in the world (and #1 in Australia) in his area of expertise.



Catherine MacDougall, Co-founder, Prepare Produce Provide

Catherine MacDougall is a chef, educator and trainer who co-founded Prepare Produce Provide (PPP), a not-for-profit organisation helping young people pursue careers in education, food and hospitality.

Committed to creating meaningful change, Catherine is adopting a multi-faceted approach in addressing the complex issues facing youth.

The '5000Meals' program addresses wastage and food insecurity by bringing together chefs, students, volunteers and donated food to create nutritious meals for people experiencing homelessness. Since

its 2012 inception, it has provided more than 100,000 meals and 45,000 meals during the Covid-19 pandemic.

The 'Djinda Ngardak' culinary program offers Aboriginal students across Western Australia the opportunity to train with top chefs and cultural leaders, inspiring careers in the hospitality and tourism industries. It supported the first two Indigenous youth to participate in Germany's Culinary Olympics.

Catherine's efforts are testament to the power of local engagement. Her selfless efforts are fostering community spirit and empowering Indigenous young people.

Our panellists

Panel Discussion

This discussion panel will be based on the conference discussion paper, 'VET partnerships for a dynamic workforce', which explores past research to highlight what we know about making partnerships effective for all participants. In many of NCVER's recent research publications RTO engagement in VET partnerships has been identified as vital to training quality, student success and employer satisfaction.

The conference discussion paper also highlights how partnerships enable us to reach the vulnerable cohorts that remain under-represented in training and the workforce and considers what more can be done to support VET partnerships, and by extension further improve VET's flexibility to meet Australia's emerging and rapidly changing workforce needs.



Moderator: Dr Joy de Leo, Research and Data Analytics Manager, NCVER

Joy has worked in education for over 40 years in both public and private sectors, involved in policy, curriculum development, research, management, advocacy, and teaching in the school and tertiary education sector. She manages a team of NCVER researchers and data analysts to deliver the National VET research and advanced analytics programs, which integrate quantitative with qualitative research with advanced analytics and data linkages with other agencies, to inform policy development for Senior Skills Officials.



Ms Vivienne Scott, Executive Director Product and Quality, North Metropolitan TAFE

Vivienne Scott is the Executive Director Product and Quality at North Metropolitan TAFE (NMTAFE), the largest vocational training provider in Western Australia. With over 30,000 students each year, Vivienne oversees the quality and development of training programs and delivery at NMTAFE's nine campuses.

With a background in organisational psychology and team development, Vivienne is passionate about quality teaching and learning in the VET Sector and has led policy development and projects to assist the development of dual professionals.

By leading innovation in product design and quality through NMTAFE's Teaching and Learning Committee and Academic Board, Vivienne also manages the Academic Support and Library teams, helping to transform learning environments, driving experimentation with and access to cutting edge technologies.

Vivienne has led industry partnerships with large private and government organisations ensuring needs of students, industry and community are met and never compromising on quality training delivery and outcomes for all stakeholders.



Mr Jim Walker, Chair, WA State Training Board

Jim has over 45 years experience in the resources, construction, transport and agricultural sectors. Jim was previously CEO of WesTrac Pty Ltd, one of the world's largest Caterpillar dealers.

Jim is currently Chair of the State Training Board WA, Non Executive Chair RACWA Holdings Pty Ltd, RAC Insurance Pty Ltd, Austin Engineering Ltd and Chair of the Motor Museum of WA and Forum Chair Diggers and Dealers and was formerly National President of Australian Institute of Management and AIM Western Australia.

Jim's focus on apprentices and training was recognised when he was awarded the GJ Stokes Memorial Award at Diggers and Dealers 2014.



Mr John King, Managing Director, NCVET

John is an accomplished strategist and leader with extensive public sector and skills policy experience, specialising in data analytics, evaluation, and research.

As the new Managing Director of the National Centre for Vocational Education Research, John will lead the organisation in providing insights into vocational education and training in Australia.

Over the past six years, John has led the development and use of evidence in social policy. In his role as Chief Data Officer at Seer Data and Analytics, he helped community organisations to access and use administrative data effectively. As Executive Director of Analytics, Evaluation, and Research at the Victorian Departments of Health and Families, Fairness and Housing, he pioneered the use of linked data, advanced analytics, and evaluation in health and human services policy and programs.

John previously spent a decade in the Commonwealth, South Australian, and Victorian public services, with a strong focus on skills policy.

He holds an MPA from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a BA (Hons) and LLB (Hons) from the Australian National University.

Open Discussion



Mr Gavin Lind, CEO, Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance

Gavin is an accomplished academic and minerals industry executive who has led the evolution of the highly-successful Mining Skills Organisation Pilot (MSOP) to become the independent Australian Minerals and Energy Skills Alliance (AUSMESA) facilitating greater industry and employer engagement with workforce and skills.

Prior to this, Gavin spent more than a decade in a leadership role in minerals policy and advocacy with the MCA, and had worked professionally for industry, government, and academia in both Australia and South Africa.

In 2013, Gavin received the LH Martin Award for Excellence in Higher Education Leadership for his work promoting minerals education in Australia. Gavin is based in Melbourne.



Mr Steve Hall, General Manager Projects, Powering Skills

With over 34 years in the electrotechnology industry, Steve's experiences as an electrician, contractor, business owner and manager across industry and the vocational education and training sector inform his holistic approach to educating the energy workforce.

His current role with the Jobs and Skills Council for the energy sector, Powering Skills Organisation, builds on his work with the Industry Skills Council and Skills Services Organisations. From his lived experience as an apprentice, to his rewarding career in RTO management, his lifelong learning journey is not only something

he embraces but drives him to extend those same opportunities to the future generation of energy workers.



Ms Lisa Bale, Director VET and Innovation, Future Skills

Lisa is a VET professional who has held executive and senior roles in the Australian and International VET sector. Making significant contributions in her roles as a teacher, head teacher, and director of learning, teaching, and quality at TAFE NSW and Federation University Australia. Additionally, Lisa worked for the Human Services Skills Organisation, at a national level as a leading VET specialist, and now leads the VET + Innovation team at the Future Skills Organisation Jobs and Skills Council.

Lisa has submitted a No Frills abstract on generative AI. The FSO recently undertook research with Mandal Partners to examine the impact of GenAI on occupations and subsequent impact on training package qualifications for the finance, technology and business sectors.



Ms Kirsty Waugh, Director of Training and Product Development, Public Skills Australia

Kirsty Waugh is an accomplished education specialist with more than 15 years' experience leading the design of diverse learning programs within schools and VET. Her experience spans the private, not-for-profit and public safety sectors.

Prior to joining Public Skills Australia, Kirsty worked in the Fire and Emergency Services industry-sector as the Manager Quality and Evaluation at the CFA. In this role, she supervised the design of learning courses and management of the Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Kirsty's unique blend of project management, stakeholder engagement and learning design set her apart as a dynamic leader in the field of education. She is a driving force behind the innovative solutions that empower learners across Public Skills Australia's industry-sectors.

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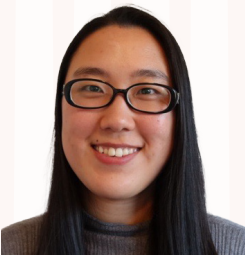
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About the Exhibitors



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<https://getmee.ai>



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At The Learning Resources Group, we’ve spent 15 years building expertise and creating our own products and services. When you choose us, you’re purchasing from the creators themselves, not onsellors. Whether you need learner and assessment resources, learner or staff testing, compliance resources or just VET Sector advice, we can help you stay in control.

We currently provide products and services for RTO’s, TAFE and Government such as:

- Training, Presentation & Assessment Resources
- E-Learning Content
- Mobile Assessments
- LLN Testing & Support
- Digital Capability & Literacy Testing & Support

Our diverse team has the skills and experience to look at the sector differently to most. This gives us the basis from which to innovate and create products and services that make a difference in both the day-to-day running of your business and the long-term success that we all aspire to achieve.

At The Learning Resources Group, we are dedicated to empowering organisations, their staff and learners with the tools they need to succeed in the VET sector as we move into an increasingly digital age. Let us help you on your business journey to deliver great outcomes and long-term profitability.

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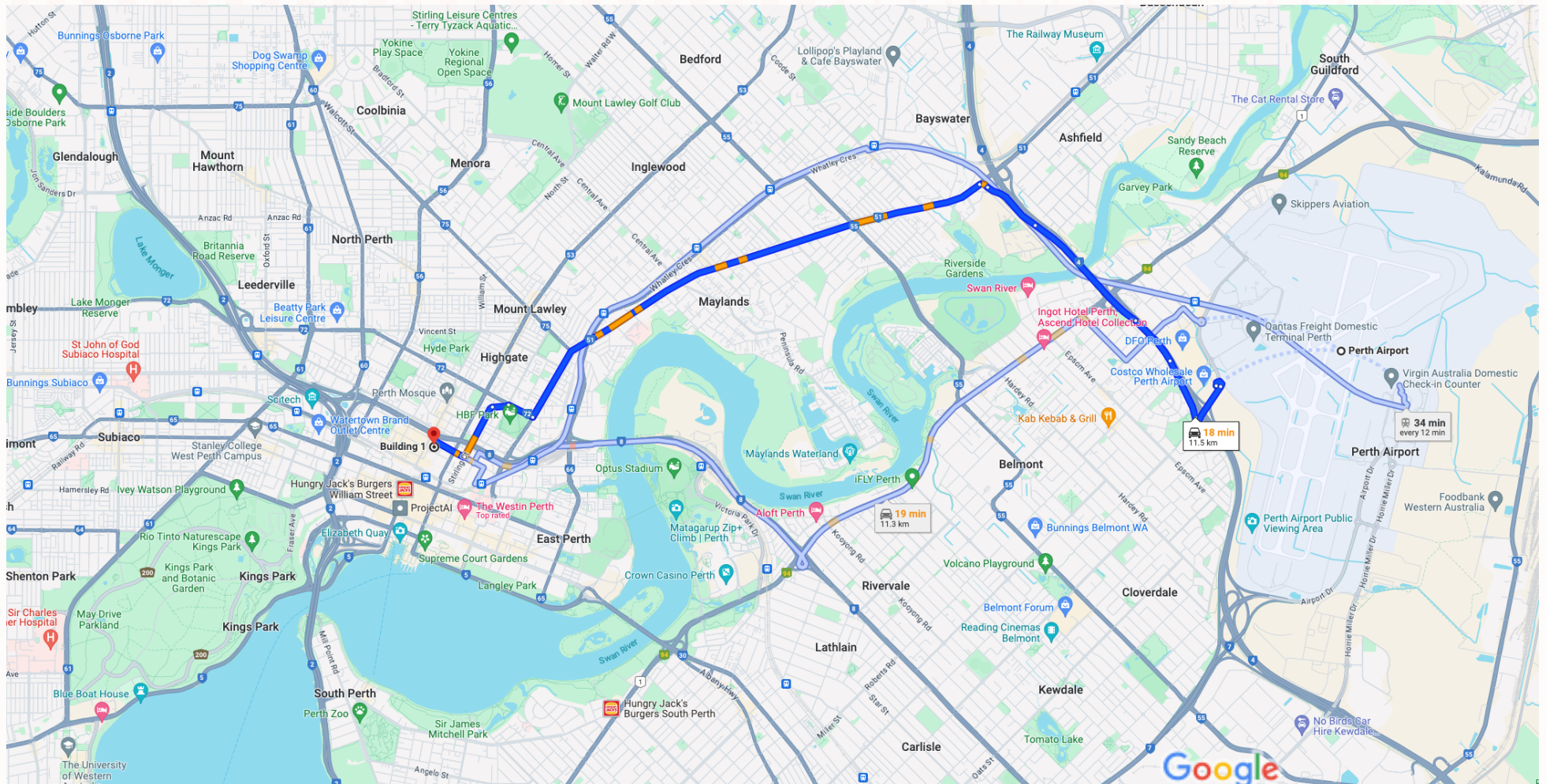
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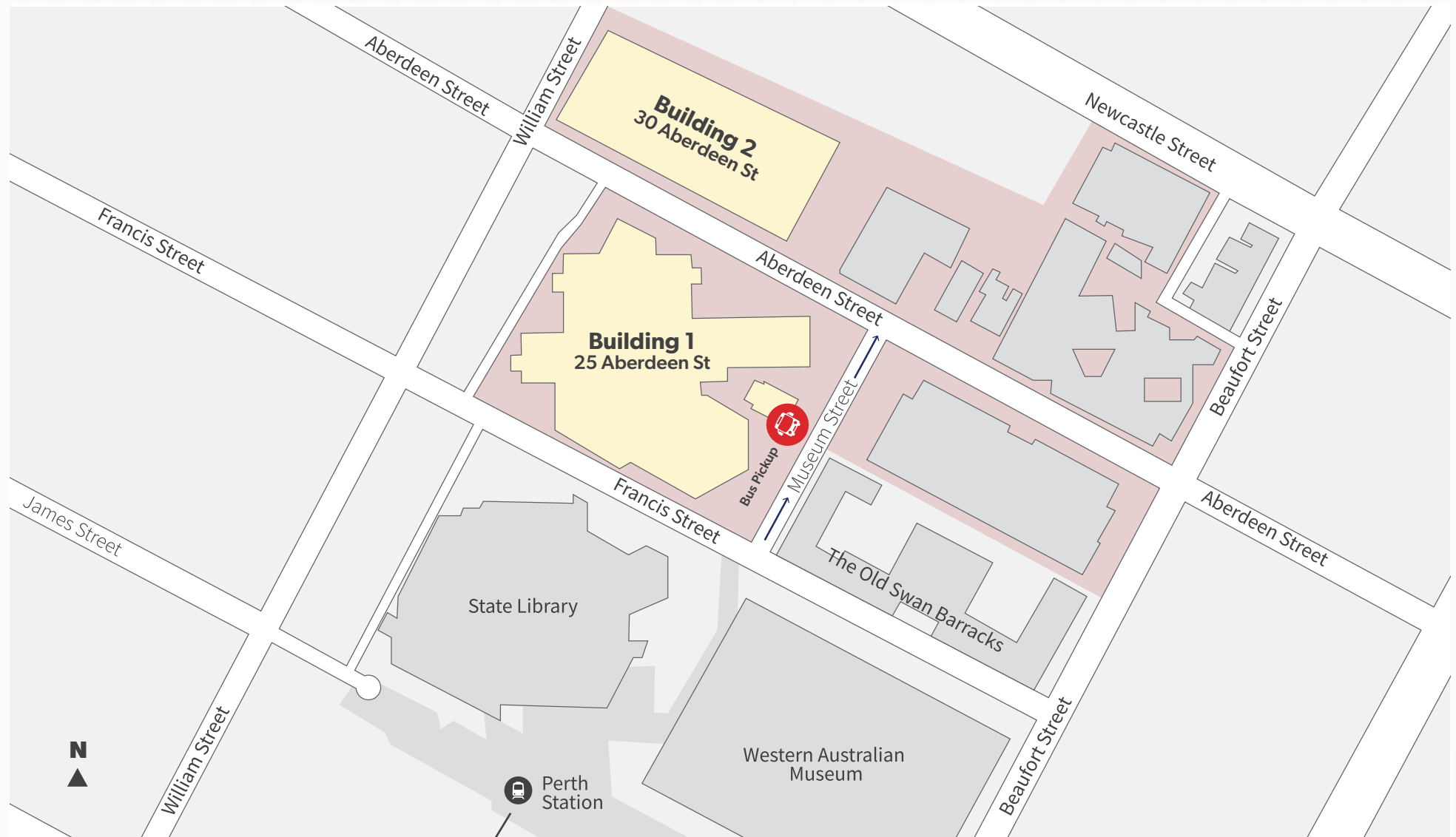
Getting there

The conference will be held at **North Metropolitan Tafe** - Level 2, Building 2, 30 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge.

The venue is approximately 25 minutes' drive from Perth Airport.

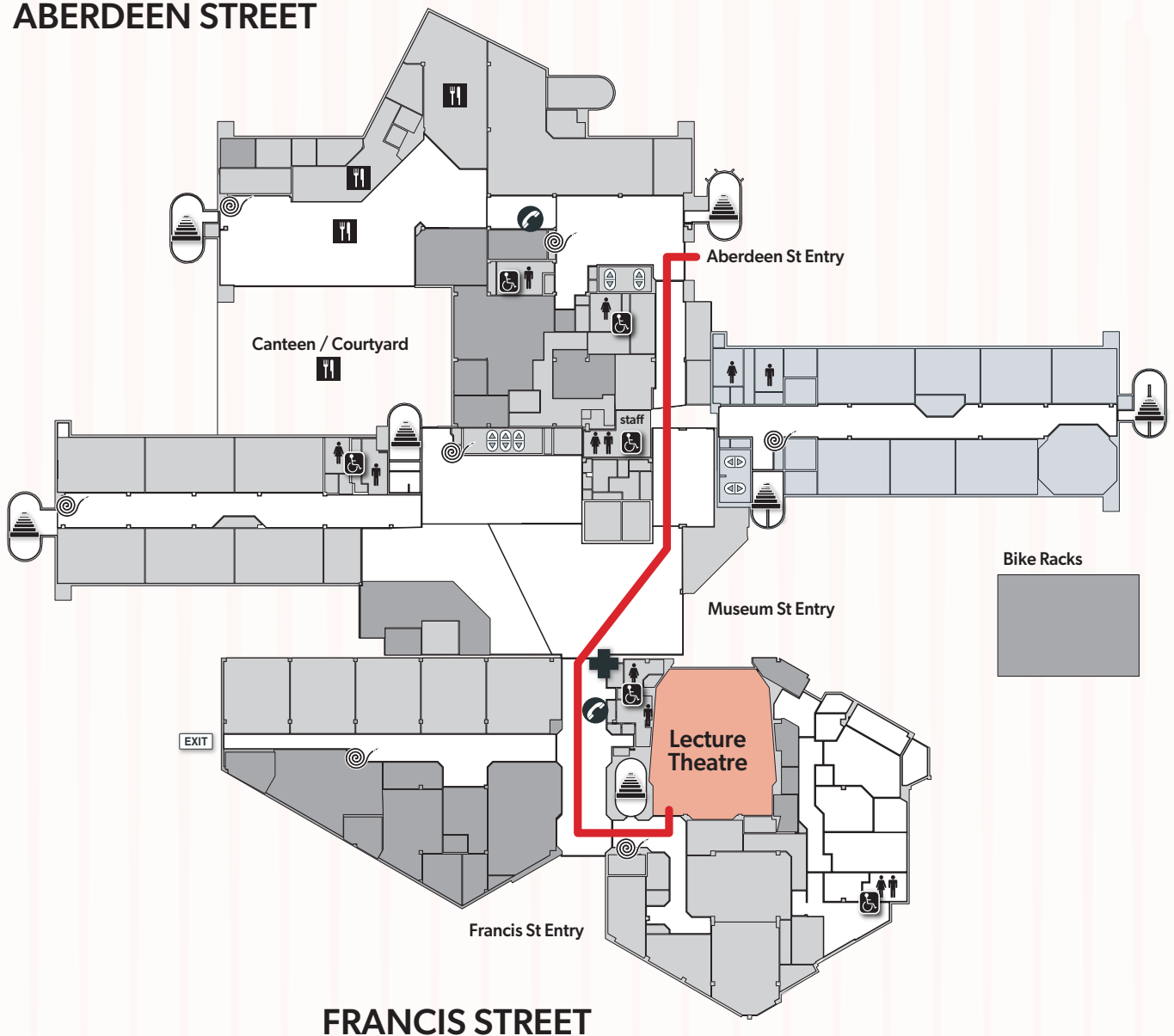


North Metropolitan TAFE, Perth Campus

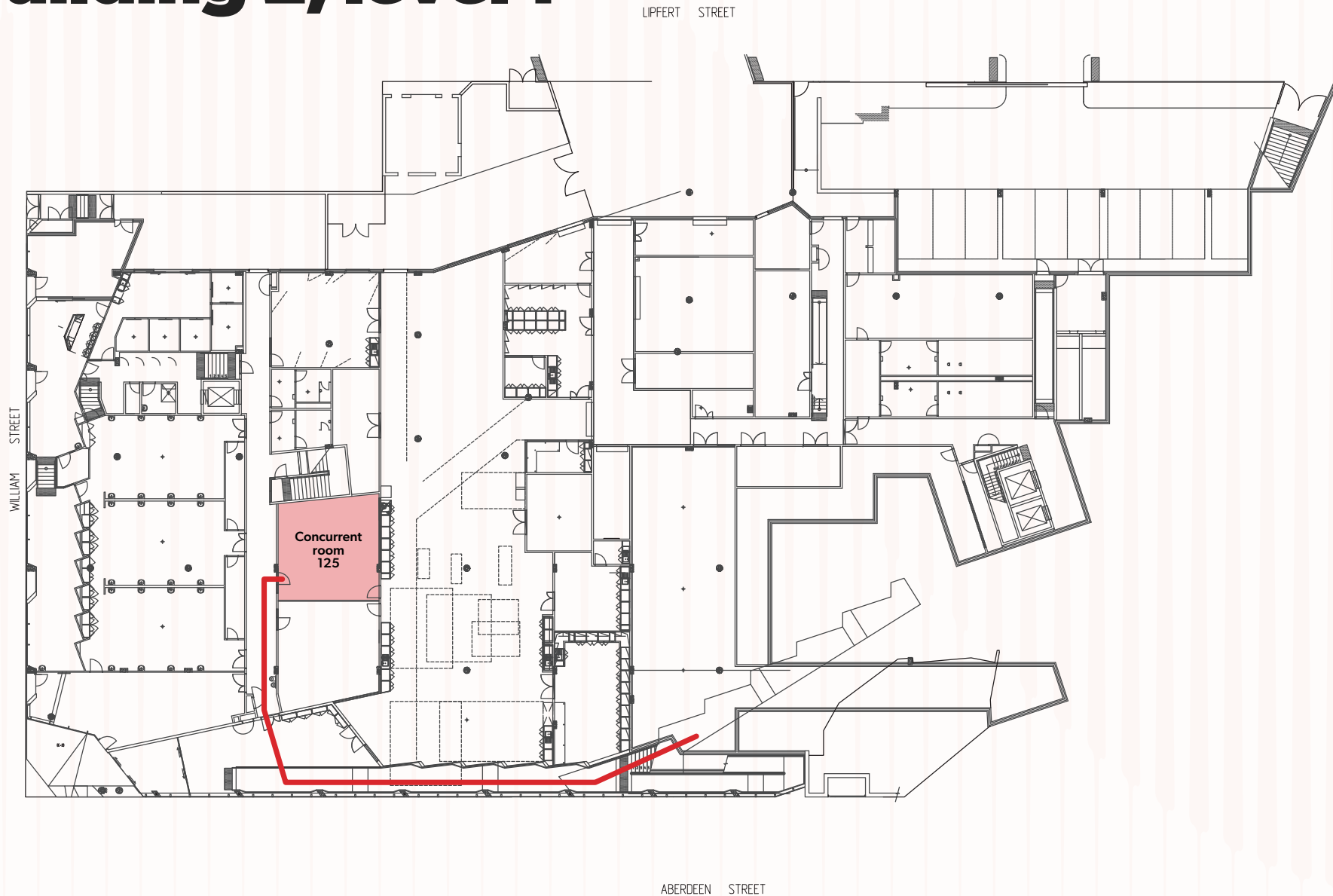


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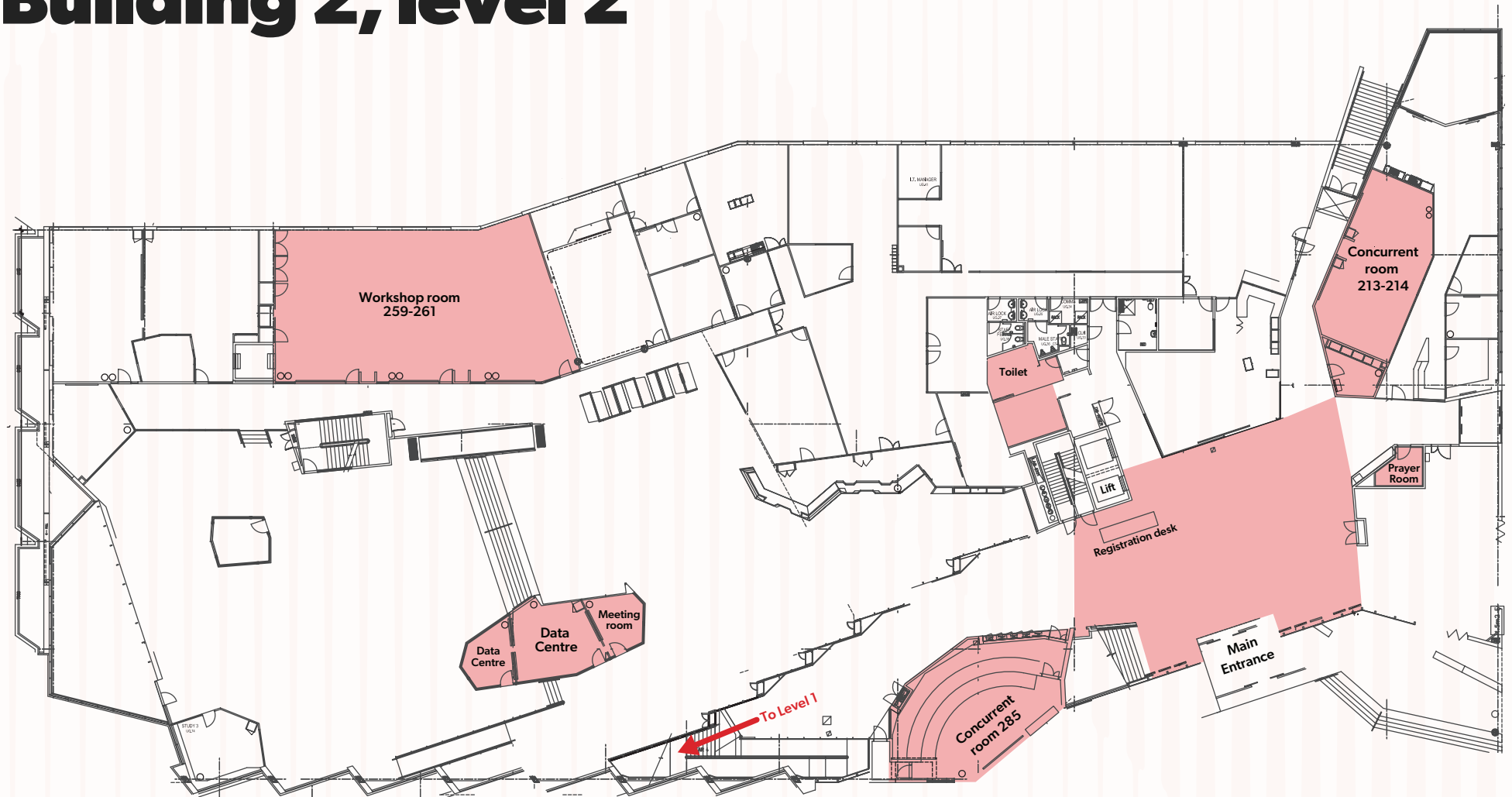
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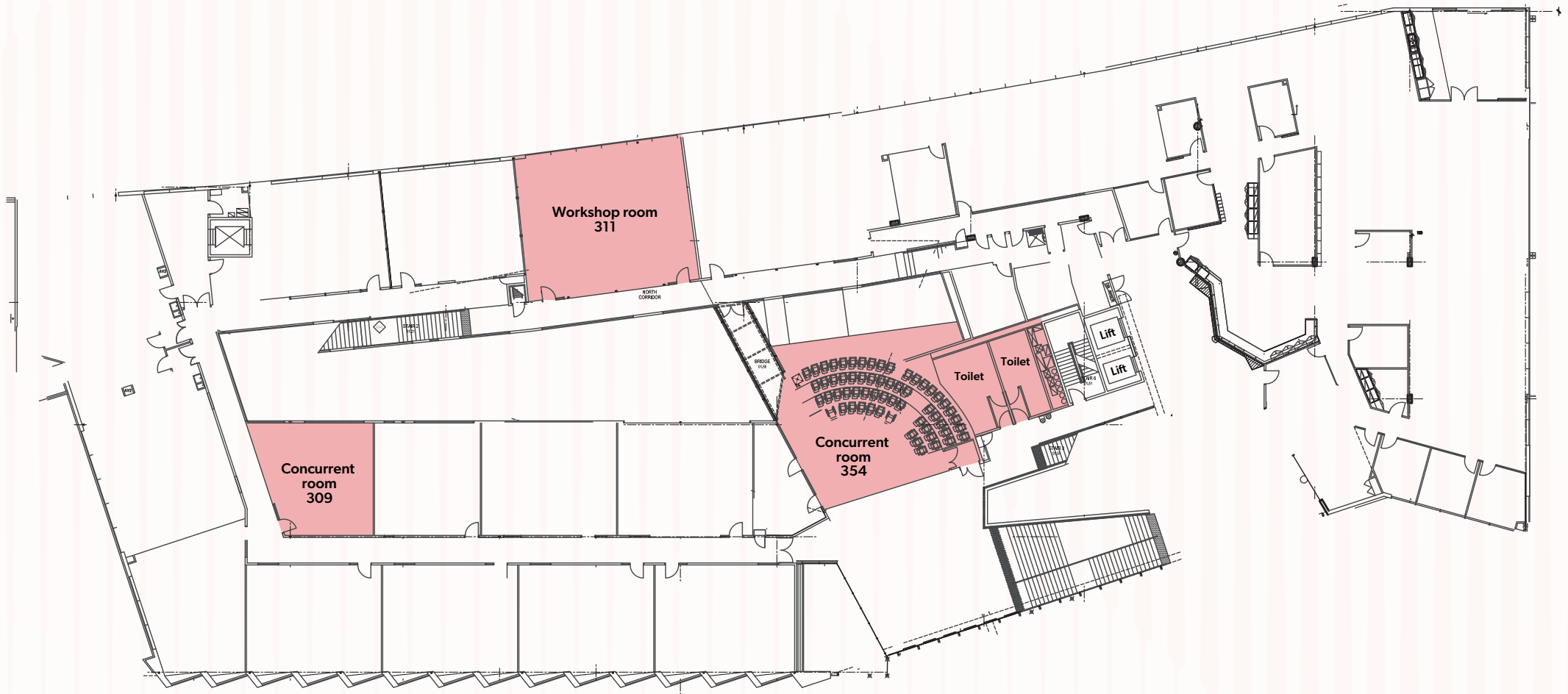


North Metropolitan TAFE, Building 2, level 2



ADDRESS STREET

North Metropolitan TAFE, Building 2, level 3



PROGRAM

13:00 **Registration open, arrival tea and coffee:** Level 2, Building 2, 30 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge

PRE-CONFERENCE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP 1 (ROOM 259-260)

13:30

Data insights on VET students and their outcomes: learn how to extract and build your own data

Are you interested in unpacking the NCVER data on vocational education and training (VET) students, their training, and their outcomes but don't know where to start? Then come join the interactive and hands-on workshop presented by NCVER staff who are immersed in the data on a daily basis.

Annually NCVER collects data on over 4 million students through the National VET data collections and sends survey invitations to almost a million of these students to understand their outcomes and satisfaction. This information is packaged into various products within the Total VET students and courses and VET student outcomes publication suites.

This interactive workshop will focus on the Total VET students and courses and VET student outcomes data products and will include:

- an introduction to the national VET data collections and surveys
- a demonstration on how to access, interrogate and use the NCVER's statistical and data products
- a guide to understanding survey data, including how to interpret the margins of error presented in selected data products
- an opportunity to learn how to extract and build the data you need.

By the end of the workshop, you will be able to select the best tool to use, access, interrogate and build your own data tables on VET students and their outcomes and understand and use these data to guide your own work.

Olivia Gu and Ian White, NCVER

WORKSHOP 2 (ROOM 311)

Youth transitions in Australia: opportunities for research using the Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth (LSAY)

For close to 30 years the Longitudinal Surveys of Australian Youth (LSAY) has provided researchers, policy makers and education practitioners with a valuable resource for capturing the pathways of young people as they make their way from school to post-school education and training and into the workforce. Since 1995, more than 60,000 young people have participated in LSAY, providing a vast evidence base for exploring youth transitions over the decades.

LSAY covers topics relating to education, employment, living arrangements and wellbeing. The surveys also include information that isn't captured by administrative data sources, for example attitudes to school, barriers to study and work, life satisfaction and soft skills.

This workshop will introduce participants to LSAY and the many resources available to help use and understand the data. Particular focus will be given to data tools that provide quick access to survey results, and resources to help users find the information they need. These tools will be demonstrated 'hands on' and provide participants with opportunities to work through examples, explore the data and ask questions.

The workshop will be run by members of the LSAY team from the National Centre for Vocational Education Research and will include a combination of presentations, demonstrations and exercises.

Ronnie Semo and Cameron Forrest, NCVER

15:00

AFTERNOON TEA

WORKSHOP 3 (ROOM 311)

15:30

VOCEDplus: same great content, great new look

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With more than 98,000 publications in the database and a range of curated content, VOCEDplus is your gateway to a wealth of information, policy, research, and statistics.

If you have never heard of VOCEDplus, this is a must-do workshop. And if you have used VOCEDplus, this is an excellent opportunity to learn more about what it has to offer.

Tracy Gamlin, NCVER

WORKSHOP 4 (ROOM 259-260)

Classifying the Australian VET sector: a new approach, and Jobs and Skills Atlas: interactive labour market and skills platform

In this workshop, we will:

- present the methodology used to develop the new Registered Training Organisation (RTO) Typology for the Australian VET system. We'll take you through the categories, partitions and segments of the RTO Typology, and explain its potential uses in analysing the VET landscape, delivery footprint and outcomes for student cohorts.
- demonstrate the new 'Jobs and Skills Atlas' which combines labour market and training data in a single tool, with the ability to dive into regional areas and compare data across regions, states and nationally.

Fan Xiang, Sally Soei and Ritesh Mandaliya, Jobs and Skills Australia

17:00

WORKSHOPS CONCLUDE

17:15

WELCOME RECEPTION - SPONSORED BY: CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

Level 2, Building 2, 30 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge

19:00

WELCOME RECEPTION CONCLUDES

CONFERENCE PROGRAM - DAY 1

8:00	Registration open, arrival tea and coffee: Level 2, Building 2, 30 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge	9:30	Ministerial address: The Hon Brendan O'Connor MP, Minister for Skills and Training (pre recorded)
9:00	Conference starts: Lecture Theatre, Level 2, Building 1, 25 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge	9:45	OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS - SPONSORED BY: FEDERATION UNIVERSITY Professor Barney Glover AO, Commissioner, Jobs and Skills Australia
9:05	Welcome to Country		
9:10	NCVER welcome: John King, Managing Director, NCVER	10:30	Exhibitor introductions
9:20	Co-host welcome: Darren Channell, General Manager Training Services, North Metropolitan TAFE	10:40	Walk to 30 Aberdeen Street for morning tea and concurrent sessions

10:40 MORNING TEA

CONCURRENT SESSIONS - DAY 1 (30 ABERDEEN STREET, NORTHBRIDGE)

	ROOM 125	ROOM 354	ROOM 213-214	ROOM 285	ROOM 309
11:00	1 ACCESS & EQUITY Supporting inclusivity and disadvantaged learners Callista Dinelli, Sam Harrison and Ashley Deans Melbourne Polytechnic	INTERNATIONAL Empowering a dynamic workforce: policy-driven partnerships between VET and industry in Singapore Bryan Ang Institute for Adult Learning	TEACHING & LEARNING Industry and TAFE collaborate on resource development in autonomous mining operations Donna Dejkovski and Caroline Winter Mining and Automotive Skills Alliance	INDUSTRY What do we mean by 'industry' in vocational education and training? Research findings Erica Smith and Paschal Somers Federation University	DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY Empowering information technology students for employment success through online and flexible learning modes Jamie Weston and Aleta Gilmartin Holmesglen Institute
11:45	2 ACCESS & EQUITY Innovative partnerships and evidenced-based frameworks to build gender equality in VET institutions Katie Yates Burgess Our Watch	INTERNATIONAL Partnerships in VET teacher education in Ukraine: experiences from an ERASMUS+ project Thomas Deissing and Oksana Melnyk University of Konstanz	INDIGENOUS PEOPLE Aboriginal perspectives in VET Anissa Jones UNSW Sydney	INDUSTRY From transactional to transformative: the key elements of thriving RTO-employer partnerships Daniella Trimboli NCVER	DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY Partnering in AI for multicultural adult education: AMES Australia and Getmee's MyAMES Chat app Linh Le and Balendran Thavarajah AMES Australia and Getmee

12:30 LUNCH BREAK - SPONSORED BY: AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY WORKERS ASSOCIATION (ACWA)

13:30	3 PATHWAYS Advancing youth pathways into advanced manufacturing (engineering) through a STEM-VET curriculum co-design partnership Ben Jenkinson Chisholm Institute	QUALIFICATIONS International collaboration to address critical skills needs to develop qualifications and create dynamic workforce - study on agriculture sector Shweta Singh and Prafulla Pandey Maneeraj Education and Mahindra and Mahindra	INDIGENOUS PEOPLE Employment pathways for remote indigenous VET students: combining industry demand with culturally appropriate employment support Miriam Forte Woguntha CAPS	APPRENTICES & TRAINEES Increasing university participation: the impact on apprentices Jo Waugh and Cameron Forrest NCVER	INTERNATIONAL Who's teaching who: Exploring dual professionalism in VET for the Construction and Infrastructure sectors Kylie Taffard ConCOVE Tuhura
14:15	4 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT Partnering with industry to translate research for small to medium enterprises (SMEs) Shaz Gerchow and Joshua Rayner Jobs Queensland	QUALIFICATIONS Pilot of the APEC occupational standards in hospitality in Latin America Melinda Brown SkillsIQ	INDIGENOUS PEOPLE VET voices of success: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student experiences Natalie Gardam TAFE NSW	APPRENTICES & TRAINEES Modernising apprenticeships to align with emerging and future work landscapes Lucia Stejer, Michele Waldon and Brett McCroary TAFE NSW	PRACTICE Beyond the pandemic: the use of online delivery in VET Tabatha Griffin and Upekha Andrahannadi NCVER

15:00 AFTERNOON TEA

15:30	5 ACCESS & EQUITY No longer 'ducks on the pond': promoting women's inclusion and safety in construction trades training through gender transformative pedagogy Brett Woods, Victoria University	INTERNATIONAL BCITO construction apprentice retention: undertaking research in a period of complex change Greg Durkin and Adam Barker BCITO, New Zealand	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT Professional development costs: deterrence for VET practitioners in Western Australia Christopher Ward Deakin University	INDUSTRY VET Emerging Industries Initiative - skilled workers for new or evolving jobs Andrew Peters Department of Employment, Small Business and Training	TEACHING & LEARNING Thinking differently about the status of VET: an institutional logics perspective Don Zoellner Charles Darwin University
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16:15 CONCURRENT SESSIONS CONCLUDE

16:20 **DISCUSSION PANEL - SPONSORED BY: VET DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (VDC)**
VET partnerships powering a dynamic workforce (Lecture Theatre, Level 2, Building 1, 25 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge)

18:30 **CONFERENCE DINNER - SPONSORED BY: CONSTRUCTION TRAINING FUND**
Pavilion Restaurant, Joondalup Campus, 35 Kendrew Crescent, Joondalup

22:00 CONFERENCE DINNER CONCLUDES

CONFERENCE PROGRAM - DAY 2

8:30 **Registration open, arrival tea and coffee:** Level 2, Building 2, 30 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS - DAY 2 (30 ABERDEEN STREET, NORTHBRIDGE)

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9:00	6	INTERNATIONAL Workforce journey indicators: quantifying how people enter, progress, and exit construction and infrastructure VET and careers in NZ Nina Herriman ConCOVE Tuhura	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT Industry-led innovations in training and workforce development in health and community services Kipley Nink Jobs Queensland	ACCESS & EQUITY Skilling Queenslanders for work - training and employment pathways for disadvantaged learners Lorraine Yabsley Department of Employment, Small Business and Training	TEACHING & LEARNING Responding to change: innovations and adaptations to VET programs in a post-pandemic world Mary Hughes and Julie Wright Holmesglen Institute
9:45	CONCURRENT SESSIONS CONCLUDE				
9:45	MORNING TEA				
10:15	OPEN DISCUSSION: Partnering for success - sharing our knowledge Lecture Theatre, Level 2, Building 1, 25 Aberdeen Street, Northbridge				
11:00	KEYNOTE SPEAKER - SPONSORED BY: INDEPENDENT TERTIARY EDUCATION COUNCIL AUSTRALIA (ITECA) Gihan Perera, Futurist, Fit For The Future				
11:45	CLOSING REMARKS				
12:00	CONFERENCE CONCLUDES				

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