

National Local Government Workforce and Indigenous Employment Forum and Showcase

Wednesday 2 December 2015

8 for 8:30am – 5:00pm

Old Parliament House, Canberra
18 King George Terrace, Parkes

DRAFT PROGRAM

8:00am REGISTRATION AND ARRIVAL (coffee and tea with breakfast)

Introduction and Welcome

8:30am Welcome to Country

8:40am Setting the Scene – Forum Facilitator, *Professor John Martin*, ACELG Visiting Professor, 2013-2015; Honorary Associate, La Trobe University

8:50am Opening Keynote Address – *Senator The Hon Simon Birmingham*, Minister for Education and Training (*invited*)

Indigenous Employment in Local Government

9:20am Indigenous employment: the labour market story and good practice in recruitment and retention – Labour Economics and the State Network, Federal Department of Employment

10:00am Indigenous employment showcase panel: case studies – Panel featuring representatives from Newcastle City Council (NSW); City of Whittlesea (VIC); and Barkly Regional Council (NT)

11:00am MORNING TEA

Local Government Workforce Data

11:20am National profile of the local government workforce: Phase 2 – *Melissa Gibbs*, Deputy Director, ACELG

The Future of Work

12:00pm **LAUNCH of the Mature Age Workforce Resource** – *The Hon Susan Ryan AO*, Age Discrimination Commissioner (*invited*); together with *Ken Wallis*, primary Resource editor; and *Angela Zivkovic* and *Alex Kats*, Workforce Development, Local Government Professionals Australia

12:30pm **LUNCH**

1:30pm **Australia's Future Workforce report: What jobs and skills will be needed as the economy grows** – *Nathan Taylor*, Chief Economist, Committee for Economic Development of Australia (CEDA)

Skills and VET

2:10pm **The link between post-compulsory education and the labour market / rethinking skills in VET: From competencies to capabilities** – *Serena Yu*, Senior Research Fellow, University of Technology Sydney (*invited*)

2:50pm **Supporting businesses to grow: Industry Skills Fund and Youth Pilots** – *Linda White*, Branch Manager, Industry Skills, Federal Department of Education and Training; and *Jasmin Fielder*, Branch Manager, Foundation Skills, Federal Department of Education and Training

3:30pm **AFTERNOON TEA**

Showcase on Other Projects

3:45pm **Innovative flexibility case study** – *Pauline Bennett*, Manager, Organisational Development, City of Whitehorse (VIC)

4:25pm **Employer of Choice and Leadership Diversity** – *Angela Zivkovic* and *Alex Kats*, Workforce Development, Local Government Professionals Australia

Conclusion

4:45pm **Where to from here?** – *Professor John Martin*, Forum Facilitator

5:00pm **END**

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