



## National Careers Institute **Advisory Board** Communiqué

The National Careers Institute (NCI) Advisory Board held a meeting on Wednesday 15 December 2021.

Recent activities by the NCI were celebrated including the [Australia Training Awards](#), which were held virtually on 18 November with more than 500 guests in attendance at state and territory watch parties, and the 'Little Ripples' resource was released. [Little Ripples](#) was developed in partnership by the NCI and the Career Industry Council of Australia, and is a resource which parents and carers can use to start positive conversations with young people on career aspirations.

The National Skills Commissioner discussed the recently released report, '[State of Australia's Skills 2021: now and into the future](#)'. This report was welcomed by Board Members, who noted that it has been well received and has generated positive discussion amongst career practitioners.

An update on the NCI's Partnership Grants program was provided to the Board. The update provided an overview of rounds one, two and three of the Program, each of which focussed on a different need of the community: improving careers information, supporting adults to re-enter the workforce and enhanced career information for women returning to work.

The Advisory Board agreed to the 2022 Forward Workplan. Board Members are looking forward to continuing to work with the NCI in providing expert strategic guidance to the Minister through the NCI Executive Director.

Since the previous meeting Ms Zoe McKenzie resigned from the Board. The Advisory Board and the NCI would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms McKenzie for her contribution and support, and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavours.

The NCI Advisory Board is next scheduled to meet on 16 February 2022.

*The NCI ensures people have access to authoritative and accurate careers information and support irrespective of their age or career stage.*