

National Careers Institute **Advisory Board** Communiqué

The National Careers Institute (NCI) Advisory Board (the Board) meeting was held in person in Canberra on Thursday 23 November 2023. Deep dive discussions were held regarding women returning to the workforce after an absence, engaging with people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, and the Board's Forward Workplan. Following the meeting, board members participated in the Advisory Board Professional Development workshop led by facilitator Louise Broekman of the Advisory Board Centre.

At the meeting:

- the Board welcomed new independent member Mr Rob Bonner and new ex-officio member Mr David Turvey. Mr Bonner is the Chair for HumanAbility, the Jobs and Skills Council for the Health, Human Services, Early Childhood and Sport & Recreation sectors. Mr Turvey is Acting Commissioner of Jobs and Skills Australia and replaces Professor Peter Dawkins as an ex-officio member of the Board.
- the Board received a briefing from the NCI Executive Director on current NCI work including key research milestones, the Australian Training Awards on 17 November 2023, the publication of Australian Jobs 2023 and the Your Career website reaching the milestone of 7 million views.
- Department of Employment and Workplace Relations officers gave a presentation on the research outcomes of a project focused on women returning to the workforce after an absence. The Board agreed NCI has a role in the provision of careers information for women to assist in planning prior to taking a career break, and tailored careers support for an unplanned absence, as well as working with industry to influence and support best practice.
- Department of Employment and Workplace Relations officers gave a presentation on people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds from an employment services and apprenticeships perspective. The Board discussed the challenges in engaging new migrants and refugees and noted there is an opportunity for NCI to create promotional content on the Your Career website and increase outreach, including to employers.
- the Board discussed the NCI's 2024 Forward Work Plan. The next meeting will focus on ways the NCI can support career information needs for net zero transformation, as well as considering other priority areas such as the growing care and support economy and technological change¹,
- the Board also received a status update on the NCI evaluation which is expected to be finalised in December 2023.

The NCI Advisory Board is next scheduled to meet in February 2024.

¹ Working Future: The Australian Government's White Paper on Jobs and Opportunities.