



The Working Communities Congress

# Indigenous Employment Forum

2 & 3 OCT 2019

NATIONAL CENTRE OF INDIGENOUS EXCELLENCE

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA



3.30 – 5.00  
 NCIE Ground floor

*Registrations will be open on the afternoon of Tuesday 1 October*

## Wednesday 2 October 2019

8.00 – 8.45  
 NCIE Ground floor

**Registration open**

8.45 – 9.15  
 Fire pit

**Smoking Ceremony**

9.20 – 9.35  
 Bidjigal Room

**Welcome to Country**

9.30 – 9.45  
 Bidjigal Room

**Forum Opening**

- **Matt Clarke**, Deputy CEO NESA

9.50 – 10.50  
 Bidjigal Room

**Supporting Outcomes for Indigenous People**

- Introduced and moderated by **Sally Sinclair**, CEO NESA

**Panellists -**

- **Karen Maguire**, Acting Head of the Local Employment, Skills, and Social Innovation Division
- **Candice St Aubin**, Director General Indigenous Affairs Directorate, Employment and Social Development Canada
- **James Christian**, PSM, CEO NSW Aboriginal Land Council
- **Ray Griggs** AO CSC, CEO National Indigenous Australians Agency

10.50 – 11.20  
 Dining Room

**Morning Tea**

11.20 – 12.00  
 Bidjigal Room

**Indigenous Employment Services in Canada through Co-Development**

- **Candice St Aubin**, Director General Indigenous Affairs Directorate, Employment and Social Development Canada

12.00 – 1.00  
 Bidjigal Room

**Indigenous Employment and Skills Strategies in Australia – Findings from the OECD Reviews on Local Job Creation**

- Moderated by **Alicia Weiderman**, Senior Policy Advisor, NESA

**Panellists -**

- **Jonathon Barr**, Head of the Employment and Skills Unit, Local Employment, Skills, and Social Innovation Division.
- **Ali Jalayer**, Asst. Secretary, Specialist Programs, Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business
- **Deb Nelson**, Director, Yarn'n Aboriginal Employment Services

1.00 – 1.45  
 Dining Room

**Lunch**

1.45 – 2.30 Bidjigal Room	<b>Working in Partnership: One approach for future of service delivery in remote Australia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul Synnott, CEO, My Pathway</li> <li>• A partnership representative</li> </ul>
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**Concurrent Workshops**

2.35 – 3.35  <i>Please choose 1 workshop</i>	<b>Bidjigal Room</b>	<b>Wangal Room</b>	<b>Dining Room</b>
	<b>Engaging Young People in Services – the LIFT Experience, New Zealand</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atarau Hamilton, LIFT Social Enterprise</li> </ul>	<b>Future Policy Directions for Indigenous Employment in Australia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ali Jalayer, Asst. Secretary, Specialist Programs, Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business</li> <li>• Jessica Jenkins, National Indigenous Australian Agency</li> </ul>	<b>Working to deliver on the ground – Employment Services in Action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alex Apostolakis, National Business Development Manager, Workskil</li> <li>• Christopher Murray, Indigenous Employment Mentor, Workskil</li> </ul>

3.40 – 4.00 Bidjigal Room	<b>Close of Day 1</b>
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5:30 NCIE Front Entrance	<b>Bus Departs from NCIE to Opera Bar</b>
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6:00 – 8:00 Sydney Opera House, Opera Bar	<b>Networking Event</b>
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### Thursday 3 October 2019

8.30 – 8.45  
 Bidjigal Room

#### Welcome to Day 2

- **Matt Clarke**, Deputy CEO, NESA

### Concurrent Workshops

8.50 – 9.45

*Please choose 1 workshop*

#### Bidjigal Room

#### Employment Services in Canada: Case Study in Co-development

- **Candice St Aubin**, Director General Indigenous Affairs Directorate, Employment and Social Development Canada

#### Wangal Room

#### Putting the Job Seeker at the Centre of Servicing

- **Annette Lamb**, Employment Manager, YARPA Hub

#### Gadigal Room

#### Connect with Work – Employers’ experiences working with the sector

- **Rob Willmet**, Asst. Secretary, Employer Mobilisation, Department of Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business
- **Josh Hanley**, Senior Indigenous Programs Manager, Accor Group

9:50 – 10:30  
 Bidjigal Room

#### From the interpersonal to the internet: social service digitisation and the implications for vulnerable individuals and communities

- **Dr Siobhan Sullivan**, University of New South Wales
- **Jonathan Barr**, OECD

10.30 – 10.55  
 Dining Room

#### Morning Tea

11.00 – 12.00  
 Bidjigal Room

#### The Indigenous Procurement Policy in Action

- **Jennifer Jardine**, National Indigenous Australians Agency

12.00 – 12.45  
 Bidjigal Room

#### Creating and Driving Change in Communities

- **David Wirrpanda**, Wirrpanda Foundation

12.45 – 1.00  
 Bidjigal Room

#### Closing Statement and Reflections

- **Sally Sinclair**, CEO NESA
- **Matt Clarke**, Deputy CEO NESA

1.15 – 5.00  
 Gadigal Room

*(NESA Member CDP Meeting – see separate agenda)*