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Welcome to the December Christmas issue of the SkillsIQ NSW eNews with a sense of here we go again and who wants to be the Christmas Omicron grinch? I wish you a safe and restful Christmas.

Training Package Update

SIT Tourism, Travel and Hospitality

- [Cookery](#) Case for Endorsement approved, awaiting Ministerial endorsement
- [Events](#) Draft 2 Consultation closed
- [Travel](#) Draft 2 Consultation closed
- [Tourism](#) Draft 2 Consultation closed
- [Hospitality](#) Draft 2 Consultation closed

SHB Hairdressing and Beauty Services

- [Beauty](#) now published www.training.gov.au

SIS Sport, Fitness and Recreation

- [Fitness](#) now published www.training.gov.au
- [Sport and Recreation and Aquatic and Community Recreation](#). The AISC has approved the Case for Change to update 6 qualifications, 49 units of competency and 2 skill sets. [Click here](#) to access the AISC Meeting Communique 1 December 2021. To inform this review a Sport and Recreation & Aquatic and Community Recreation Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) is being formed to guide the project. Expressions of Interest for the TAC close at 5.00pm AEDT on Monday, 10 January 2022. To complete an EOI please [click here](#).

NSW Update

Earlier in the month, additional training funding was announced to support the tourism sector as borders opened in the lead up to what was expected to be a bumper holiday season. An initial 2,700 fee-free training places are now available across 35 short courses to cope with the increased demand for skills to meet the critical skills shortage. This includes training in outdoor recreation, accommodation services and customer service. The initiative is expected to attract more workers to support tourism businesses and open doors to new careers for many. Courses available include outdoor recreation, hospitality, tourism, infection control and learn to swim teacher.

Cabinet reshuffle. On Monday, Dominic Perrottet announced his new cabinet with nine first-time ministers in key portfolio's. Of note is Ku-ring-gai MP Alister Henskens taking over the Skills and Tertiary Education portfolio from Dr Geoff Lee who has moved to Corrections. Stuart Ayres remains as the renamed Minister for Enterprise, Minister for Tourism and Sport and Minister for Western Sydney. The new cabinet is expected to be sworn in before Christmas.

Training Services Update

Skills List Optimisation. Training Services NSW identified the following qualifications as having low take up and/or poor student outcomes and were subject to Round 1 consultation, and are now part of the Round 2 consultation.

- Certificate III in Floristry
- Diploma of Beauty Therapy (updated qualification)
- Certificate IV in Retail Management
- Certificate IV in Travel and Tourism (qualification currently being updated)

If you would like to be involved in the second round consultation in January, please [email me](#). Feedback is required to provide a case as to why these qualifications should remain on the NSW Skills List.

Summer Skills 2021-2022. There is still plenty of time to access fee-free short courses for learners aged 16-24 as part of the [Summer Skills program](#). Whether it's barista skills, pool lifeguard or customer service, there are lots of opportunities for young people to jump start their careers by signing up for fee free training (skill sets and statements of attainment) and secure exciting entry level jobs in hospitality, retail, sport and recreation, hair and beauty and many others.

Summer Skills provides a head start for a range of in demand jobs across all regions. Enrolments have been extended to 28 February with completion by 30 April 2022. [Search](#) by region or by course.

There is also a [Summer Skills for RTOs](#) page providing a range of branded materials for use by Smart and Skilled providers with approved Summer Skills courses.

NCVER's latest releases

NCVER has released [VET Student outcomes 2021](#) report last week. The report provides a summary of VET student outcomes and for those who completed training in 2020. The data comes from the National Student Outcomes Survey, an annual survey of students who have completed their VET program. The data, based on 231,608 VET student respondents, looks at the reasons for undertaking training (full and part qualifications), improved employment status after training (all categories showed improvement) and student satisfaction with training.

National Skills Commission (NSC)

The NSC has released its [State of Australia's Skills 2021](#) report which looks at current, emerging and future workforce skills needs and how they will be impacted by the ongoing shift to services and higher skilled jobs, advances in technology and growing automation.

The report provides a new analysis mapping Australia's portfolio of skills, identifies that 9 out of 10 future jobs will require post-school qualifications, looks at the impact of automation on jobs, identifies emerging skills and compares digital skills in Australia to other economies, looks at the growth in STEM-related employment and identifies that the future of work is likely to be centered around care, computing, cognitive abilities (resistant to automation) and communication.

National Visitor Survey (NVS). Tourism Research Australia has just released the NVS results for the year ending September 2021. The annual / quarterly snapshot reveals:

- Overnight spend \$60.9 billion down 23% / \$9.3 billion down 55%
- Overnight trips 82.7 million down 29% / 11.8 million down 58%
- Nights on trips 325 million down 21% / 53.5 million down 48%

Any improvements in March and June quarters were reversed due to increased border closures and restrictions to contain Covid-19 Delta outbreaks. Domestic and international tourism losses have totalled \$128.3 billion since the start of the pandemic. [Click here](#) to download the report.

Events

The SkillsIQ NSW Sport and Recreation IAC forum was held in Parramatta on 3 December.



Pictured (left to right): Jeffrey Lehrer IAC member and IRC Chair (Scouts NSW), Jared Wilson IAC member (Aquatic and Recreation Institute - ARI), Matt Griffiths, (Chair ARI), Stan Wall IAC member (CEO Lifeguarding Services Australia), Sarah Rosen (SkillsIQ NSW ITAB), The Hon. Dr Geoff Lee, former Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, Andrew Chan IAC member (Surf Life Saving NSW), Michael Ilinsky IAC member (CEO Royal Life Saving NSW) and John Norman IAC Chair and IRC member (Outdoor Training College).

The Minister for Skills and Tertiary Education, The Hon. Dr Geoff Lee provided the Welcome Address. The Sport and Recreation Industry Advisory Committee members provided important industry updates on what the ongoing impact of the pandemic has been on the sport, aquatic, fitness, community and outdoor recreation sectors.

Other key speakers included Jamie Petschy, the Western Sydney Employment Facilitator for the DESE Local Jobs Program and Mustafa Agha, the Policy Manager for Business Western Sydney, Mark Mallia, Training Services Parramatta Skills Broker, and from the NSW Office of Sport we had David Brett, Policy Manager and Cassie Tuckwell, Director Human Resources.

An industry showcase was provided by Charlene Bordley, founder of Addventageous and Your Cycling Connections. Addventageous is a social enterprise initiative to empower local women and youth to

engage with cycling in a safe and confident manner. Charlene also provides training and skills in leading rides and tours to enable participants to gain employment opportunities.

It's all happening in the Hunter. The Hunter Joint Organisations (made up of 10 member councils) is hosting the Hunter Global Summit on 17 & 18 February in preparation for the upgrade of the Newcastle Airport. In just two years, the Hunter will host an international airport offering a once-in-a-generation opportunity for the region's growth and diversification. Hunter Global is a region-wide initiative led by local government through the Hunter Joint Organisation, to boost collaboration, planning and advocacy to capitalise on the runway upgrade.

In May 2021, the Federal Government announced the support of \$66 million to upgrade the runway to Code E status. The runway is due for completion in 2023. This infrastructure upgrade represents an opportunity for significant economic activity throughout the entire region, with the runway upgrade set to generate 4,410 full time jobs and \$12.7 billion in regional economic benefit. This will be seen through increased freight and stimulation of the visitor economy.

The future of the region's traditional international markets is facing the impacts of economic diversification and greater access to the global economy is key to maintaining and enhancing the livability of the Hunter. Registration is free just [click here](#).

The Future Proof Festival – Illuminating the path to the future of work in the Hunter is planned for 21-25 February. The purpose of the event is to bridge the information gap and provide industries, businesses, parents, and jobseekers of the region the chance to see the opportunities that exist in the region. It will showcase emerging and innovative industries, highlight skills of the future and pathways to employment and profile growth industries including tourism. If you would like to get involved, Expressions of Interest close 6 January. Contact Karla.notman@hunterfacilitator.com.au or cheryl@thefinerline.com.au for more information.

Merry Christmas to all and here's hoping for a better 2022.

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