

Literacy and learning:

What do Australians need to know to get and keep a job?

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Adult Learning Australia
Lifelong and lifewide learning for all Australians



Australian Council for Adult Literacy

supporting literacy and numeracy education for adults



**South Australian
Council for Adult
Literacy Inc.**

Program

8:30 – 9:00 am

Registration / coffee

9:00 – 9:10 am

Sally Thompson
CEO
Adult Learning Australia

Welcome to the forum.



9:10 – 9:20 am

Jack Kanya Buckskin

Welcome to Country.

9:20 – 9:30 am

The Hon. Grace Portolesi
Minister for Employment,
Higher Education and
Skills

Official welcome and opening remarks.



Keynote address

9:30 – 9:50 am

Dr Allie Clemans
School of Education
Monash University

Allie recently co-authored a report entitled *Learning, work and livelihood in Australia* for UNESCO Bangkok, which looks at how a relationship between employment and learning has been realised in Australia.



Allie will talk about the key findings in the report. She will also identify and challenge some of the assumptions that sit in the current Australia approach to participation, learning and work and highlight the possibilities that a broader vision might offer.

9:50 – 10:00 am

Cr Brian Goodall
City of Salisbury

Brian will talk about the local community, learning and workforce participation issues in the City of Salisbury and the various programs offered by Council.



10:00 – 10:10 am

Sue Ross
CEO
Workers' Educational
Association

Sue will explore how lifelong learning can bring about positive change in the community, particularly for those identified as experiencing disadvantage.



10:10 – 10:20 am

Wing-Yin Chan Lee
Educational Manager
TafeSA

Wing-Yin will share her experience of workplace literacy and what it means for employees and employers through some of the recent WELL projects she has managed.



10:20 – 10:30 am

Q&A

10:30 – 10:55 am

Morning tea

Keynote address

10:55 – 11:15 am

Dr David Curtis
Flinders University

David will discuss the ideal of lifelong learning and its failure to launch in Australia. He will then review the emergence of employability skills and associated initiatives in Australia.



David will advance some explanations for their relatively low impact, including a lack of investment in their definition, development and assessment, but will argue that they are important sets of skills.

11:15 – 11:25 am

Paul Mulrone
Workforce Training Mgr
Alison Harker
Deputy CEO
Community Centre SA

Paul and Alison will talk about adult literacy in the context of CCSA's philosophy of equality and justice for people who are disadvantaged or discriminated against.

11:25 – 11:35 am

Bryce Routley
Men's Shed SA & Pooraka
Farm Community Centre

Bryce will explore the ways society can capitalise on the rapidly expanding movement of 'wise guys' who are willing to volunteer their time and talents to help future generations.



11:35 – 11:45 am

Kevin Coleman
Training Mentor
Tauondi Aboriginal
Community College

Kevin will share his experience of mentoring Indigenous learners towards further study and/or work at Tauondi Aboriginal Community College.

11:45 – 11:55 am

Angela De Conno
Program Manager
Uniting Care Wesley

Angela will talk about Uniting Care Wesley's Fresh Connections program, which takes a community development approach to supporting younger people to return to school or pursue further education, training and employment.

11:55 – 12:05 pm

Q&A

12:05 – 12:50 pm

Mick Goss, Jan Cook, Dr
Allie Clemans, Dr David
Curtis, Mr Peter Mylius-
Clark

Discussion panel

12:50 – 1:20 pm

Michele Sutcliffe
SACAL

Summation and close