

Celebrating learners and learning

Adult Learners Week 2024
Event Winners



Read Write Now tutor workshop

Every year, hundreds of events are held across Australia to celebrate Adult Learners Week. These are held in adult and community education centres, libraries, neighbourhood houses and community centres, TAFEs and community colleges and local councils. All showcase the benefits and joys of lifelong learning and invite people at any age or life stage to “take the journey”.

The three awards for Best Adult Learners Week events this year were given to Hackham West Community Centre (SA), Read Write Now (WA) and MTC Australia (NSW).

WA’s **Read Write Now** took the opportunity of Adult Learners Week to provide their much-appreciated tutors with training on online tutoring and video conversations. Topics covered included how to present online lessons and tips and tricks for using videoconferencing apps and software.

Attendees said afterwards that the workshops were valuable in providing “ideas about how to present a lesson remotely” and making them “more confident about learning zoom options”.

RWN also shared stories of some of their learners to encourage others to begin their own journeys. These included Colin who, at 63, has finally overcome his early negative schooling experiences and difficulty with reading through gaining help with literacy and IT. Colin has now gained the confidence to undertake a Certificate IV in Horticulture. On ABC Radio Perth, RWN student Deborah Tudisco discussed how RWN had helped her to relearn reading and writing after having a stroke.

Staff, volunteers and visitors to the **Hackham West Community Centre** in South Australia were able to celebrate Adult Learners Week through the skills and enthusiastic efforts of students.

Delicious fresh scones were backed by the Centre’s fantastic Kitchen Skills students and tasty hot coffees made by their talented Barista Skills students.

Hackham West Community Centre has been providing a range of adult education and community programs south of Adelaide since 1982.

MTC Australia welcomed Minister for Skills and Training, Andrew Giles, and the Member for Werriwa, Anne Stanley MP, to its Liverpool training centre as part of Adult Learners Week 2024.

MTC Australia is a NSW-based social enterprise which works with people from all walks of life to discover and achieve what they want to do through training and mentoring programs.

Minister Giles and Ms Stanley toured the centre to find out what it is offering through the Skills for Education and Employment (SEE) Program, Self-Employment Assistance, and vocational courses. They spent time speaking with participants about the programs and heard about the innovative ways MTC trainers support the development of LLND and employability skills.

During the visit, Boris, a participant, said for him it is “not only about the skills I’ve learned. It’s also about the social side and the community I’ve gained”.



Hackham West Community Centre morning tea