



WOMEN IN ADULT &
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

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Welcome

Welcome to our October WAVE Newsletter. This is a brief Newsletter to accompany our WAVE annual report, and to remind you of the WAVE AGM.

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National Convenor

This issue

This issue includes information around a range of VET events.

We also remind you about the upcoming WAVE AGM, and draw your attention to current issues in adult education, VET and the impact on women and girls.



Australian wrap up

WAVE AGM

The WAVE AGM will be held on Friday 25 October at 4.30 pm (AEST). It will be conducted through Zoom. Let us know if you are interested in attending.

Call for Nominations

If you are interested in being part of the WAVE Executive, you can stand at this year's AGM. There are a number of national positions as well as state/territory convenors. Have a look at the website: www.wave.org.au, as to current representatives. WAVE is happy to create shared positions. This gives you an opportunity to add your voice and ideas to a range of issues in adult and vocational education, through WAVE. Contact us at wave@wave.org.au.

Joining WAVE

At this time of year we ask you if you would like to become a financial supporter of WAVE, either as an individual for \$50 or organisational for \$120. WAVE does not receive any other funding, and all such funds assist WAVE to continue its advocacy work. All Executive members need to join as financial supporters.

WAVE activities

Read the report on the WAVE activities for the year in the document attached. You can see that we are always busy and look forward to new (or old) members joining the working group.

VET and other issues

Education Infrastructure Fund

WAVE expresses its concerns that the Federal Government has closed the Education Infrastructure Fund. With its de-funding, there is now no other dedicated source of ongoing funding for investment in capital works – new classrooms and research buildings – for universities or TAFE.

National VET Stakeholder Committee

<https://cca.edu.au/commonwealth-government-announces-vet-stakeholder-committee/>

WAVE calls on the Federal Government and members of the new National VET Stakeholder Committee to ensure that women and girls are considered in their deliberations around VET issues and programs.





OctoberVET at Ballarat

Supporting young people into their futures: Research and practice

A free research-based event in Ballarat

How young people in non-metropolitan areas in Victoria imagine their futures: A Department of Education and Training (Victoria) funded research project
Professor Erica Smith & Associate Professor Annette Foley, Federation University

And other presentations

Discussion sessions on policy and practice implications will be scheduled, and the event will end with an expert panel to respond to audience questions

**Thursday 14th November
2019, 12:30pm – 4.30 pm**

**Registration and light lunch from
12:30pm**

Afternoon tea also provided

**Ballarat Technology Park, SMB Campus,
Lydiard St, Ballarat city centre**

Seminar theatre, Tech Park Central (previously the
Brewery building)

<https://federation.edu.au/about-us/our-campuses/smb-campus/campus-map>

Easy access from the train station

Registration: Email

vet.research@federation.edu.au

Please indicate any dietary requirements

Note: If demand for places is heavy, we may have to charge for later registrations to cover catering costs

Find out about other OctoberVET events on the [AVETRA website](#).

Expanding Possibilities – Community Colleges Australia Annual Conference

18-20 November 2019 - Brisbane

Conference information states:

Times of change: We are indeed in a time of change, possibly poised on some big policy shifts in national vocational education, training and skills. Our “deep thinkers” will provide guidance to what the immediate past means and what the near-term future may bring:

[Professor John Quiggin](#), leading University of Queensland economist; [Professor Rod McDonald](#), former UTS Adult Education; and [Dr Don Zoellner](#), Charles Darwin University. They will be joined by peak organisation CEOs [Craig Robertson](#), TAFE Directors Australia; and [Troy Williams](#), ITECA, and a number of Queensland state and Commonwealth political leaders.

Go to the CCA Conference registration page <https://cca.edu.au/what-we-do/2019-cca-annual-conference/#register2019>.

Young Women's Advisory Group

The Young Women's Advisory Group (YWAG) of the Equality Rights Alliance (ERA) is looking for new members to join the group!

Are you under 30 and passionate about feminism? Do you want to work on social change with a group of other awesome young women?

Do you know a young woman who is?

We want to hear from you!

Applications are open until 13 November 2019.



For any questions or for more information, please contact ERA's Project Coordinator Romy Listo at era.projects@ywca.org.au

NSW Women's Week grants

The NSW Government is encouraging charities, not-for-profits, companies limited by guarantee and local government organisations within NSW to apply for grant funding to hold events and activities that celebrate women during the 2020 NSW Women's Week.

The NSW Women's Week grants provide local organisations with an opportunity to deliver a range of education, mentoring and participatory activities that will provide direct benefit local to women and girls.

Grant funding will comprise of grants of up to \$5,000 each.

Grants objective

Events and activities must promote at least one of the **three** priorities of the [NSW Women's Strategy 2018-2022](#), which comprise women's economic opportunity and advancement, health and wellbeing, and participation and empowerment.

Application timelines

Grant funding can be used for the direct costs of the event/activity, including promotion, entertainment, catering, venue hire and transport for participants.

Who can apply? All Incorporated not-for-profit community organisations that are registered and approved as not-for-profit bodies by NSW Fair Trading.

The grants round will open **Wednesday 9 October 2019** and close at **5pm Wednesday 6 November 2019**.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome in mid November 2019.

For more information and to view the grant guidelines, please visit the [Women NSW](#) website.

About WAVE

WAVE is a national network of women involved in VET, adult education and the broad field of work-related education and training. WAVE provides seminars & workshops, research, policy advocacy and advice, as well as networking on an international, national and state basis. We are supported within each state by local representation that in turn contributes collaboratively to national events and governance.

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