

CIT Board Communique – December 2023

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank CIT staff for their incredible efforts during 2023. This year CIT celebrated the 95th year anniversary of providing quality vocational education in the ACT.

The Board recognises the work of CIT is essential in building skills for the ACT and region. To this end, CIT staff have again shown their passion for their work and their drive to support CIT students.

During the year, the CIT successfully delivered the first tranche of 2,530 Fee-Free TAFE places. The Board is pleased the Australian and ACT Governments have renewed their commitment to the initiative, with CIT forecast to deliver 3,600 places in the second tranche which is over the next three years. [CIT also welcomed the Prime Minister to CIT Fyshwick in October](#), where he announced the launch of the 5-year National Skills Agreement.

The Board welcomed the ACT Budget announcement during the year that \$38.136 million has been allocated over five years to enable it to deliver a better student and teacher experience through our Cloud Campus Program.

This month, a number of Board members and executives toured CIT Woden to see the progress in building this state-of-the-art facility. The Board is looking forward to work progressing in 2024 ahead of CIT moving into the facility in 2025.

The Board is also pleased to acknowledge the recent successes of CIT and its teachers and students at the ACT Training Awards, WorldSkills Australia, the National Training Awards, the partnership with Amazon to create the 'YalaPlus' shopfront, the work on our state-of-art Woden campus, our successes with our external partners such as the 'Closing the Cyber Skills Gap' pilot with Cyber Hub, and the 'Essential 8' cyber-security pilot with the Australian Cyber Security Centre (ACSC) and the Australian Signals Directorate (ASD).

The Board also notes the internal collaboration achievements within CIT this year – through staff consultations and via CIT's leadership groups CIT Link and CIT Lead. We commend the work underway on the new Reconciliation Action Plan. Importantly, work is underway with staff, and later stakeholders in the

community and industry, to develop a new Strategic Plan that will guide CIT over the next 10 years.

The Board would like to wish our staff and stakeholders a happy holidays. We hope you have a safe and relaxing break, and we look forward to working with you in the New Year.

The Board congratulates all CIT students who have completed their studies this year and wishes them all the best in their future endeavours.