CIT Board Communique – May 2025

In January I released the new CIT strategic plan to staff and educators. The plan sets out an ambitious 10-year vision for CIT with a focus on "Skilling for the future, equipping you for life." At the heart of the plan is a focus on training that meets the needs of our students and community, today and into the future. Our vision is of teaching and learning that is leading edge and enhances student outcomes through innovative practices, technology and facilities. To achieve this vision our people must be equipped, and our foundations must support the achievement of our vision.

The Board is grateful for the contributions of staff and stakeholders in the development of this new plan. The contributions from our staff and stakeholders make the plan an authentic representation of CIT now and our vision for the future, with the words, design and photos all coming from our staff and stakeholders. The plan is publicly available at CIT_Strategic_Plan_2025-2035.pdf, and I am looking forward to sharing the strategic plan with stakeholders at a formal launch.

I am also looking forward to showing our stakeholders the new CIT Woden campus which is due to open mid-2025. The CIT Board undertook a tour of CIT Woden in February and the building is almost complete. The facilities are state of the art and are in the heart of Woden. New technology and new facilities will provide CIT students with new opportunities to learn and grow and to showcase their skills to the Woden community.

Last week CIT started its process to farewell the CIT Reid campus ahead of the move to CIT Woden. The Reid Campus has played a pivotal role in shaping Canberra's workforce for more than 60 years. The farewell event brought together staff from CIT and UNSW Canberra to share stories, connect, and mark this historic transition to our purpose-built new campus in Woden.

Work on CIT Yurauna has commenced at CIT Bruce, following the groundbreaking ceremony in December 2024. The building will create state of the art facilities for our CIT Yurauna students and the wider CIT community.

In late February a whole of government ICT outage had significant impacts on CIT technology. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank our staff and educators for their work in continuing innovative teaching without the benefit of some of our technology. I am grateful that systems have been restored, and I look forward to all of the impacts of this outage being resolved. I want to thank all staff for their support during this time, and I note the additional burden that this has caused. Our sincerest apology to any students who were inconvenienced by this outage that was beyond our control.

The CIT Board has decided to transition the commercial business of CIT Solutions into CIT and then to wind up the company. CIT will work with CIT Solutions to deliver on existing contracts and to integrate functions where feasible as we recognise the value these services provide to the Canberra community. I want to thank CIT and CIT Solutions staff for continuing to support our students during this time as we work through what this means for different teams across both organisations.

Finally, we received formal notification from the Australian Skills Quality Authority that CIT's registration as a registered training organisation has been renewed for 7 years without conditions. This is a wonderful reflection on the quality of work done to address the issues identified as part of the performance assessment. The Board would like to thank all involved with the process.

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Feedback

The Board welcomes constructive feedback from our staff, students or the broader community. The Board can be contacted by emailing: CITBoard@cit.edu.au

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